

13. CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE FILLER

This section deals with two types of questions :

TYPE 1 : Choosing the most appropriate phrase to complete a sentence

Example 1. Pick out the best filler which can complete the given sentence correctly.

He passed the examination in the first class because he..... (Section Officer' 1993)

- (a) was working hard for it
- (b) had worked hard for it
- (c) worked hardly for it
- (d) was hard working for it

Solution : Clearly, the correct sentence would be 'He passed the examination in the first class because he had worked hard for it'.

Hence, the answer is (b).

Example 2. Choose the correct alternative so as to fill in the blank and make the sentence meaningfully complete.

He has no money now (Bank P.O. 1995)

- (a) because he always spends money with utmost care.
- (b) because he had received huge donations once.
- (c) because he was very rich once.
- (d) as he has given up all his wealth.
- (e) although he was very poor once.

Solution. Clearly, the statements (a), (b), (c) contradict the given part of the sentence, and statement (e) also does not suit well. Thus, the correct sentence would be 'He has no money now although he was very poor once.'

Hence, the answer is (d).

TYPE 2 : Choosing the most appropriate sentences to complete a paragraph

Example 3 : Find out which of the sentences A, B and C can fill up the gap between the given sentences in order to make the theme complete.

The proposal was summarily rejected (.....).

Therefore, the public have the only option of resorting to guessing. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)

(A) The authorities were convinced that there were some malpractices involved in bringing out the project.

(B) It was an outcome of unholy nexus between the traders and decision makers.

(C) However, they did not give any reason for rejection.

- (a) Only A and B
- (b) Only B and A
- (c) Only A and C
- (d) Only C and A
- (e) A or B and C

Solution. The first sentence talks about rejection of the proposal. Clearly, sentence (A) provides continuity by giving the reason for rejection. However, the last sentence given still does not come in continuity with the first two. Now, sentence (C) provides the reason for why people have to resort to guessing.

Hence, the most appropriate fillers in the correct order are A and C. So, the answer is (c).

PRACTICE SET

Directions : In each of the following questions, an incomplete statement followed by some fillers is given. Pick out the best one which can complete the incomplete statement correctly and meaningfully.

1. He tames animals because he
 (a) seldom loves them
 (b) is afraid of them
 (c) is fond of them
 (d) hates them
 (e) wants to set them free
 (Bank P.O. 1995)
2. My mother is so poor (S.S.C. 1993)
 (a) to send me to school
3. 'Can you lend me a pencil, please?'
 (a) Yes, you can
 (b) Yes, here you!
 (c) Yes, here
 (d) Yes, here it is!
4. Johnny, where are you?, up this tree. (Section Officers' 1993)

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- (a) Here I am
- (b) Here am I
- (c) There I am
- (d) There am I
5. I don't know the time
 (a) at which the accident happened
 (b) the accident happened
 (c) when the accident happened
 (d) when the accident had happened
6. How much a man earns is as important as (B.S.R.B. 1996)
 (a) when does he do so
 (b) how does he do it
 (c) where does he earn
 (d) why does he earn of all
 (e) how well he spends it
7. One of you must help me,
 (a) Shan't you?
 (b) wouldn't you?
 (c) won't you?
 (d) mustn't you?
8. He is so lazy that he
 (a) always extends help to others to complete their work
 (b) dislikes to postpone the work that he undertakes to do
 (c) can seldom complete his work on time
 (d) can't delay the schedule of completing the work
 (e) can't depend on others for getting his work done
 (Bank P.O. 1995)
9. Whichever way you approach the problem, (S.S.C. 1993)
 (a) no one will not solve it
 (b) it will not be solve
 (c) it will not solve
 (d) it will not be solved
10. When I met her last year,
 (a) she had married since five years
 (b) she had been married for five years
 (c) she was married five years ago
 (d) she had been married since five years
11. The doctor warns him that unless he gives up smoking (B.S.R.B. 1996)
 (a) will he be able to recover
 (b) he will not suffer
 (c) his health will soon be recovered
 (d) he will not recover
12. I shall see him
 (a) before I shall leave for England
 (b) before I leave for England
 (c) before I have left for England
 (d) before I would be leaving for England
13. He seized control of the country
 (a) by being a diplomat and forceful
 (b) not only because of diplomacy but force
 (c) by using diplomacy and force
- (d) by diplomacy and being forceful
 (C.B.I. 1995)
14. In order to raise the company's profit, the employees (Bank P.O. 1995)
 (a) demanded two additional increments
 (b) decided to go on paid holidays
 (c) decided to raise the cost of raw material
 (d) requested the management to implement new welfare schemes
 (e) offered to work over time without any compensation
15. Wait here
 (a) while I come back
 (b) unless I return back
 (c) until I have come back
 (d) till I come back
16. The more we looked at the piece of modern art, (Bank P.O. 1995)
 (a) it looked better
 (b) the more we like it
 (c) we liked it less
 (d) the less we liked it
 (e) better we liked it
17. Unless you work very hard,
 (a) you ought to be successful
 (b) you be not successful
 (c) you are not being successful
 (d) you will not be successful
 (S.S.C. 1993)
18. Anything in this shop can be bought,
 (a) can't we?
 (b) can't it?
 (c) can't all?
 (d) can't anything?
19. I would not have helped such an ungrateful man. (B.S.R.B. 1996)
 (a) Had I asked him for his help
 (b) Though he did not deserve any help at all
 (c) Had I been in your place
 (d) Even after knowing that he was ungrateful
 (e) If he had shown due respect to me
20. I shall not be late for dinner
 (a) if the train is late
 (b) unless the train is late
 (c) unless the train will be late
 (d) unless the train will not be late
 (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)
21. To succeed in a difficult task,
 (a) one needs to be persistence
 (b) persistent is needed
 (c) you need a person of persistent
 (d) one needs to be persistent
 (e) persistent is what one needs
 (Bank P.O. 1995)
22. It is unfortunate that
 (a) you lost your purse
 (b) you have lost your purse

- (c) you lose your purse
(d) your purse was lost
23. Seeing that the child was ill, the
(a) windows of the room were closed
(b) doctor was sent for
(c) mother sent for the doctor
(d) bottle of medicine was found empty
24. The Chairman rejected the proposal of increasing employee's salary because (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) the number of employees in the company was very small.
(b) the employees had been demanding it for a long time.
(c) the company had already gained three thousand crore profit.
(d) the company did not have sufficient funds to afford the rise.
(e) it was not difficult for the company to bear additional burden.
25. He always stammers in public meetings, but his today's speech (Bank P.O. 1995)
(a) was surprisingly fluent
(b) was fairly audible to everyone present in the hall
(c) was not liked by the audience
(d) was not received satisfactorily
(e) could not be understood properly
26. If you are unable to pay the amount by the specified date
(a) your name strike off our registers
(b) however your name will be strike off our registers
(c) and your name will be struck off our register
(d) your name will be struck off our register
27. With great difficulty, (B.S.R.B. 1996)
(a) he could not tolerate his nonsense.
(b) he could lose his temper.
(c) he could keep his cool.
(d) he could get annoyed.
(e) he could perform his usual functions easily.
28. 'Where are my spectacles?'
(a) Here are they, on your nose!
(b) Here they are, on your nose!
(c) There are they, on your nose!
(d) There they are, on your nose!

29. at all is doubtful.
(a) He will come (b) His coming
(c) Will he come (d) If he will come
(e) Whether he will come
30. The notice at the petrol pump should be (Central Excise, 1993)
(a) All engines need to be switched off.
(b) All engines have to be switched off.
(c) All engines must have to be switched off.
(d) All engines must be switched off.
31. Many people have law degrees,
(a) and some of them do have practice also
(b) but some of them do not practice at
(c) but not all of them practice law
(d) however it isn't practised by all
(e) yet some / are not undergoing practices (Bank P.O. 1995)
32. The income tax raid was too sudden (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) then the man escaped
(b) for the man to escape
(c) so that the man escaped
(d) for the man escaping
33. Get me a glass of cold water,
(a) will you? (b) would you?
(c) shall you? (d) won't you?
34. Every person must learn
(a) to make wise use of his time
(b) to using his time in a wisely manner
(c) that his time needs a wise use
(d) wise ways in his time's use
(e) that how wisely his time can be used (Bank P.O. 1995)
35. When I saw him through the window (S.S.C. 1993)
(a) I should run out to open the door
(b) I am running out to open the door
(c) I ran out to open the door
(d) I have run out to open the door
36. This book is quite similar
(a) than a story told by our teacher
(b) to the one I read last week
(c) of that film we saw at school
(d) with the 'Treasure Island'
37. If they share burden alternately, they
(a) can't feel tiring (b) will get tired soon
(c) won't get tired (d) will get fatigued
(e) don't get tired (B.S.R.B. 1995)

Directions : In each question below, a theme is partially presented in two or three sentences. The complete theme comprises three, four or five logically arranged sentences. Out of these, the middle one or two sentences are not given. Three possible fillers denoted by A, B and C are given below the partially provided theme. You have to find out which one or two or either or none can fill up the gap between the given sentences in order to make the theme complete. Study the five alternatives (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) carefully and select the best out of them.

38. In cultivating team spirit, one should not forget the importance of discipline. It is the duty of all the members of the team to observe discipline in its proper perspective. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(A) A proper team spirit can seldom be based on discipline.
(B) It is a well-known fact that team spirit and discipline can never go hand in hand.
(C) Discipline in its right perspective would mean sacrificing 'self to some extent.'
(a) A and B only (b) B and C only
(c) C only (d) Either A or B only
(e) None of these
39. By reading books even our natural talents are also developed because they get inspiration from these Bacon has rightly said that some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested.
(A) Reading is an intellectual food for mind.
(B) There is no doubt that different persons choose different books according to their taste.
(C) Good and inspiring books can lead us to a noble and successful career in life.
(a) A and B only (b) B and C only
(c) A and C only (d) A or B and C
(e) None of these
40. Mr. Raman is undoubtedly a competent professional. So did the other professionals in the company.
(A) Still he contributed significantly to the growth of the company.
(B) At times he has had serious differences with the Chairman regarding the corporate policies.
(C) He was not considered for the post of the Chairman. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
(a) Only A and B (b) Only A and C
(c) Only B and C (d) B or C and A
(e) A and B or C
41. One of the major concerns of many European physicians today is the alarming increase in the incidence of suicides across the continent Among some age groups in Ireland, the increase is of the order of 700 percent.
(A) In many parts of Europe, suicide has long been common among older people.
(B) Recent studies indicate that more Europeans take their own lives than they die on the highways.
(C) While the traditionally high suicide rates in Austria, Hungary,

- Switzerland and Scandinavia have remained relatively stable, the low rates in Latin and Catholic countries have begun to grow dramatically in the last 20 years.
(a) A and B (b) B and C (c) A and C
(d) A, B and C (e) None of these
42. There has been pressure on employees for increasing profits. Of these two, the latter seems to be more appropriate and keeps in well with social objective also. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
(A) Profits can be increased by raising the selling price of the products.
(B) Reducing cost of raw materials is another strategy.
(C) It can also be achieved by augmenting labour productivity through employee motivation.
(a) Only A and B (b) Only B and C
(c) Only A and C (d) A and B or C
(e) B and C or A
43. It is pointed out that stable, matured companies generally distribute high dividends. It is suggested that matured firms, instead of distributing their earnings should put them to strategic uses for the long term vitality and survival. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(A) This displeases the shareholders of the company
(B) This is not a sound policy in the long run.
(C) The company should retain some portion of its earnings
(a) A and B only (b) B and C only
(c) A and C only
(d) Either A or B and C together
(e) Either C or A and B together
44. Ironically enough, the very 'success' of Operation Flood which is to make the cities flush with milk, has proved its undoing. Does this mean that the needs of consumers at home are met?
(A) Farmers in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Kerala are now faced with a surplus of supplies for which there are no takers.
(B) Operation Flood requires genetically superior cattle which in turn have to be provided with fodder, now in short supply all over the country.
(C) Indeed, some experts in the Union Agriculture Ministry are even going so far as to suggest that the country should export to neighbouring countries like Bangladesh.
(a) A and B (b) A and C

- (c) A or B and C (d) B and C
(e) A, B and C
45. It is good to remember that we won our struggle for freedom in a unique manner (.....). But it is not good for diplomats to talk about this always. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(A) It is also good that our diplomats repeatedly make this known to the people world over.
(B) It is also good to remember that in some ways our foreign policy is unique.
(C) This is intensely exasperating and in the end becomes just boring.
(a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Only C
(d) Either A or B (e) None of these
46. Forests are gifts of nature. (.....). Yet with the spread of civilisation man has not only spurned the forests but has been ruthlessly destroying them.
(A) It is on historical record that the vast Sahara desert of today once used to be full of thick forests.
(B) A large part of humanity still lives deep inside forests, particularly in the tropical regions of the earth.
(C) Human evolution itself has taken place in the forests.
(a) Only A and B (b) Only C and A
(c) Only C and B (d) C and A or B
(e) A, B and C
47. Agriculture has been commanding a pivotal position in the Indian economy. (.....). As a result of reforms, India's potential for export of agro-products is now being seriously explored. (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
(A) India has been an agricultural exporter, for a fairly long time.
(B) Besides, any suggestion for producing just for export was seen unpatriotic.
(C) So far, it was strongly felt that we are just self-sufficient on the agro-products front.
(a) Only A and B (b) Only A and C
(c) Only B and C (d) Only C and A
(e) Only C and B
48. The function was presided over by a wealthy industrialist who was alleged to

be a tax evader. He had agreed to donate a huge sum. (.....). They were of the opinion that both means and ends should be pure. (Bank P.O. 1994)

- (A) He was invited not because he was genuinely interested in the activity, but he had agreed to donate a huge sum.
(B) Many organisers had reluctantly taken this decision because they felt that so long as they are doing a good cause, it does not matter where the money comes from.
(C) Some of the organisers were opposed to this strategy of the other section of organisers.
(a) Either A or B (b) B and C only
(c) Either A or B or C
(d) Either A and B together or B and C together
(e) Either A and C together or B and C together
49. Commuting was not the only problem for the city dwellers. (.....). Telephone exchange officials claimed that no complaints were received.
(A) A number of 'down' trains were cancelled and 'up' trains were running behind schedule.
(B) Callers to some exchanges were told that all lines were busy.
(C) Even the phone lines played truant.
(a) Only A and B (b) Only B and A
(c) Only A and C (d) Only B and C
(e) Only C and B (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)
50. In advanced countries, true professionals speak out against irrational and subjective decisions and actions (.....). We are servile when we confront our superiors. (Bank P.O. 1994)
(A) In our country we do not disagree with our superiors.
(B) This is a terrible combination and makes us totally ineffective.
(C) We are feudalistic when we deal with our subordinates.
(a) A and B only (b) B and C only
(c) A and C only (d) Either A or B
(e) A, B and C

ANSWERS

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| 11. (d) | 12. (b) | 13. (c) | 14. (e) | 15. (d) | 16. (d) | 17. (d) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (d) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (d) | 25. (a) | 26. (d) | 27. (c) | 28. (d) | 29. (e) | 30. (d) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (b) | 33. (a) | 34. (a) | 35. (c) | 36. (b) | 37. (c) | 38. (c) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (a) | 43. (b) | 44. (b) | 45. (a) | 46. (c) | 47. (e) | 48. (e) | 49. (c) | 50. (c) |

UNIT IV

ERROR DETECTION