

Inferences

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1. A number of CEOs are preparing to make fresh investments and are also stepping up hiring.

Which of the following inferences can best be drawn from the above statements?

- a) 6–8% GDP growth is likely over the next three years.
- b) A higher GDP growth is likely over the next few years.
- c) The new regime has failed to meet expectations.
- d) The companies will soon be burdened with loans.
- e) None of these

2. Statement: A Washington-based news organisation released a report that claims radioactive and toxic waste has been leaking out of India's oldest and most important uranium mine, affecting people, livestock, rivers, forests and agricultural produce in the area.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information?

- (a) The government has closed the mines.
- (b) Government of India has taken adequate measures to prevent toxic leaks from the site.
- (c) People living in the area have evacuated the toxic place.
- (d) Mining has exposed workers and villagers to radiation, heavy metals and other carcinogens, including arsenic.
- (e) Adequate measures have not been taken to prevent toxic leaks from the site.

3. Statement: The first tranche of sovereign gold bonds that closed on November 20 received an encouraging response despite falling gold prices, suggesting that the scheme may be successful in reducing imports of the metal.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given facts.)

- (A) Investment in gold is considered safe by the people.
 - (B) Investment in gold is considered to give good returns.
 - (C) Country imports of gold will fall.
 - (D) The positive response to the gold scheme has elicited response from across the country.
 - (E) The scheme will encourage bulk depositors such as Hindu undivided families and institutions to participate.
- (a) Only (A) and (C) (b) Only (B) and (D) (c) Only (A) and (B)
(d) Only (D) and (E) (e) Only (E) and (A)

4. Statement: In a bid to secure airports the civil aviation ministry has decided to cut down the number of airport entry passes (AEPs) being provided to the staff of Union Ministers and MPs.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information?

- (a) No follower of any minister will be issued pass at the airport.
- (b) The airport will be less crowded.
- (c) Ministers and MPs will be to travel alone at the airports
- (d) The sale of visitor tickets will be stopped at all the airports.
- (e) Airport security will be strengthened.

5. Statement: Solar power tariff in India touched a record low of Rs. 4.63 per unit, accelerating India's \$ 160-billion clean energy

drive and casting a shadow on fossil fuel plants that pollute air and sometime charge a higher rate.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information?

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- (a) Lot of private companies are investing in solar power projects in India.
- (b) The government is focusing on clean energy.
- (c) The level of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) in India is rising.
- (d) The government is providing for setting up solar power plants.
- (e) None of the above

6. Statement: Google has received India's permission to start testing Project Loon, under which the company will beam the internet from balloons in the sky, in an effort to provide affordable internet access.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information).

- (a) Project Loon will boost up the internet activities in rural areas.
- (b) The privacy of the end user of Internet will be lost.
- (c) The project will give an opportunity to watch our country and capture sensitive information, making India more vulnerable.
- (d) The company will be able to save lots of money through this project.
- (e) None of the above

7. Statement: Persistent weakness in global demand and the lower value of oil products led India's merchandise exports to fall for the sixth straight month in May, while a decline in gold imports helped the trade deficit narrow to a three-month low.

Which of the following inference drawn is probably false according to the above statement?

- (a) There will be softening of oil products in the global market
- (b) Rupee will appreciate against the dollar
- (c) There will be an increase in the collection of indirect taxes in the month of April and May
- (d) There will be an increase in the domestic demand of gold and jewellery.
- (e) Only (b) and (d)

8. Statement: Spitting on streets could cost people dear as the Maharashtra state cabinet approved an innovative anti-spitting law that combines monetary punishment with mandatory community service.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information).

- (a) The law is likely to act as a precursor to banning chewing tobacco in public
- (b) Anti-spitting law would bring down transmission of all airborne diseases
- (c) People will be restrained from spitting out tobacco in public places
- (d) Maharashtra's roads will look clean and tidy
- (e) Only (b) and (c)

Strong weak argument

9. Statement: In a move to strengthen public transport in the Capital, ahead of the implementation of the odd-even vehicle scheme, Delhi government has decided to issue permits to 10,000 new auto rickshaws by the end of December.

Which of the following statements would strengthen the decision taken by the Delhi government?

- (a) New auto rickshaws will cause congestion on the road.
- (b) Pollution in the city will not be controlled.
- (c) Most of the people will use public transport in the city.
- (d) Delhi has the lowest pollution from auto rickshaws among metros.
- (e) People do not use public transport for lack of last-mile connectivity.

10. Statement: In its first bi-monthly policy review, RBI has decided to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points and take measures to ease the liquidity constraints in the banking system.

Which of the following negates the above steps taken by the RBI?

- (a) Loans and EMI will become cheaper for retail loans.
- (b) Banks will pay higher interest rate of FD and RD.
- (c) Banks will have to deposit more money with the RBI.
- (d) Rupee will strengthen against other currencies.
- (e) None of the above

11. Statement: To keep railway premises and trains free from dirt and filth, Railways has introduced clean train scheme (CTS) at major stations of East Central Railway (ECR). Which of the following will be a fallout of the above statement?

- (a) Travellers will find neat and clean coaches while travelling.
- (b) Only a few stations under ECR will be neat and clean.
- (c) People can find clean and tidy platforms falling under the jurisdiction of ECR.
- (d) Only Premium trains and Rajdhani will be benefited from this scheme.
- (e) Only (b) and (d)

12. Statement: The Central Government of Country X has decided to prune the number of Centrally sponsored schemes to 30 from 50, a move that will allow it to allocate bigger sums to 'core of the core' schemes and deflect criticism that it has neglected some critical areas.

Which of the following statements would strengthen the decision taken by Country X?

- (a) The government of Country X is not able to properly manage the funds which have been allocated to its states.
- (b) The government of Country X found that lots of projects are not benefiting the poor people.
- (c) The main focus of the government of Country X should be on social protection and social inclusion which require more funds.
- (d) The main focus of the government of Country X is on eradicating poverty and strengthening the education system in the country.
- (e) The decision will help the states of Country X to spend more on social security programmes.

13. The government is considering a ban on the sale of electronic cigarettes, a vapour device that delivers a nicotine hit minus the smoke.

Which of the following statements substantiates the fact expressed in the above statement?

a) India does not have laws that deal directly with the sale of e-cigarettes.

b) Unlike conventional cigarettes, e-cigarettes release vapor — and not smoke — when a nicotine-laced liquid is heated.

c) An expert panel has found it could lead to addiction, particularly among the youth.

d) Punjab banned e-cigarettes last year and Maharashtra is considering a similar move.

e) None of these

14. Statement: The Ministry of Urban Development has launched a Smart National Common Mobility Card (NCCMC) model to enable seamless travel by different metros and other transportation systems across the country besides being used for shopping as well. Which of the following statements need not be true according to the given statement?

- (a) The card will help people travel hassle-free across the country
- (b) Only one type of card will be used across the country
- (c) People travelling across the country can save time and money
- (d) Shopping and travelling will become easier for the people
- (e) Only (b) and (d)

15. Statement: It has been reported in a recent study that intake of moderate quantity of milk chocolate reduces the risk of suffering from central nervous system-related illnesses.

Which of the following would weaken the findings of the study reported in the above statement?

- (a) People generally prefer to eat chocolate when they are young.
- (b) Majority of those not diagnosed with diseases related to central nervous system have stayed away from eating chocolates in their lives.
- (c) Chocolates contain certain elements which strengthen the functions of the central nervous system.
- (d) Majority of those suffering from central nervous system related diseases are middle-aged.
- (e) Many of those who suffer from diabetes also suffer from other major ailments.

Conclusion:

16. The project of the road construction (work) has crossed its first deadline as far as pre-monsoon road work are concerned. In the major city the road works are given great emphasis and these are the places where road work has been completed. Which of the following can be concluded from the statements given above?

- (a) To start the work of the road one has to go through a lot of tiresome paperwork before starting the repair work which delays the whole work of the road.
- (b) It takes several hours travelling via these roads.
- (c) The work of the road is going on
- (d) They will start the road works well in advance
- (e) None of the above

17. Statement: The Railways has earmarked two berths -one lower and one middle - in sleeper classes under the handicapped quota for physically challenged people travelling on concession. Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

- (a) Physically handicapped people can have hassle-free journey in trains.

- (b) Handicapped people need some privilege in trains.
- (c) Handicapped people will now not need any attendant while travelling in the trains.
- (d) A good initiative by the railway for the handicapped people.
- (e) Only a) and d)

18. Statement: After providing LPG in easy-to-carry 5-kg cylinders, the government launched 2-kg bottles at local kirana stores and introduction of online booking of new connections for subsidised cooking fuel.

Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

- (a) Online booking will end hassles of customers running to gas agencies for getting a new LPG connection.
- (b) The 2-kg cylinder will cater to the LPG requirements for all sections of society, including economically weaker families
- (c) The online booking will help the customers get new cylinders delivered quickly
- (d) The scheme will be particularly beneficial for the rural people and poor who cannot afford to pay the price of a 14.2-kg or even 5-kg cylinder
- (e) All of the above

19. Statement: "To stop train pull chain" notice inside railway coaches is soon set to become history. The railway ministry has decided to do away with these chains.

Which of the following can be concluded from the above statements?

- (a) The mobile phone number of the driver and assistant driver will be displayed in coaches, so that passengers can call in case of an emergency
- (b) Any one finding to stop the train without valid reason will be fined
- (c) Trains will run on time from one place to another.
- (d) Passengers will reach their homes on time
- (e) Only (a) and (d)

Assumptions

(An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

20. Statement: The UN World Food Programme warned of severe shortages of food and fuel in Nepal caused by the ongoing major disruptions in imports across its southern border with India, saying that the land-locked country could face extreme hardship if prices of basic food staples continue to soar.

Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement?

- (a) Pulses and cooking oil have increased by more than 30 per cent since August and more than 50 per cent since last year and in remote areas.
- (b) Nepal totally depends on their imports with India.
- (c) Disruptions at the border have led to increase the cost of some basic staple food.
- (d) Free flow of food items across the border was to ensure proper availability of food in Nepal.
- (e) None of the above

21. The India-Japan civilian nuclear deal may not be sealed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's trip to Japan.

Which of the following assumption is implicit in the above statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted.)

- a) Discussions are on to bridge the core differences between the two sides over the proposed treaty.
- b) Japan is insisting on tougher safeguards and "no nuclear test" clause.
- c) There are some concerns about the deal from either side.
- d) Discussions were stalled following Fukushima nuclear accident in 2011.
- e) None of these

22. A massive agitation is brewing in State X against the proposed widening of the national highway.

Which of the following represents an assumption implicit in the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) The agitation is carried out by local villagers who would be worst affected by widening of the highway.
- (b) Many other states have much wider highways as compared to State X.
- (c) A national highway already exists in State X.
- (d) Commuters are greatly inconvenienced due to frequent accidents owing to the narrow highway.
- (e) For a road to be declared a highway, a certain width is essential.

23. 'The first ever low-cost tablet with a three-hour battery which works only with Wi-Fi for accessing the Internet will be a game changer for India's rural population who have been on the wrong side of the digital divide in the country.' – Stated Company X, the manufacturers of the tablet on their role in providing access to Internet throughout India.

Which of the following can be assumed/inferred from the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted and an inference is something which is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given facts.)

- (a) Wi-Fi connections are already available in rural parts of India.
- (b) Other tablets did not have the features such as Wi-Fi connectivity.
- (c) Improvement in accessibility to Internet would help education sector the most.
- (d) A mere three-hour battery would be grossly insufficient to maximize its benefits.
- (e) The tablet would not benefit urban population in India as much as the rural population.

24. Small brands are now looking beyond local grocery stores and are trying to compete with supermarkets such as Big Bazaar to pull their business out of troubled waters.

Which of the statements can be assumed from the facts/information given in the statement?

- (A) A smaller brand manufacturing a certain product of quality comparable with that of a bigger brand, makes much more profit from the local grocery stores than from the supermarkets.
- (B) As the supermarkets have been set up only in bigger cities at present, this step would fail to deliver results in the smaller cities.
- (C) Supermarkets help the smaller brands break into newer markets without investing substantially in distribution.

- (D) Supermarkets charge the smaller brands 10% higher than the amount charged to the bigger brands.
 (E) Being outnumbered by the bigger brands, visibility of the smaller brands at local grocery stores is much lower as compared to the supermarkets.
 (F) Smaller brands are currently making substantial losses in their business.

Cause Effect

25. Statement: Human activity is leading to the rapid draining of about one-third of the planet's largest underground water reserves and it is unclear how much fluid remains in them.

Which of the following can be the probable reason(s) for the decline of water reserve?

- (a) Decline of population all around the world
- (b) Unauthorised digging by private builders
- (c) Lack of policymakers in the country
- (d) Excessive a forestation and inappropriate use of natural resources
- (e) Only (a) and (d)

26. Statement: The water situation is grim as the total storage in 91 main reservoirs across the country has gone below the last 10-year average, says the report of the Central Water Commission (CWC).

Which of the following may be the most probable reason for the fall in the level in reservoirs?

- (a) Less rainfall across the country
- (b) More use of water by the irrigation department
- (c) Depletion of ground level in the country
- (d) Less plantation of tree in the country
- (e) Wastage of water by the people of the country

27. Statement: The government is planning to put a cap on premature withdrawal of provident fund (PF) money. The employees' Provident Fund organization (EPFO) has proposed that an employee be allowed to withdraw only 75% off the overall kitty, instead of 100% as permitted earlier.

Which of the following may be an effect of the above decision taken by the government?

- (a) Premature withdrawal of such savings should be discouraged to ensure secure future for the employees
- (b) People who tend to withdraw PF money between jobs or those planning to use it for either buying a house for paying medical bills will not be able to withdraw the money
- (c) People will be able to withdraw more money at the time of retirement
- (d) People will invest in other flexible schemes in the market
- (e) None of the above

28. Statement: The government has decided to develop 25 regional airports in the country.

Which of the following will be an effect of the steps taken by the Government of India?

- (a) Regional connectivity in the country will be boost up.
- (b) Air travel for the common man will become cheaper.
- (c) Infrastructure development will be boost up in the country.
- (d) Jobs in the aviation sector will increase.
- (e) None of the above

29. Statement: Government-run Air India has launched a limited-period super sale scheme, offering customers all-inclusive ticket prices starting as low as Rs. 1,499 on its domestic network.

Which of the following will not be an effect of this scheme?

- (a) More people will able to travel by flight with the launch of this scheme.
- (b) Other airlines will come down.
- (c) Air-India's profit will come down.
- (d) Fewer seats will be left vacant in Air India with the launch of this scheme.
- (e) None of the above

30. The temple at the religious site wears a deserted look with the number of devotees trickling down.

Which of the following can be a possible cause of the above effect?

- (a) A structural engineer had visited the temple a month back and had declared the structure unsafe.
- (b) The temple is facing a drastic depletion of its funds which had accumulated over the years due to offerings made by devotees.
- (c) The local corporation decided to donate a huge amount of money to the temple for its renovation.
- (d) The village housing the religious site has qualified priests to perform religious ceremonies.
- (e) A famous actor recently visited the temple and paid his respects to the deity.

31. Statements: The Income Tax authorities carried out raids at three different business houses in the city last week.

Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above statement?

- (a) The three business houses are regular defaulters in payment of their income tax.
- (b) The Income Tax department had received a tip off about the illegal activities going on in the three business houses.
- (c) The Government decided to look into the matter and has appointed an inquiry committee.
- (d) Other business houses took immediate action to clear off all their income tax dues in order to avoid raid on their establishments.
- (e) The authorities intend to conduct raids in several other business houses in the vicinity.

32. As a step to regulate private hospitals, the state health department is framing rules to ensure all such hospitals are registered with it.

Which of the following can be a possible cause of the above statement?

- (a) The department realised the private hospitals charge much less for treatment as compared to government hospitals.
- (b) Government run hospitals do not maintain the same standards as private hospitals.
- (c) The department realised that several hospitals were rejecting cases starting lack of infrastructure.
- (d) Apart from the number of doctors, nurses and beds, the kind of procedure a hospital can carry out based on its infrastructure will also be registered and detailed.
- (e) Private hospitals nor registering with the department shall be forced to do so and will have to pay hefty penalties.

33. Statement: HSBC Holdings Plc is shutting its private banking unit in India, marking the exit of another foreign bank from the cut-

throat wealth management business in Asia's third-largest economy.

Which of the following may be a probable cause of shut down of HSBC unit in India?

- (a) Higher operating ratio in India
- (b) Saturation of Indian market
- (c) Increase of the price of dollar against rupee
- (d) Political Instability in the country
- (e) All of the above

34. Statement: Retail inflation rose for the 4th month in a row in November, accelerating to a 14-month high of 5.41 per cent. Which of the following may be a probable reason for the increase in retail inflation?

- (a) Sharp increase in food prices
- (b) Decline in the price of pulses
- (c) Tight monetary policy by the RBI
- (d) Decline of crude oil prices in international market
- (e) Only a) and c)

35. Statement: Coal imports came down from 136.6 million tons in April-November 2014 to 119.9 (MT) in 2015. Which of the following may be a probable reason(s) for the decline in coal imports?

- (a) Unprecedented increase in output of the fossil fuels by state-owned coal India Ltd.
- (b) Shut down of coal-based power plants in the country.
- (c) Production companies have started using costlier fuel.
- (d) A large number of importers are not interested in import of coal.
- (e) Only a) and b)

36. Statement: The Government of India has decided to lower the interest rate on small savings schemes offered by the Post Office and on PPF account offered by the banks and the Post Office. Which of the following may not be a probable reason(s) for lowering the interest rate on small savings schemes?

- (A) Banks are not able to fully pass the cut by the RBI to consumers by lowering interest rates on loans in equal proportion.
- (B) Most people move towards small savings schemes offered by the Post Office and banks instead of depositing in bank FD, which offers lower rate of interest.
- (C) Depositors want higher return in a short span of time.
- (D) Depositors have lost interest in savings schemes offered by the banks.
- (E) Banks have to generally provide lending to people while Post Office does not offer any lending facility.
- (a) Only (B), (C) and (D) (b) Only (B) and (C) (c) Only (A) and (D)
- (d) Only (C) and (E) (e) Only (A), (C) and (D)

37. Statement: The government has proposed that ATMs should not be replenished with cash after 8 PM in cities, and private cash transportation agencies must collect cash from the banks in the first half of the day for replenishing ATMs. Which of the following may be a probable reason(s) for the above step taken by the government?

- (a) Robbery of cash from ATM at night
- (b) Not enough guards deployed to keep ATM safe
- (c) Customers not feeling safe at night while withdrawing money from ATM

- (d) ATM companies not following safety measures and guidelines issued by the RBI
- (e) Only (a) and (d)

38. Statement: Indian Railway has decided to lay 2800 km broad-gauge track in the new financial year.

Which of the following will not be an effect of the above statement?

- (a) New areas will be connected on the map of the Indian Railways.
- (b) Employment opportunity may be generated.
- (c) Only (a) and (d)
- (d) Railways will receive income in the long term from the newly commissioned routes.
- (e) None of the above

39. Statement: People are investing their money in Post Office fixed deposits (FDs) and recurring deposits (RDs) instead of bank FDs and RDs.

Which of the following may be the probable causes for the people doing so?

- (A) Bank deposits are not considered safe and secure.
- (B) Bank allows low interest rates on FD and RD in comparison to Post Office.
- (C) Most of the people are not associated with banking system in India.
- (D) Post Offices are widely available in comparison to banks.
- (a) Only (A), (C) and (D)
- (b) Only (A), (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (B), (C) and (D)
- (d) Only (D) and (C)
- (e) None of the above

40. Global Financial Integrity has highlighted that India was among the top 10 nations in terms of illicit outflows, with an outflow of \$123 billion in the decade to 2010.

Which of the following courses of action should best be taken?

- a) There should be a single global standard for automatic exchange of financial account information by various countries.
- b) A Special Investigation Team should be made to probe black money.
- c) The currency of the country should be changed.
- d) The governments should join hands to tackle terrorism.
- e) None of these

41. There are at least 15 e-commerce sites that have 'kart' appended to their name.

Which of the following is the most possible reason for this phenomenon?

- a) Jabong, as everyone knows, has done pretty well for itself, despite having no 'kart' in its name.
- b) What matters over time is service quality and not the name.
- c) Along with the name, it is the business model, execution and offering which make the brand difficult to be cloned or impacted.
- d) These are not cases of blatant copyright infringement.
- e) None of these

Course of Action

42. Statement: Anti-cancer drugs in the state of Bihar are being sold at a price higher than MRP. Which of the following courses of action should be taken against the drug seller?

- (a) License of all drug sellers in the city should be cancelled.
- (b) Such sellers should be fined and a warning in this regard should be given.
- (c) All the sellers should be put behind bars.
- (d) The government should sell the anti-cancer drugs as its own stores.
- (e) None of the above

43. Statement : A train has derailed near a station while moving over a bridge and fell into the river.

Courses of Action :

- 1) The Railway Authorities should clarify the reason of the accident to the Government.
- 2) The Government should allocate funds to compensate the destruction caused.
- 3) New safety devices should be immediately installed along all the risky railway tracks
- 4) Floating jackets should be made available in trains like in aeroplanes
- 5) Medical assistance should be sent to the accident site for helping the affected people

44. Statement: Exporters in the capital are alleging that commercial banks are violating a RBI directive and still operate and using demonetised money at international markets

Courses of Action :

- 1) The officers concerned in the commercial banks are to be suspended.
- 2) The RBI Should be asked to stop giving such orders like demonetisation which hampers business.
- 3) The RBI Should be asked to give stern warning and put penalty on commercial banks violating norms.
- 4) RBI should send clear information brochures to the commercial banks regarding the demonetisation.
- 5) Commercial banks should follow the orders in the 'spirit of the words'

45. Statement: A survey carried out by the BMC of more than 22,000 people has revealed that in the last two years a third of them have suffered pothole damage to their cars - and the situation looks set to worsen thanks to 30% more potholes being reported on our road network year on year. Every year during monsoon, the condition of most of the roads in the city deteriorates causing immense problem to commuters.

Courses of action taken by BMC:

- (A) The civic body should include a heavy penalty clause while awarding future contracts for road repairs.
- (B) The civic officials in charge of maintenance of city roads should be asked to explain why the condition of the roads worsens every year.
- (C) General public should avoid taking their vehicles out during monsoon.
- (D) All contractors should be instructed to repair the roads immediately.
- (E) Newer technologies should be researched in collaboration with engineering colleges to find ways to make roads with less pot holes

46. Recently a youth was shifted to another hospital from hospital ABC due to food poisoning. The patient had been admitted in hospital ABC for Malaria. "Because no outside food is allowed in the hospital premises, we are very sure that it was the food provided by the hospital staff that led to the food poisoning." - A statement by the parents of the youth.

Which of the following can be a course of action to avoid such a mishap?

- (1) The parent of the patients should be given a compensation to ensure that the hospital is not criticised in any way.
- (2) The reason for the food poisoning should be identified and the food provided in the hospital should be inspected regularly.
- (3) Local vendors which provide fruits, vegetables and other eatables to the hospital must be questioned.
- (4) CCTV cameras should be installed in the hospital cafeteria to ensure that spoiled food is not provided to the patients.
- (5) Patients should be asked to bring food from their houses rather than provide it at the hospital so that if such a case occurs again the hospital will not be responsible.

47. Statement: Company XYZ is hiring every year students from college D, however since past two years managers of company are not happy with the students of college D as they resign from within a few months of employment for better salaries.

Which of the following can be a course of action by HR managers?

- (1) The pay package for college D students should be revised and retention bonus be given on completion of one year
- (2) College D must be blacklisted and no students be recruited
- (3) Management of college D should be informed about the situation and asked to talk to students joining XYZ
- (4) Recruits of college D must be asked to sign a bond to stay with company for minimum 5 years
- (5) Immediately salary of college D recruits be hiked by an appropriate percentage.

Caselet based

Directions Two questions:

48. Statement: In order to prevent catastrophic damages to its assets, Railways is going for offshore procurement of high-powered sensor-based equipment, a first-of-its-kind for the public transporter, to detect on tracks and rolling stock.

Which of the following inference drawn is definitely true according to the above statement?

- (a) Railways will equip this system in selected trains on a trial basis in the current fiscal as it was one of the Rail Budget proposals
- (b) The sensor-based equipment will monitor the condition of tracks, coaches, wagons and locomotives
- (c) The sensor based equipment will send early signal to the control room in case of any deficiency
- (d) The system will be fitted on wheels and the control room will receive signals through vibrations
- (e) Only (a) and (d)

49. Which of the following has been assumed in the given information? (An assumption is something that is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) Accidents will be minimised with the regular maintenance of tracks
- (b) The safety aspect of track and rolling stock will be enhanced

- (c) Railways will be able to know the exact condition of tracks through micro-analysis of data and this will reduce the possibility of sudden catastrophic failures
- (d) Railway will prepare a predictive maintenance schedule for its tracks
- (e) Only (a) and (b)

Two questions directions:

50. Statement: The country's largest lender State Bank of India has cut its home loan rate to 9.4% with effect from April 1 from 9.5%. Which of the following will be a necessary effect of the cut in the interest rate by SBI?
- (a) The amount of retail loans will come down.
 - (b) The customer base of SBI will increase.
 - (c) Others banks will also cut down their home loan rates.
 - (d) The profit of SBI will increase.
 - (e) The NPA of the SBI will increase with the distribution of retail loans.

51. Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)
- (a) Home loans will become cheaper.
 - (b) Interest rate on other savings products will come down.
 - (c) More people in the country will have their own homes.
 - (d) Economic growth in the country will increase.
 - (e) None of the above

Directions three questions:

52. Statement: As per the report released by the UNDP, the Human Development Index (HDI) rank of India has made improvements in life expectancy at birth, which has increased to 68 years in 2014 from 67.6 in, the previous year and 53.9 years in 1980. But when it comes to gender index, 80% of women are unbanked.

Which of the following may be a probable reason for the maximum number of women being deprived of banking?

- (a) Higher illiteracy rate in the country
- (b) Less number of quality government schools in the country
- (c) Females are not interested in higher education
- (d) Women are more prone to household activities.
- (e) None of the above

53. Which of the following can be inferred from the statement given above? (An inference is something which is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given facts.)
- (a) The country does fairly well on the gender index.
 - (b) India has made improvement in healthcare.
 - (c) Life expectancy of people has decreased.
 - (d) Illiteracy in the country is the main problem in India.
 - (e) None of the above

Directions for two questions:

54. Mobile technology has played great role in growth and development of society. Earlier cellphone was used as a medium of conversation only. Now mobile phones also support a wide variety of other services, such as, texting, email, internet access etc. The price of mobile phones is also decreasing and people are being encouraged to buy a mobile phone set at a cheaper rate. The mobile technology and smartphones have the capabilities of

handling video calls, sharing large files. Mobile technology had made it more efficient to conduct business. Video calls and taking photographs have become possible as mobile phone has inbuilt camera. Therefore, there is no need to carry around a camera everywhere you go.

Which of the following cannot be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information).

- (a) One can share photos and videos via mobile phones provided that the other person has a similar device.
- (b) Many features are being added to mobile phones now-a-days.
- (c) The other features of mobile phones are not as useful as the built in camera.
- (d) Mobile phones can be used for purposes other than making calls.
- (e) Technological advances are taking place in fields other than cellphones as well.

55. Which of the following can be concluded from the given information?

- (a) Buying a phone with a camera is more convenient than buying two different devices.
- (b) Mobile phones that are basic last longer than the ones with added features.
- (c) Not many people are interested in clicking pictures with mobile phones.
- (d) It is possible to share picture with someone having a similar camera.
- (e) No one will buy cameras now onwards.

Directions for two questions:

56. Read the following information carefully and answer the questions which follow:

Supermarkets are growing at a fast pace the Kirana stores. Kirana stores are such places where customer go to purchase their necessities. In place of five Kirana stores one or two supermarkets are being established. It has been found that customers' requirements are looked after by trained staff. It has been found that food products are low life products which are manufactured from local manufactures. These products are typically purchased by the customer on the assurance. The market is appealing to supermarkets and retail outlet owners are sitting up their business in other areas where there are less Kirana stores.

Which of the following can be a good argument in favour of shopping from Kirana stores instead of supermarkets?

- (a) People prefer supermarkets because they offer a larger range of products, ie products other than FMCG and they can buy everything under one roof.
- (b) People end-up buying other irrelevant things along with those on their shopping lists in supermarkets and then they have to stand in long queues at the billing counters.
- (c) Most Kirana stores are closed atleast one day in a week whereas supermarkets are open 365 days a year.
- (d) Kirana stores do not accept debit and credit cards.
- (e) Very few Kirana stores sell products at a bargained price.

57. Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information).

- (a) Most supermarkets and retail outlet owners choose to set up business in areas that have very few Kirana stores.
- (b) People tend to trust retail outlets and supermarkets when it comes to buying high value products as opposed to buying them from local shops.
- (c) If there are two or more Kirana stores in a typical residential area the competition among them is very high.
- (d) Kirana stores owners are vying to acquire franchisee of supermarkets as the local shops have lost their charm and business.
- (e) Kirana stores do not sell the products which consumers have on their regular lists, so they have to depend on supermarkets.

Caselet based 5 questions

58. Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Cotton acreage in India during the current year has fallen by 15% as cotton growers have moved on to cultivation of other cash crops. This is the result of the cotton glut in world markets in post-September 2008 and the consequent slowdown in the world economy. But this scenario brought with it benefits to one segment of the industry yarn manufacturers as they got higher prices for their produce. Some yarn manufacturers too had stuck up on low-priced cotton last year. The combined effect of all this is evident in the rise in net profits and net margins of yarn manufacturers.

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- (a) The cotton industry grew tremendously post-September 2008.
- (b) The yarn manufacturers have marginally suffered during post September 2008 period.
- (c) India was the largest cotton producer earlier.
- (d) Cotton production will surely grow in upcoming years.
- (e) None of these

59. Which of the following conclusions can be drawn from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- (a) Now cotton acreage will never face a crisis like the crisis of September 2008.
- (b) There has been a huge drop in the supply of cotton during the current year.
- (c) USA is the largest producer and consumer of cotton.
- (d) Cotton growers are no more interested in production of cotton.
- (e) None of these

60. What we can say about the following statement? "There has been shortage of cotton in the world market last year."

- (a) Definitely true
- (b) Definitely false
- (c) Probably true
- (d) Probably false
- (e) Nothing can be said

61. Which of the following will strengthen the following statement? "The farmers will again grow cotton next year due to increased price of cotton yarn."

- (a) Govt plans to increase subsidy on cash crops including cotton.
- (b) There is a high alert in entire Europe due to terrorist threats.
- (c) Alternative cash crops are evergreen and unaffected by an economic slowdown.

- (d) Govt is planning to import more cotton from abroad.
- (e) None of these

62. Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the statements in the above passage?

- (a) Indian economy has been unaffected by any global slowdown.
- (b) India was affected most in the world due to global economy slowdown.
- (c) The world economy witnessed an upward trend during pre-September 2008.
- (d) Govt should discourage the production of cotton and encourage shifting to other cash crops.
- (e) None of these

Sectional test 15 marks

63. This question consists of a statement and two assumptions numbered I and II given below it. (An assumption is something which is not directly given but has been assumed in the given information.) You have to find out which of the given assumptions numbered I and II are implicit in the given statement.

Statement: Exercising does not necessarily mean gymnasium with high-technology machines. After all, people living in villages are well-maintained and are hardly overweight

- I. Gymnasiums are not very readily available or used in villages.
- II. People living in villages do not believe in the use of high-technology gymnasiums.

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- (c) Only I has been assumed in the given information.
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Read the given information and answer the question.

64. "Although the State government has been funding College XYZ for the past 10 years, it has decided not to do so this year." – Local news report.

Which of the following may NOT be a reason for the decision of the government to discontinue the funding of the said college this year?

- (a) College XYZ has doubled the fees charged from students this year, as a result of which it made three times profit as compared to other State-run colleges.
- (b) The college has received the permission this year to lend its campus for marriages and other social events and this would be an additional source of income for the college.
- (c) It was recently found out that most of the bills submitted about the usage of the money received by the college as government funds are fabricated and show much more amount than the actual expenditure.
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- (e) Although the performance of students of XYZ has improved a little in academics this year, yet it has deteriorated drastically in sports and other extracurricular activities.

65. Statement: Some 11,000 MW of thermal power capacity in the country is lying idle because electricity distribution companies

are not drawing the quantum agreed; they are preferring to source it from the spot market, where power is cheaper.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information).

- (a) Cheap power is supplied mostly by independent power producers.
- (b) Private companies produce more power when there is a peak in demand and remain idle when demand falls.
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- (d) Thermal power is the biggest source of power generation in the country.
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Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

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Which of the following will be an effect on the farmers with the launch of the new crop Insurance scheme?

- (a) Farmers will have to pay hardly any premium for their crops.
- (b) Farmers will not have to face financial constraints when there is a loss of crops.
- (c) Farmers will focus more on production with the launch of this scheme.
- (d) India's crop production will boost up.
- (e) Only (b) and (c)

Directions Two statements

68. Statement: Rising concerns about pollution in major Indian cities have led to a dramatic increase in sales of home air purifiers. New Delhi, which has been called the most polluted city in the world by the WHO, is not only the biggest buyer of air purifiers but is also the city that is seeing the fastest growth in sales of these devices.

Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

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- (b) Air purifier is beneficial for those with allergies, asthma and other respiratory problems.
- (c) People are concerned about the rising pollution in the city.
- (d) Major consumer electronics brands have launched newer models to make air purifiers affordable for the mass market.

(e) None of the above

69. Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

- (a) Indoor air is 10 to 30 times more polluted than outdoor air, and pollutants include dust mites, bacteria, fungi, viruses and pollen.
- (b) Delhi has been market as the most polluted city in the country by several reputed bodies.
- (c) The highest demand for air purifiers is from Delhi.
- (d) The sales of air purifier increase due to rise in air pollution.
- (e) Only (c) and (d)

70. Statement: A postman from a post office B has reportedly stacked thousands of letters in his house for two years and has not distributed even a single letter.

Which of the following courses of action should be taken against the postman by the head of post office B?

- (a) The department should suspend him for five years.
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71. Statement: Though no heavy rain has been received in the city and water is receding from most areas in Chennai and massive relief operations are underway, the city is staring at an outbreak of epidemics with tones of stinking garbage littering the streets as bright sunshine further eased the situation.

Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) Massive rains are the major cause of epidemics in the cities.
- (b) Improper drainage system in Chennai is the major cause of flood in the city.
- (c) Chennai needs proper planning to overcome heavy rains in the city.
- (d) Garbage in the city is the major concern of epidemics.
- (e) None of these

72. Statement: The Delhi government has proposed an 'odd/even' formula for cars. The cars with odd number plate and even number plate will play on roads on alternate days. The move is planned to be rolled out from January 1, 2016.

Which of the following will definitely be an effect of the decision taken by the Delhi government?

- (a) Pollution of the city will decline.
- (b) Sales of car will reduce in Delhi.
- (c) People of Delhi will buy two cars.
- (d) There will be no traffic jams on the Delhi road.
- (e) All of these

73. Statement: The aviation ministry has asked all airports in the country to install solar energy plants on the lines of the Kochi airport, the world's first aerodrome that runs completely on solar power.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)

- (a) The airports will be able to save thousands of rupees in electricity bills.
- (b) Airports in the country will generate electricity through solar energy.
- (c) The efficiency of airport in the country will increase.
- (d) Government will achieve its target of 170 Gigawatt of renewable energy.
- (e) Pollution at the airports will reduce.

74. Statement: Government of India's Smart City mission is facing a serious hurdle as not even a single state has submitted its smart-city plan to the Union urban development ministry. Which of the following may be probable reason(s) for no submission of smart-city plan by the states?

- (A) Non-availability of free land with the states.
- (B) States not having sufficient fund to develop smart city
- (C) Strict environmental laws imposed by the Central Government
- (a) Only C and A
- (b) Only B and C
- (c) Only A and B
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above

75. Statement: In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court said that illiterates should be debarred from contesting elections saying that it is a reasonable restriction on people's constitutional right to contest elections.

- Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information?)
- (a) Good education is a must to contest elections.
 - (b) Knowledge is power and knowledge comes from education.
 - (c) The verdict will increase the literacy rate in the country.
 - (d) Good people will be selected in the parliament.
 - (e) None of the above

76. Statement: Dense fog disrupted movement of several passenger trains under East Central Railway (ECR) division. Many trains on Patna-New Delhi-Patna route were delayed due to dense fog.

- Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)
- (a) Fogs are the major reason for the cancellation of train in the winter season.
 - (b) Fogs are the major reason for the delay of trains in winter season.
 - (c) Only the trains operating under ECR get delayed in the winter season.
 - (d) Revenue of ECR decreased in the months of winter.
 - (e) None of the above

77. Statement: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a complete ban on plastic bags in the pilgrimage towns of Haridwar and Rishikesh, slamming the authorities for lackadaisical attitude in keeping the Ganga clean.

- Which of the following will be a strong argument in favor of the step taken by NGT?
- (A) NGT wants to make Ganga pollution-free and allow devotees to take a dip and collect clean water.

- (B) NGT was quite dissatisfied as the situation on the banks of the Ganga River was pathetic.
- (C) Plastic bags are one of the major causes of the degradation of water quality in Ganga.
- (D) Shopkeepers were warned by NGT not to use any kind of plastic bags.
- (a) Only (C) and (D)
- (b) Only (A), (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A), (B) and (D)
- (d) Only (A) and (B)
- (e) Only (B), (C) and (D)

TEST 2

1. Statement: Numbers of students qualified for IITs from state X are comparatively higher than the number of students from state Y. Which of the following may indicate that the result of the state Y is not in line with the general trend?

- 1) The students of state X are qualitatively better than those of the State Y
- 2) The school curriculum of state Y is very tough
- 3) In the past years the share of seats in IITs from state Y were always remained high.
- 4) Only 1 and 2
- 5) Other than given options

2. Statement: Now a day most of the candidates recruited in private companies are directly hired from campuses of various business schools and engineering colleges.

- Which of the following substantiates the fact stated in the above statement?
- 1) Most of the bright students only preferred campus interview.
 - 2) Now campus interview becomes a trend in hiring process in the private companies
 - 3) Campus interview is the only process to hire talented people
 - 4) Both 1 and 2
 - 5) Other than given options

3. Statement: The prices of the onion and other vegetables have substantially increased due to the prolonged drought situation in some part and heavy downpour in some other part of the country during the monsoon season.

- Which of the following could be a logical course of action to be pursued?
- 1) The government should set up a committee to review the alarming situation
 - 2) The government should ban on the export of the onion and vegetables
 - 3) Government should import onion and vegetables in adequate amount
 - 4) Only 2 and 3
 - 5) Only 1 and 3

4. Statement: Due to oversupply in global markets, a slump in demand, and OPEC countries' decision not to curb production, crude oil prices have fallen to a four-year low.

- Which of the following may be an effect of the above cause?
- 1) Urban People will buy more vehicle as prices of the fuels has fallen.
 - 2) The fall in international oil prices will reduce subsidies that help sustain the domestic prices of oil products.

- 3) Country's current account deficit will substantially reduce.
 4) Only 1 and 2
 5) Only 2 and 3

- 3) Only A
 4) Only C
 5) All A, B and C

5. Statement: Crops acreage in India during the current year has fallen substantially as the encroachment of human habitats over the cropland has increased and this will lead to fall in the production of food grains and vegetables.

Which of the following may be the effect of the above statement?

- 1) The prices of food grains and other essential commodities may increase compared to previous years
 2) Government will import food grains in huge quantity from abroad
 3) Lack of investments in agricultural development has played a crucial role in this levelling of yield decrease.
 4) Only 1 and 2
 5) All of the above

8. Which of the statements (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) mentioned above can be an assumption from the facts/information given the statements? (An assumption is something that is supposed or taken for granted)

- 1) Only A
 2) Only B
 3) Only C
 4) Only D
 5) Only E

Directions (Q. 6-10) Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions:

The civic authority of city X has appealed that all those who have come in contact with the patient suffering from dreaded infectious swine flu disease be quarantined in their house and appealed to the people to take precautionary action.

(A) Nobody should be quarantined unless they are tested and found to be infected by the swine flu H1N1 virus.

(B) The local citizen group may respond to the appeal of the civic authority and will go for a test detecting such virus.

(C) Swine flu virus is highly contagious, allowing it to spread quickly from person to person. A simple sneeze may cause thousands of germs to spread through the air

(D) Quarantining people in their house may be control the spread of the dreaded disease which have claimed hundreds of lives across the nation.

(E) The civic authority has appealed to citizens to cooperate with the medical staff while they are in isolation ward.

(F) The government should spread awareness about the disease among the masses thorough campaigning and engagement at the community level through inter-personal communication.

9. Which of the following could be a valid course of action to this problem?

- 1) Only A
 2) Only B
 3) Only C
 4) Only D
 5) Only F

10. Which of the following conclusion can be drawn from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- 1) Only A
 2) Only B
 3) Only C
 4) Only D
 5) Only E

11. Statement: The new financial year will begin with a new set of charges and higher penalties for customers of private banks. Which of the following can be inferred from the facts given in the statement?

- (a) People should use digital channels and move away from physical instruments such as cheques.
 (b) Customers will be less attracted towards private banks.
 (c) Banks will inform the account holders through emails or SMS about the imminent charges.
 (d) The charge for non-maintenance of average minimum quarterly balance is the most widely applied charged by banks.
 (e) RBI will impose heavy penalty on banks for not resolving customer complaints.

12. Statement : The Maharashtra government has announced that the sale of gutkha will be declared as a non-bailable offence. The ban will be applicable on all types of tobacco-laced chewing products.

Which of the following inferences is definitely true according to the above statement?

- (a) The government will cancel the licences of offenders.
 (b) Shopkeepers will smuggle gutkha from neighbouring states.
 (c) Other states will also ban gutkha.
 (d) Offenders will face rigorous imprisonment.
 (e) People will pay higher charges for gutkha.

6. Which of the statements (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) and (F) can be inferred from the facts/information given in the statement?

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- 1) Only A
 2) Only B
 3) Only C
 4) Only D
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7. Which of the statements (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) and (F) would be a strong argument can be made on the basis of the above statement?

- 1) Only A and B
 2) Only A and C

13. Statement: The Delhi Government has decided to deploy marshals on a hundred Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses and "dark spots" for making public transport and public places safer for the women of the Capital.

Which of the following inferences is Probably False according to the above statement?

- (a) Women will feel safer in public transport and public places.
- (b) Women will use public transport instead of their own vehicles.
- (c) Crime against women will decrease.
- (d) Delhi will be declared as the safest capital for women.
- (e) None of these

14. Statement: Railways have doubled the cost of platform tickets to Rs. 10 with effect from April 1, 2015.

Which of the following may be the best reason for the above decision taken by the Railways?

- (a) Less revenue collection from platform tickets.
- (b) To check the number of passengers in peak season
- (c) Unnecessary crowd at the platform
- (d) Less fine imposed against the person entering the platform
- (e) All of these.

15. Statement: Candidates from topnotch foreign and private banks have made a beeline for being considered for the post of managing director and chief executive officer for public sector banks.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)

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- (b) Public sector banks pay higher salary than private banks.
- (c) Public sector bank employees are not much qualified compared to private sector bank employees.
- (d) Private-bank candidates are more qualified and aggressive in business.
- (e) Positive atmosphere created by the new government.

TEST 3 – 15 marks

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Q7. Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

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 (b) Improper drainage system in Chennai is the major cause of flood in the city.
 (c) Chennai needs proper planning to overcome heavy rains in the city.
 (d) Garbage in the city is the major concern of epidemics.
 (e) None of these

Q10. Statement: The Delhi government has proposed an 'odd/even' formula for cars. The cars with odd number plate and even number plate will play on roads on alternate days. The move is planned to be rolled out from January 1, 2016.

Which of the following will definitely be an effect of the decision taken by the Delhi government?

- (a) Pollution of the city will decline.
 (b) Sales of car will reduce in Delhi.
 (c) People of Delhi will buy two cars.
 (d) There will be no traffic jams on the Delhi road.
 (e) All of these

Q11. Statement: The aviation ministry has asked all airports in the country to install solar energy plants on the lines of the Kochi airport, the world's first aerodrome that runs completely on solar power.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)

- (a) The airports will be able to save thousands of rupees in electricity bills.
 (b) Airports in the country will generate electricity through solar energy.
 (c) The efficiency of airport in the country will increase.
 (d) Government will achieve its target of 170 Gigawatt of renewable energy.
 (e) Pollution at the airports will reduce.

Q12. Statement: Government of India's Smart City mission is facing a serious hurdle as not even a single state has submitted its smart-city plan to the Union urban development ministry.

Which of the following may be probable reason(s) for no submission of smart-city plan by the states?

- (A) Non-availability of free land with the states.
 (B) States not having sufficient fund to develop smart city
 (C) Strict environmental laws imposed by the Central Government

- (a) Only C and A
 (b) Only B and C
 (c) Only A and B
 (d) All of the above
 (e) None of the above

Q13. Statement: In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court said that illiterates should be debarred from contesting elections saying that it is a reasonable restriction on people's constitutional right to contest elections.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information?)

- (a) Good education is a must to contest elections.
 (b) Knowledge is power and knowledge comes from education.
 (c) The verdict will increase the literacy rate in the country.
 (d) Good people will be selected in the parliament.
 (e) None of the above

Q14. Statement: Dense fog disrupted movement of several passenger trains under East Central Railway (ECR) division. Many trains on Patna-New Delhi-Patna route were delayed due to dense fog.

Which of the following has been assumed in the given statement?
(An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) Fogs are the major reason for the cancellation of train in the winter season.
- (b) Fogs are the major reason for the delay of trains in winter season.
- (c) Only the trains operating under ECR get delayed in the winter season.
- (d) Revenue of ECR decreased in the months of winter.
- (e) None of the above

Q15. Statement: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a complete ban on plastic bags in the pilgrimage towns of Haridwar and Rishikesh, slamming the authorities for lackadaisical attitude in keeping the Ganga clean.

Which of the following will be a strong argument in favor of the step taken by NGT?

- (A) NGT wants to make Ganga pollution-free and allow devotees to take a dip and collect clean water.
- (B) NGT was quite dissatisfied as the situation on the banks of the Ganga River was pathetic.
- (C) Plastic bags are one of the major causes of the degradation of water quality in Ganga.
- (D) Shopkeepers were warned by NGT not to use any kind of plastic bags.
- (a) Only (C) and (D)
- (b) Only (A), (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A), (B) and (D)
- (d) Only (A) and (B)
- (e) Only (B), (C) and (D)

TEST 4 – 5 questions

1. To improve the employment situation in India, there is a need to recast the present educational system towards implementation of scientific discoveries in daily life.

Which of the following are implicit in the above statement?

- (1) The students after completing such education may be able to earn their livelihood.
- (2) This may bring meaning of education in the minds of the youth.
- (3) The state may earn more revenue as more and more people will engage themselves in self employment.
- (4) Both I and II are implicit
- (5) All are implicit

2. A major river in the city was reduced to a polluted and dirty canal after tones of sewage made way into it over the years. Which of the following actions should be taken to control this situation?

- (1) All those who dumped garbage and sewage into the river should be penalized.
- (2) The government should modify the sewage system and find an alternate way to dump city's waste.
- (3) A plan should be made to clean the river.
- (4) People of the city should use boiled water for drinking purpose.
- (5) Both (2) and (3)

3. Based on the findings of a recent study, it has been reported that regular consumption of ripe mango helps in controlling blood pressure as it increases the level of potassium in the blood stream.

Which of the following contradicts the findings reported in the above statement?

- (1) Increased level of potassium in blood stream enhances quality of health
- (2) Many people who consume ripe mangoes regularly, were found to be suffering from hypertension
- (3) Consumption of ripe mango helps in storing anti-oxidant in the body
- (4) Ripe mango is a good source of many vitamins
- (5) None of these

4. Most part of the boundary walls of the local school collapsed completely last night.

Which of the following can be a possible consequence of the facts stated in the above statement?

- (1) The local school authority will close down the school till the boundary walls are erected.
- (2) The govt. will levy penalty to the school management for their negligence.
- (3) The management of the school will erect temporary fences till the boundary walls are erected.
- (4) Both 1 and 3
- (5) 2 and 3

5. The prices of food grains and other essential commodities have decreased for the second consecutive week. Which of the following can be a possible consequence of the facts stated in the above statement?

- I. The consumer price index will come down considerably.
- II. People will increase their purchase of quantity of essential commodities and food-grains.
- III. Govt. will increase its taxes on essential commodities and food-grains.
- (1) Only I and II
- (2) Only II and III
- (3) Only I and III
- (4) All I, II and III
- (5) None of these

Solutions

Inference

- 1. (b); People invest money when there is hope of getting returns. But 1 does not follow because it talks of a specific growth rate
- 2. Answer:(e) Clearly, there is lack of prevention that has led to the calamitous situation.
- 3. Answer:(c) (A) and (B) can be inferred from people going for gold bonds despite fall in gold prices. (C) is a sort of restatement (D) and (E) go into specifics – “across the country”, “Hindu undivided families” etc.
- 4. Ans.(b) Sol. There will be a reduction in the rush created by a number of unnecessary attendants.
- 5. Ans.(b) Sol. Clearly, it can be inferred from option.
- 6. Ans.(a) Sol. As the rural areas lack the basic infrastructure, so this project will be helpful in boosting Internet activities in rural areas. It can't be said definitely that privacy of the Internet users will be lost and sensitive data of our countries will be shared with other countries. So point (b) and (c) are ruled out. Point (d) can't be said with certainty.
- 7. Answer: (d) Note that there has been a decline in gold imports.
- 8. Answer: (c) With the fear of heavy punishment on spitting, people will not spit on road. So, only option (c) follows.
- 9. Answer: (e) If last-mile connectivity is a problem auto rickshaws are perhaps the best option.

10. Ans.(b) Sol. If the repo rate goes down, loan rates will go down. In turn, deposit rates will also go down. Thus, 2 negate the given statement.
11. Ans.(e) Sol. Choice (b) is fallout because only a few stations under ECR will be neat and clean Choice (d) is fallout because only Premium trains and Rajdhani trains.
12. Ans.(c) Sol. Option (a) will be a probable reason for cutting Centrally sponsored schemes. Nothing has been mentioned in the statement about the description of the project. So option (b) is not valid. The main focus of the government of country A is on social security of people, so option (c) will strengthen the above statement
13. (c); If e-cigarettes also lead to addiction, it is a reason good enough to ban them.
14. Answer: (b) Option (b) is irrelevant in context of the passage.
15. Answer is (b)

Conclusion

16. Ans.(c) Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate
17. Answer:(b) If special quota to give privilege to someone who is in need. But whether the initiative is "good" or the journey will be 'hassle – free" is in doubt: lower berth makes sense but middle berth may sill create problems.
18. Answer: (a) Because, option (a) provided the advantage of online booking.
19. Answer: (e) Passenger has the habit of pulling the chain and making the stoppage at their desired destinations. Removing this system will curb the irregular stoppages of a train, which will help the train driver maintain its regular speed. So, only option (c) can be concluded from the above statement.

Assumptions

20. Answer:(c) This is what may lead to "extreme hardship".
21. (c); It is these concerns that lead to apprehensions regarding the signing of the nuclear deal.
22. (c) If the highway is to be widened it must already exist.
23. Answer A.
24. Answer (F) As small brands are in troubled water, it can be a valid assumption that smaller brands are currently making substantial losses in their business.
25. Answer: (b) Decline of population in the world will lead to less consumption of water, so option (a) is not valid. The private builders all around the world are making multi storey apartments and for that they are digging deep at very short distance, which leads to depletion of ground water. So, only option (b) is valid.
26. Answer: (a) The main reason for the depletion in the reservoirs is less rainfall in the country. So, only option (a) follows.
27. Answer: (d) The decision taken by the government will cut flexibility of the people who withdraw The PF money in time of need. So, only option (d) follows.
28. Ans.(a) Sol. Clearly, regional airport will lead to regional connectivity.
29. Ans.(c) Sol. We can't say definitely that the Profit of the Air-India will come down; it may or may not be as volume of passengers will increase with the decrease in the fare.
30. Ans.(a) Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate
31. Ans.(d) Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate
32. Ans.(c) Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate
33. Answer:(e)
34. Answer:(a) Food prices have a direct bearing on retail inflation.
35. Answer:(e) Why do we cut down on imports of a commodity? Either because we do not need it any more or because it is domestically available.
36. Ans.(d) Sol. If people are moving away from bank FDs, balance will be struck by lowering interest rate on small savings schemes. Hence (A), (B) and (D) are probable reasons. (C) and (E) are not probable reasons.

37. Ans.(e) Sol. Choice (a) is the actual reason and (d) the technical reason.
38. Ans.(e) Sol. All the above are probable effects.
39. Ans.(c) Sol. Bank deposits are considered safe. So point (a) will be ruled out. Yes it's true that most of the people are not associated with banking in India, and only Post Offices are available for performing transaction. Points B, C and D are valid.
40. (a); Note that the problem is not limited to India alone. Hence it is better to have a consensual approach.
41. (e); This is so perhaps because of the popularity of Flipkart.

Course of Action

42. B
43. E
44. 3
45. B
46. 2
47. 1

Caselet based

48. Answer: (b) The equipment will detect defects on tracks and rolling stock.
49. Answer: (e) With the proper maintenance of tracks the safety of tracks will be enhanced and the no.of accidents will be minimised. So, only (a) and (b) follow.
50. Ans.(b) Sol. Choice (c) is also an effect but not necessary. (d) will be a long-drawn effect.
51. Ans.(a) Sol. If the interest rate on home loan goes down, lesser EMI will have to be paid. Thus home loans will become cheaper.
52. Answer:(d) Banking is a requirement related more to economic activity than to education.
53. Answer:(b) Improvement in healthcare has led to increase in life expectancy.
54. Ans.(e) Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate and can be inferred.
55. Ans.(a)Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate and can be concluded.
56. Ans.(b)Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate as all other option are in favour of supermarket.
57. Ans.(a)Sol. According to given statement this option is more appropriate and can be inferred.
58. Ans.(b) Sol. Yes, because of cotton glut post-September 2008. This inference can be made.
59. Ans.(b) Sol. From the very first sentence of the passage, this conclusion can be drawn.
60. Ans.(e) Sol. Nothing is said about the market condition of last year.
61. Ans.(a) Sol. Obviously increased subsidy will encourage them to grow more.
62. Ans.(c) Sol. Though nothing is mentioned about pre-September 2008 scenario, from the tenor of the passage it may be possible.

Solutions TEST 1

1. (c) Gymnasiums have no role to play in the maintenance of health of villagers. This may be due to two reasons: (i) either gyms are not available in villages (ii) or they are not used in villages. Hence assumption I is implicit. II is not implicit because it is possible that the reason given in (i) above implies and not the one in (ii).
2. (e) This does not seem too strong a reason. For one, the result being talked about is a mixed bag. If there is deterioration, there is improvement also. Two, a funding that has gone on for the past 10 years is unlikely to come to an abrupt halt just because the performance has declined this year.
3. (c) That is why distribution companies prefer summering electricity from the spot market.
4. (b) When a particular method is being opted for, the assumption is that several methods exist.
5. (e) If crops are insured a minimum sum will be assured even in the event of crop loss. Hence (b) follows. With the security of (b), (c) will follow.

6. (c) People are concerned about the rising pollution in the city. Choices (a) and (c) come quite close but we rule out (a) because it goes into specifics – “removes contaminants and “in a room”.
7. (e) Only (c) and (d) Choice (c) follows because Delhi is the biggest buyer (d) follows from the link between “the most polluted city” and “the biggest buyer of air purifiers”.
8. (e) A strict action should be taken against him if found guilty. Note the word “reportedly” in the given statement.
9. (d) Garbage in the city is the major concern of epidemics. Clearly, the focus is on “garbage”.
10. (a) Pollution of the city will decline. Between (b) and (c), the latter is more likely. But we can’t say definitely even about (c) as it involves spending a lot of money. (d) is ruled out because to reach a state of “no traffic jams” several other factors will have to be taken into account. But (a) is certain because do cause pollution. The fewer the cars, the lesser the pollution.
11. (b) Airports in the country will generate electricity through solar energy. This is a natural inference.
12. (b) Only B and C Though land has become scarcer, it is still available.
13. (c) The verdict will increase the literacy rate in the country. Choices (a) and (b) are irrelevant because education is different from literacy. (d) is ruled out as it relates goodness to literacy. (c) can be inferred: the desire to contest elections will lead people to come out of illiteracy.
14. (d) Revenue of ECR decreased in the months of winter. It is difficult to ascertain what is the “major reason”. But if trains get cancelled or delayed, revenue is bound to be affected.
15. (b) Only (A), (B) and (C)
7. E Choice (c) follows because Delhi is the biggest buyer (d) follows from the link between “the most polluted city” and “the biggest buyer of air purifiers”.
8. E Note the word “reportedly” in the given statement.
9. D Clearly, the focus is on “garbage”.
10. A Between (b) and (c), the latter is more likely. But we can’t say definitely even about (c) as it involves spending a lot of money. (d) is ruled out because to reach a state of “no traffic jams” several other factors will have to be taken into account. But (a) is certain because do cause pollution. The fewer the cars, the lesser the pollution.
11. B This is a natural inference.
12. B Though land has become scarcer, it is still available.
13. C Choices (a) and (b) are irrelevant because education is different from literacy. (d) is ruled out as it relates goodness to literacy. (c) can be inferred: the desire to contest elections will lead people to come out of illiteracy.
14. D It is difficult to ascertain what is the “major reason”. But if trains get cancelled or delayed, revenue is bound to be affected.
15. B

TEST 4

- (1) Since, the statement talks about the relation between education system and employability, so only statement I is implicit.
- (5)
- (2) Since statement II talks about hypertension even after consuming ripe mangoes, so it contradicts the given statement.
- (5)
- (1)

TEST 2

Answers:

- 3
- 2; Because of the term only 1 and 3 are not valid answer.
- 5; Banning export is not a valid course of action because of the nations usually have a commitment with others and have to have fulfil those commitments.
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- 4
- b; The charges and penalties will act as a deterrent for the customers.
- d; Non-bailable offence implies the grave nature of the crime. It is therefore logical that the punishment will also be severe.
- e; The inferences are all true- either definitely or probably.
- c
- a; only a) can be inferred from the above statement. When a private sector bank candidates have a greater interest in public sector banks only then the applicants are applying for the post in a huge number

TEST 3

- C When a particular method is being opted for, the assumption is that several methods exist.
- E That is why distribution companies prefer summering electricity from the spot market.
- C This does not seem too strong a reason. For one, the result being talked about is a mixed bag. If there is deterioration, there is improvement also. Two, a funding that has gone on for the past 10 years is unlikely to come to an abrupt halt just because the performance has declined this year.
- B Gymnasiums have no role to play in the maintenance of health of villagers. This may be due to two reasons: (i) either gyms are not available in villages (ii) or they are not used in villages. Hence assumption I is implicit. II is not implicit because it is possible that the reason given in (i) above implies and not the one in (ii).
- E If crops are insured a minimum sum will be assured even in the event of crop loss. Hence (b) follows. With the security of (b), (c) will follow.
- C Choices (a) and (c) come quite close but we rule out (a) because it goes into specifics – “removes contaminants and “in a room”.