

21. RECONSTRUCTION OF PARAGRAPHS

In this section, the candidate is given a paragraph of five or six sentences, which are put in a jumbled order. The candidate is required to arrange the given sentences to form a meaningful paragraph and answer the questions based on the sequence so formed.

Example : Rearrange the following sentences into a meaningful sequence and then answer the questions that follow. (Bank P.O. 1994)

- (A) But I think a better definition of happiness is 'the capacity for enjoyment'.
 (B) Turning to adults, ask any adult what he means by happiness and you will find a puzzled face for a moment.
 (C) In the teen age years the concept of happiness changes to enjoyment and pleasure.
 (D) Because the more we can enjoy what we have, the happier we are.
 (E) The meaning of the word happiness changes with growing years, for a child happiness has a magical quality.
 (F) Leave the puzzled face and refer to a dictionary it defines happy as 'lucky' or 'fortunate'.

- Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
 (a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F
- Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
 (a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F
- Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
 (a) E (b) F (c) A (d) B (e) C
- Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
 (a) C (b) D (c) E (d) F (e) A

Solution : Note that the sentence E gives a general comment on happiness and talks about what it means for a child. So, the correct answer of 1 is (d).

Next, we have sentence C because it deals with concept of happiness for teenager. So, the correct answer of 2 is (c). The third sentence should be B because it now moves on to the view of adults. So, the correct answer of 3 is (a) Since B ends with 'puzzled face' and F begins with the same, so F should follow B as the fourth sentence. So, the correct answer of 4 is (b).

Next comes the author's view which is given in A. So, A is the fifth sentence.

Since sentence A talks about enjoyment & happiness and D gives the relation between these two, so D should follow A as the last sentence of the paragraph. So, the correct answer of 5 is (b).

PRACTICE SET 1

Directions : Rearrange the given five sentences A, B, C, D, and E in the proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below them.

Questions 1 to 5 (Bank P.O. 1994)

- (A) Would you steal a software program out of a retail shop?
 (B) The industry on its part has formed an organisation to specially gather information, educate and drag the software pirates to courts.
 (C) But more than the legality, there is always a different way of looking at piracy and that is in terms of morality.

- (D) The Government on the other hand has initiated National Enforcement Committees.
 (E) As far as the issue of tackling piracy is concerned, both the industry and the Government have already started initiating action.
- Which of the following should be the third sentence?
 (a) E (b) A (c) B (d) D (e) C

Reconstruction of Paragraphs

- Which of the following should be the first sentence?
 (a) B (b) C (c) A (d) E (e) D
- Which of the following should be the second sentence?
 (a) A (b) D (c) C (d) E (e) B
- Which of the following should be the last sentence?
 (a) C (b) B (c) E (d) A (e) D
- Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
 (a) D (b) B (c) C (d) A (e) E

Questions 6 to 10

- (A) As he got up, a frightened native told him about the man-eater.
 (B) When he approached the thick bush, he saw the lion running towards him.
 (C) Tom was awakened by the fearful screams of the villagers.
 (D) In a stage of fright, a shot was fired accidentally by Tom, but it hit the lion.
 (E) Tom decided to chase the lion and took out his gun.
- Which of the following should be the first sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
 - Which of the following should be the second sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
 - Which of the following should be the third sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
 - Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
 - Which of the following should be the last sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 11 to 17 (Bank P.O. 1996)

- (A) Another important aspect of stress is that the human body reacts to stress in a stereotyped, physiological way.
 (B) But as long as we are alive, we are experiencing stress.
 (C) Besides the fact that stress is unavoidable, there are several aspects of stress that one should understand.
 (D) Sometimes the stress is small and sometimes it is large.
 (E) Stress cannot be avoided, and our stress level is never at zero.
 (F) One is that both too high and too low a stress level is damaging.

(G) We are always under the stress as long as we are alive.

- Which of the following would be the third sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) D (d) E (e) G
- Which of the following would be the sixth sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) F
- Which of the following would be the first sentence?
 (a) B (b) D (c) E (d) F (e) G
- Which of the following would be the fourth sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Which of the following would be the last (i.e. seventh) sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) G
- Which of the following would be the second sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) G
- Which of the following would be the fifth sentence?
 (a) C (b) D (c) E (d) F (e) G

Questions 18 to 22

- (A) Still seventy five percent of our countrymen live in villages.
 (B) And on the hills were built summer capitals such as Simla, Nainital, Darjeeling, Ooty and other hill stations like Mussoorie, Shillong, Dalhousie etc.
 (C) A thousand years ago the number of cities in India was much less than their number today.
 (D) Later, the coming of the English resulted in the growth of such cities as Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Karachi, Ahmedabad on the plains of India.
 (E) With the coming of the Muslims the number of our cities began to multiply, because the Muslims brought with them many arts and crafts which could best flourish in cities.

- Which of the following should be the first sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Which of the following should be the last sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Which of the following should be the third sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Which of the following should be the second sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

22. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 23 to 27 (Bank P.O. 1993)

The recognition of task and relationship as two critical dimensions of a manager's behaviour has been an important part of management research over the last several decades.

(A) Therefore, it was also felt that it could be represented on a single continuum, moving from very authoritarian leader behaviour (task) at one end to very participative leader behaviour (relationship) at the other end.

(B) These two dimensions have been given various labels ranging from "autocratic" and "democratic" to "employee oriented" and "production oriented".

(C) In particular, extensive leadership studies at Ohio State University questioned this assumption and showed that other assumptions were more reasonable and would lead to more useful theories of leadership.

(D) For sometime, it was believed that task and relationship behaviours were either/or styles of leadership.

(E) In more recent years, the idea that task and relationship behaviours were either/or leadership styles has been dispelled.

23. Which one of the following should be the first sentence?

(a) A (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) C

24. Which one of the following should be the second sentence?

(a) A (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) C

25. Which one of the following should be the third sentence?

(a) A (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) C

26. Which one of the following should be the fourth sentence?

(a) A (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) C

27. Which one of the following should be the last sentence?

(a) A (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) C

Questions 28 to 32 (Bank P.O. 1992)

(A) Miss Sullivan arrived at the Keller home when Helen was seven.

(B) The deaf and blind Helen learned to communicate verbally.

(C) But eventually, Miss Sullivan's effort was rewarded.

(D) Before Helen Keller was two years old, she lost her sight and her hearing.

(E) Miss Sullivan worked closely with Helen, her new student.

(F) At times, the teacher became frustrated.

28. Which of the following should be the first sentence in the passage?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

29. Which of the following should be the last sentence in the passage?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

30. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence in the passage?

(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

31. Which of the following should be the third sentence in the passage?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

32. Which of the following should be the second sentence in the passage?

(a) A (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

Questions 33 to 37 (B.S.R.B. 1996)

(A) She decided to go to school and meet the principal.

(B) Suddenly she realised that she had no money with her.

(C) By the time she reached there, he had left the office.

(D) Therefore, she decided to go to the office of Ravi's father and get the money.

(E) Sudha wanted her son Ravi to get admission in a convent school.

33. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

34. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

35. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

36. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

37. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 38 to 41 (Bank P.O. 1993)

(A) Absence of other parental figures in the family has worsened the situation.

(B) Drug abuse among youngsters seems to be on the increase.

(C) The need for many mothers to work has put an additional claim

on the time available for the children.

(D) Breakdown of the extended family has put a lot of burden on the parents.

(E) Psychologists attribute this to the growing alienation of the new generation from their parents.

38. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?

(a) D (b) E (c) B (d) A (e) C

39. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

(a) C (b) B (c) D (d) A (e) E

40. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?

(a) E (b) D (c) B (d) C (e) A

41. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?

(a) B (b) E (c) D (d) A (e) C

Questions 42 to 46

(A) The subjugation or enslavement of people and countries is fast becoming a thing of the past.

(B) Since then the progress in science and technology and in other branches of knowledge has resulted in the betterment of the conditions of life in many countries of the world.

(C) The Industrial Revolution in England about the middle of the eighteenth century was history's great leap forward.

(D) All this is on the credit of modern civilisation.

(E) Society has been progressing and improving for thousands of years.

(F) The span of human life has been enlarged, the condition of the labouring classes in many countries has improved, knowledge and education have made great strides, the treatment of children has become more human, feats of engineering have done wonders,

democracy and freedom have been granted to most countries of the world, and a very much larger percentage of people have become entitled to the good things of life.

42. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?

(a) E (b) C (c) F (d) A (e) D

43. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?

(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

44. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) C (c) B (d) F (e) D

45. Which sentence should come fifth in the paragraph?

(a) F (b) D (c) B (d) A (e) C

46. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) F

Questions 47 to 50 (B.S.R.B. 1995)

(A) But, we all helped in the first few days.

(B) Chandrapur is considered as a rural area.

(C) Pradeep was transferred to this office recently.

(D) Initially he was not getting adjusted to the city life.

(E) Now, Pradeep is very proud of his colleagues.

(F) Before that he was working in Chandrapur branch of our office.

47. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

48. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?

(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

49. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) F

50. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

(a) A (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

ANSWERS

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| 1. (d) | 2. (d) | 3. (e) | 4. (d) | 5. (c) | 6. (c) | 7. (a) | 8. (e) | 9. (b) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (e) | 13. (e) | 14. (e) | 15. (a) | 16. (d) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (a) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (e) | 22. (b) | 23. (b) | 24. (a) | 25. (c) | 26. (d) | 27. (e) | 28. (d) | 29. (b) | 30. (e) |
| 31. (e) | 32. (a) | 33. (d) | 34. (a) | 35. (b) | 36. (e) | 37. (c) | 38. (c) | 39. (d) | 40. (b) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (a) | 43. (b) | 44. (d) | 45. (d) | 46. (d) | 47. (b) | 48. (e) | 49. (b) | 50. (a) |

PRACTICE SET 2

Directions : Read the following statements to decide their sequence to make a meaningful passage and then answer the questions given below them.

Questions 1 to 4 (Bank P.O. 1992)

- (A) The knowledge so far available about the endocrine glands is very limited.
 (B) Nature has provided the body with proper regulators and protectors.
 (C) These are our endocrine glands.
 (D) And so the proper functioning of these controllers of our body is very important and most vital for health.
 (E) However, all the medical sciences have accepted the fact that these endocrine glands secrete thousands of different types of hormones directly into our blood.

1. Which of the following should be the first sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
2. Which of the following should be the second sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
3. Which of the following should be the third sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
4. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 5 to 9 (Bank P.O. 1993)

- (A) Seconds later, the glaring object swept past and he thought he had out manoeuvred it.
 (B) While flying over enemy territory, Jones received the warning of an oncoming missile.
 (C) He was proved wrong when he saw the vertical tail fins on fire.
 (D) Without wasting time, he slammed the throttles forward and made the plane roll into a high-speed turn.
 (E) Hardly had he responded to the message when he actually saw what every fighter pilot dreaded most.
5. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
 6. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

7. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

8. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

9. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 10 to 14 (L.I.C. 1994)

- (A) A taxi was summoned and Satish was taken to Lifeline Hospital.
 (B) While hurrying home from school, Satish was hit by a car.
 (C) Since they did not succeed, they decided to take him to a hospital.
 (D) When Satish opened his eyes, he found himself surrounded by doctors and nurses.
 (E) Some people rushed towards him and tried to bring him to his senses.
 (F) He was thrown a couple of feet away and lost consciousness.

10. Which sentence should come last (i.e. sixth) in the paragraph?
 (a) B (b) C (c) A (d) D (e) E

11. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) F (c) B (d) E (e) C

12. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
 (a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) F

13. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
 (a) F (b) B (c) E (d) A (e) D

14. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
 (a) C (b) E (c) F (d) B (e) A

Questions 15 to 18 (S.B.I.P.O. 1992)

- (A) Many consider it wrong to blight youngsters by recruiting them into armed forces at a young age.
 (B) It is very difficult to have an agreement on an issue when emotions run high.
 (C) The debate has again come up whether this is right or wrong.
 (D) In many countries military service is compulsory for all.

- (E) Some of these detractors of compulsory draft are even very angry.

15. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

16. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

17. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

18. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 19 to 22

- (A) The large crowd, these myriad activities and the bright lights combine to transform the beach into a photographers' delight.
 (B) Sand and spray are all pervasive on a beach.
 (C) They love to construct fragile sand castles and splash about in the shallow waters.
 (D) Even the elderly seem to forget their ageing worries here.
 (E) These make beaches a favourite haunt of children.

19. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

20. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) E (c) A (d) B (e) C

21. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) A (c) E (d) C (e) B

22. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
 (a) C (b) D (c) A (d) B (e) E

Questions 23 to 26 (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)

- (A) I think our country is searching for an identity.
 (B) Yet, I do not agree with the prophets of doom who see nothing but disaster ahead.
 (C) And a new vision of the future will emerge of this.
 (D) When I came to India after a stint in Northern Ireland, I felt I was trading a hotbed of intense religious and political violence for peace and quiet.
 (E) However, the mayhem over the last few months is deeply shocking.

23. Which sentence would come last in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) A (c) B (d) E (e) C

24. Which sentence would come third in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) A (c) B (d) E (e) C

25. Which sentence would come first in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) A (c) B (d) E (e) C

26. Which sentence would come second in the paragraph?
 (a) D (b) A (c) B (d) E (e) C

Questions 27 to 30 (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)

- (A) The following represents a condensed statement of what we think we now know about the relationship between education and employment.
 (B) Although the linkages between education and employment are complex and, in the past, often analysed with simplistic notions of causality, recent research results have yielded new insights about the nature of these linkages.
 (C) In the interests of brevity, the argument is put forward as a series of major propositions and derivative strategies relating to the education employment nexus.
 (D) Intensive research efforts are currently being supported throughout the developing world both by national governments and international donor agencies in the hope of improving understanding of the nature and causes of rising unemployment.
 (E) The massive problems of widespread and chronic unemployment in less developed nations will remain among the most serious challenges to development policy during the next several decades.

27. Which of the following would be the third sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

28. Which of the following would be the first sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

29. Which of the following would be the fifth sentence?
 (a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

30. Which of the following would be the second sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 31 to 35

- (A) Therefore large scale construction programme has to be launched.
(B) Construction has not kept with it and the shortage of accommodation has been accentuated.
(C) But high cost of materials and labour makes housing an unprofitable proposition.
(D) The census figures show that the population of our cities has increased immensely in the recent years.
(E) This shortage must be overcome in a reasonably short time.
31. Which of the following should be the first sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
32. Which of the following should be the second sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
33. Which of the following should be the last sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
34. Which of the following should be the third sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
35. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
- Questions 36 to 40** (Bank P.O. 1995)
- (A) Indeed, the mutations that the family has undergone in this century have been more challenging than at any time of its evolution.
(B) Thus, we have nuclear families, single parent families, surrogate families and global families to name just a few.
(C) How these changes have redefined our world view is an interesting field of study in themselves.
(D) What we often forget is that the family as it exists today has expanded its orthodox definition to include several variations.
(E) Each of these has brought its own attitudes and priorities.
36. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

37. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
38. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
39. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
40. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 41 to 45 (Bank P.O. 1993)

- (A) But by then it was too late to correct things.
(B) It is impossible to steer such a large project to success without planning.
(C) He had to stand by and watch helplessly.
(D) The whole scheme was destined to fail from the beginning.
(E) Jack started realising this only towards the end.
41. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
42. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
43. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
44. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
45. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 46 to 50

- (A) The decision to end this agreement and begin a fresh one was taken at the meeting of the working group of the two countries.
(B) Indo-Polish trade will be conducted in convertible currency from January 1 next year.
(C) The two countries have decided to sign a new trade agreement, to be effected to convertible currency.
(D) A final agreement in this regard is expected to be signed soon.
(E) This follows the expiry of the existing rupee trade agreement from December 31, this year.

46. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) B
47. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) B
48. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) B
49. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) B
50. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) C (e) B

Questions 51 to 55

- (A) But we cannot consider the judgement of a single individual infallible.
(B) Any really great book, we want to read the second time even more than we wanted to read it the first time; and every additional time that we read it, we find new meanings and new beauties in it.

- (C) The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once.
(D) The opinion that makes a book great must be the opinion of many.
(E) A book that a person of education and good tastes does not care to read more than once is very probably not worth much.
51. Which sentence would be the fourth in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
52. Which sentence would be the second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
53. Which sentence would be the last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
54. Which sentence would be the first in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
55. Which sentence would be the third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

ANSWERS

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| 1. (b) | 2. (d) | 3. (c) | 4. (a) | 5. (d) | 6. (c) | 7. (e) | 8. (a) | 9. (b) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (e) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) | 16. (d) | 17. (b) | 18. (e) | 19. (a) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (e) | 23. (d) | 24. (b) | 25. (a) | 26. (c) | 27. (b) | 28. (a) | 29. (e) | 30. (d) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (e) | 35. (a) | 36. (a) | 37. (c) | 38. (d) | 39. (b) | 40. (e) |
| 41. (e) | 42. (c) | 43. (d) | 44. (a) | 45. (b) | 46. (d) | 47. (e) | 48. (c) | 49. (a) | 50. (b) |
| 51. (a) | 52. (b) | 53. (d) | 54. (c) | 55. (e) | | | | | |

PRACTICE SET 3

Questions 1 to 5

(NABARD, 1994)

- (A) A case in point is the programme involving the Sardar Sarovar Dam which would displace about 2,00,000 people.
(B) Critics decry the fact that a major development institution appears to absorb more capital than it distributes to borrowers.
(C) For all its faults, critics, however concede that the bank remains a relatively efficient instrument for distribution of development-aid money.

- (D) One of the key complaints focusses on this non-profit bank's recent "profitability".
(E) Although the lives of millions of people around the globe have been improved by the bank's activities, it is now under fire.
(F) The bank is also being blamed for large-scale involuntary resettlement to make way for dams and other construction projects.
1. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F

2. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F
3. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) D (d) E (e) F
4. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) F
5. Which sentence should come last (i.e. sixth) in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 6 to 10

- (A) However, inspite of parental efforts kids are found to fall short of their potentiality.
- (B) Bringing out the best of the child is a gradual process of support and encouragement on your part.
- (C) Parents give natural ability of children as an explanation for this.
- (D) These efforts pay off in peak performance-the stuff of every parent's dream.
- (E) There are no short-cuts to bringing your child to do his best.
6. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) D (b) E (c) B (d) A (e) C
7. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) B (b) C (c) A (d) E (e) D
8. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) C (c) B (d) A (e) D
9. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) B (c) D (d) E (e) A
10. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 11 to 15

(R.B.I. 1991)

- (A) The alternative was a blitz by the health workers to popularise preventive measures.
- (B) This information was considered inadequate.
- (C) People have been reading about AIDS in the mass media.
- (D) Nobody is sure as to how effective this would be.
- (E) People were also not being influenced enough to take preventive measures.

11. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) A
12. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) A
13. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) A
14. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) A
15. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) B (d) E (e) A

Questions 16 to 20

(Bank P.O. 1995)

- (A) A study to this effect suggests that the average white-collar worker demonstrates only about twenty-five percent listening efficiency.
- (B) However, for trained and good listeners it is not unusual to see all the three approaches during a setting, thus improving listening efficiency.
- (C) There are three approaches to listening: listening for comprehension, listening for empathy, and listening for evaluation.
- (D) Although we spend nearly half of each communication interaction listening, we do not listen well.
- (E) Each approach has a particular emphasis that may help us to receive and process information in different settings.
16. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) B (b) C (c) E (d) A (e) D
17. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) E (b) A (c) D (d) B (e) C
18. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) D (b) A (c) C (d) E (e) B
19. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
20. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) A (c) D (d) B (e) E

Questions 21 to 25

(Railways, 1991)

- (A) Modern science has produced some good drugs for these ailments.

- (B) Heart ailments are very common these days.
- (C) So I always prefer taking milk these days as it contains no fat.
- (D) But this can also be prevented by taking fatless food.
- (E) That is why people call this era as the age of heart troubles.
21. Which of the following should be the third sentence?
(a) B (b) D (c) A (d) E (e) C
22. Which of the following should be the first sentence?
(a) B (b) D (c) A (d) E (e) C
23. Which of the following should be the last sentence?
(a) B (b) D (c) A (d) E (e) C
24. Which of the following should be the second sentence?
(a) B (b) D (c) A (d) E (e) C
25. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
(a) B (b) D (c) A (d) E (e) C

Questions 26 to 30

- (A) As soon as we realise this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life.
- (B) But we can already see that free education for all is not enough.
- (C) Education is not an end, but a means to an end.
- (D) In many modern countries it has for sometime been fashionable to think that by free education for all, one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation.
- (E) In other words we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them, the purpose is to fit them for life.
- (F) We find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill.
26. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
27. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) D (d) E (e) F
28. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) F

29. Which sentence should come fifth in the paragraph?
(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F
30. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) E (e) F

Questions 31 to 35

(Bank P.O. 1995)

- (A) What is clear is that no one has yet provided evidence for it to be conclusively rejected or validated.
- (B) To some people such a notion seems perfectly reasonable; to others it seems quite ludicrous.
- (C) Most of the people have curiosity and also possess some knowledge of astrology.
- (D) Much of the evidence offering support for this fundamental notion is far from clear-cut.
- (E) They appreciate that astrology attempts to relate human behaviour to the movements of stars and planets.
31. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
32. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
33. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
34. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
35. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 36 to 40

- (A) Further, he pretended to have a particular dislike for the lowest labouring classes declaring that they ought to be absolutely destroyed.
- (B) One of his little eccentricities was violent disbelief in government by the people.
- (C) He was a man who despised the aims and beliefs of his fellow-men, and a trifle eccentric.
- (D) His closest friends, however, knew that these were all assumed attitudes, and that, secretly he was kindly disposed towards his fellow men, and the poor.

- (E) It was contradiction in terms, he said, government by a single man was the only form of government that had ever been able to do things.
36. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) E (d) A (e) B
37. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) E (d) A (e) B
38. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) E (d) A (e) B
39. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) E (d) A (e) B
40. Which sentence should come last (i.e. fifth) in the paragraph?
(a) C (b) D (c) E (d) A (e) B

Questions 41 to 45 (S.B.I.P.O. 1994)

- In the beginning of the last decade it looked as if an era of confrontation had given way to an era of negotiations.
- (A) This policy helped in reducing the tensions among the great powers.
- (B) India sincerely welcomed this development.
- (C) Indeed, it saw in it a vindication and extension of its own policy of non-alignment.
- (D) It was happy that it had contributed to the alleviation of tensions between the great powers.
- (E) The resolution of conflicts between certain countries was an outcome of India's such policy.
41. Which of the following should be the first sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
42. Which of the following should be the second sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

43. Which of the following should be the third sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
44. Which of the following should be the fourth sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
45. Which of the following should be the last sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E

Questions 46 to 50 (Bank P.O. 1993)

- (A) Marie Curie's discovery of radium led to much improved treatment for cancer.
- (B) It has helped man to live a more comfortable life.
- (C) However, it's how we use a thing that makes it 'good' or 'bad'.
- (D) The benefits conferred on the world in general by science have been manifold and varied.
- (E) But the eventual discovery of the full properties of radium and uranium has brought great destruction in its train.
- (F) No educated man would deny this but many would point out that it has brought evils as well as blessings.
46. Which of the following will be the last sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
47. Which of the following will be the third sentence?
(a) B (b) C (c) D (d) E (e) F
48. Which of the following will be the first sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
49. Which of the following will be the fifth sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) E
50. Which of the following will be the second sentence?
(a) A (b) B (c) D (d) E (e) F

ANSWERS

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| 1. (d) | 2. (c) | 3. (b) | 4. (e) | 5. (c) | 6. (b) | 7. (a) | 8. (c) | 9. (a) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (c) | 13. (d) | 14. (e) | 15. (b) | 16. (e) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (a) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (a) | 23. (e) | 24. (d) | 25. (b) | 26. (c) | 27. (d) | 28. (a) | 29. (a) | 30. (e) |
| 31. (e) | 32. (a) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (d) | 36. (e) | 37. (d) | 38. (a) | 39. (c) | 40. (b) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (b) | 43. (c) | 44. (d) | 45. (e) | 46. (c) | 47. (e) | 48. (d) | 49. (e) | 50. (b) |

22. REARRANGEMENT OF JUMBLED PARTS

In such type of questions, a sentence or a paragraph is broken into several parts which are then jumbled up and labelled (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), The examinee is required to rearrange these parts into a meaningful format and then choose the correct order from among the alternatives provided.

Example :

- (1) As they speed along
- (2) artificial satellites do not fall
- (3) the pull of the earth, or its gravity
- (4) as a result
- (5) keeps them from doing so
- (6) because they are going too fast to do so
- (7) they tend to go straight off into space
- (8) they travel in an orbit round the earth

(G.I.C.A.A.O. 1990)

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| (a) 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 6, 4, 2 | (b) 2, 6, 1, 7, 3, 5, 4, 8 |
| (c) 2, 6, 7, 3, 1, 5, 8, 4 | (d) 4, 2, 8, 6, 5, 7, 1, 3 |

Technique of Solving :

The first thing is what is being talked about.

In the above example, it is the 'artificial satellites'. Since all other parts except (2) contain 'they', so the introductory sentence should be (2).

After (2), a question arises : why they do not fall? The answer to this is (6). So, the next part is (6).

Now, we consider two alternatives (b) and (d).

On rearranging according to these, we find that a meaningful paragraph is formed with the order given in (b). Hence, the answer is (b).

PRACTICE SET

Directions : In each of the following questions, a paragraph or a sentence has been broken up into different parts. The parts have been scrambled and numbered as given below. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.

1. (1) is decidedly harmful
(2) disregarding other equally important aspects,
(3) to the total neglect of others
(4) in the life of a man or a woman
(5) is not wisdom but
(6) cultivating only one quality
(7) giving all attention and energy to one aspect of national life only,
(8) folly
(9) similarly in the life of a nation
(a) 4, 6, 2, 5, 8, 9, 7, 1, 3
(b) 4, 6, 3, 1, 9, 7, 2, 5, 3
(c) 6, 2, 4, 5, 1, 9, 7, 3, 8
(d) 6, 4, 2, 1, 9, 7, 3, 5, 8
2. (1) you can take
(2) you can't take
(3) the boy
(4) the village
(5) out of the village
(6) out of the boy
(7) but
(a) 1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6
(b) 1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 7, 4
(c) 1, 6, 5, 3, 7, 2, 4
(d) 1, 7, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6
3. (1) food supply
(2) storage, distribution and handling
(3) pastoral industry and fishing,
(4) besides increasing
(5) by preventing wastage in
(6) the productivity from agriculture
(7) can be increased
(a) 1, 7, 5, 2, 4, 3, 6
(b) 4, 1, 6, 7, 5, 3, 2
(c) 4, 6, 3, 1, 7, 5, 2
(d) 6, 3, 5, 7, 4, 1, 2