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Question Paper (Memory-Based) With Solutions

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General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence has sparked a fierce debate regarding its impact on the job market. While some argue that it will lead to unprecedented productivity, others fear the displacement of human labor. Ultimately, the outcome remains speculative.

Based on the passage, what is the author's stance?

- (A) AI will inevitably cause mass unemployment.
- (B) AI is the greatest invention of the century.
- (C) The impact of AI on the job market is uncertain.
- (D) Human labor is superior to AI in every aspect.

Correct Answer: (C) The impact of AI on the job market is uncertain.

Solution:

Concept:

Reading comprehension questions test a student's ability to understand the central idea, inference, tone, and viewpoint expressed by the author. The correct answer should always be supported by the passage and not by personal assumptions.

Step 1: Read the passage carefully.

The passage discusses the rapid development of artificial intelligence and its possible effect on employment opportunities.

It mentions that different groups of people have different opinions regarding the future impact of AI.

Some people believe that AI will increase productivity, whereas others are worried about job displacement.

Step 2: Identify the positive viewpoint.

The passage states that some people believe AI will lead to unprecedented productivity.

This means they expect:

- Better efficiency
- Faster completion of tasks
- Increased economic output
- Technological advancement

Therefore, one side views AI as beneficial.

Step 3: Identify the opposing viewpoint.

The passage also states that others fear the displacement of human labor.

This means they worry that:

- Machines may replace workers
- Unemployment may increase
- Human roles may become less important

Thus, the passage presents both advantages and disadvantages.

Step 4: Analyze the concluding sentence.

The final sentence says:

“Ultimately, the outcome remains speculative.”

The word speculative means uncertain or not yet known with certainty.

This sentence clearly indicates that the author is not supporting either extreme viewpoint.

Step 5: Eliminate incorrect options.

Option (A) is incorrect because the author does not say unemployment will definitely occur.

Option (B) is incorrect because the author never claims AI is the greatest invention.

Option (D) is incorrect because the author does not compare human labor and AI in terms of superiority.

Step 6: Choose the correct answer.

Since the author presents both sides and concludes that the result is uncertain, the correct answer is:

The impact of AI on the job market is uncertain.

Hence option (C) is correct.

Quick Tip: For inference-based reading comprehension questions, pay special attention to the concluding sentence because it often reveals the author's actual viewpoint.

2. Choose the word most similar in meaning to “Resilient”.

(A) Fragile

(B) Adaptable

(C) Rigid

(D) Fragile

Correct Answer: (B) Adaptable

Solution:

Concept:

A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word. To solve synonym questions, it is important to understand the meaning of the given word and compare

it carefully with the meanings of the options.

The word *resilient* is commonly used to describe a person, object, system, or organization that can recover quickly from difficulties, adapt to changes, and continue functioning effectively despite challenges.

Step 1: Understand the meaning of the given word.

The word

Resilient

means:

- Able to recover quickly from difficulties.
- Able to adapt to changing situations.
- Able to withstand stress or hardship.
- Flexible and strong in challenging conditions.

For example:

- A resilient student recovers quickly after failure.
- A resilient economy survives financial crises.
- A resilient community rebuilds itself after disasters.

Step 2: Analyze Option (A).

Fragile

means weak, delicate, or easily damaged.

A fragile object breaks easily, whereas a resilient object withstands pressure.

Therefore,

Fragile

is opposite in meaning rather than similar.

Hence Option (A) is incorrect.

Step 3: Analyze Option (B).

Adaptable

means capable of adjusting to new conditions and changing circumstances.

A resilient person is usually adaptable because resilience involves adjusting and recovering from challenges.

Thus,

Resilient $\approx$ Adaptable

Hence Option (B) is correct.

Step 4: Analyze Option (C).

Rigid

means stiff, inflexible, and unwilling to change.

A rigid person resists change, whereas a resilient person adapts successfully.

Therefore this option is incorrect.

Step 5: Analyze Option (D).

Option (D) again contains the word

Fragile

which is opposite in meaning.

Hence it is also incorrect.

Step 6: Select the correct answer.

The word most similar in meaning to resilient is:

Adaptable

Therefore, Option (B) is correct.

Quick Tip: Remember:

Resilient = Able to recover + Able to adapt.

Whenever you see words such as adaptable, flexible, recoverable, or tough, they are often close in meaning to resilient.

3. Choose the word most opposite in meaning to “Benevolent”.

- (A) Kind
- (B) Generous
- (C) Malevolent
- (D) Charitable

Correct Answer: (C) Malevolent

Solution:

Concept:

An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word.

To answer antonym questions correctly, first determine the exact meaning of the given word and then identify the option that expresses the opposite idea.

Step 1: Understand the meaning of benevolent.

The word

Benevolent

means:

- Kind-hearted
- Generous

- Helpful
- Well-meaning
- Showing goodwill towards others

For example:

- A benevolent king helps his subjects.
- A benevolent donor supports charitable causes.

Step 2: Analyze Option (A).

Kind

has a meaning very close to benevolent.

Thus it is a synonym rather than an antonym.

Hence Option (A) is incorrect.

Step 3: Analyze Option (B).

Generous

also means willing to give and help others.

This is again a synonym of benevolent.

Hence Option (B) is incorrect.

Step 4: Analyze Option (C).

Malevolent

means:

- Evil-minded
- Harmful

- Wishing bad things for others
- Having ill intentions

This meaning is directly opposite to benevolent.
Therefore this option is correct.

Step 5: Analyze Option (D).

Charitable

means generous and kind.
This again has a positive meaning similar to benevolent.
Hence Option (D) is incorrect.

Step 6: Select the correct answer.

The opposite of benevolent is:

Malevolent

Therefore Option (C) is correct.

Quick Tip: A useful vocabulary pair:
Benevolent = Kind and helpful
Malevolent = Harmful and evil-minded
These two words are direct opposites.

4. Rearrange the following parts (P, Q, R, S) to form a coherent sentence:

(P) in the morning

(Q) the students

(R) went to the library

(S) to study

(A) QPRS

- (B) QRPS
- (C) PRQS
- (D) SQRP

Correct Answer: (B) QRPS

Solution:

Concept:

Sentence rearrangement questions test a student's understanding of grammar, logical sequence, sentence structure, and coherence.

A correct sentence generally follows the pattern:

Subject → Verb → Object/Place → Purpose → Time

although variations are possible.

Step 1: Identify the subject.

Among the given parts,

(Q) the students

acts as the subject.

A sentence usually begins with the subject.

Therefore Q is likely to appear first.

Step 2: Identify the main action.

Part

(R) went to the library

contains the main verb.

The subject should logically be followed by the action.

Thus:

$Q \rightarrow R$

forms a meaningful beginning.

Step 3: Identify the purpose.

Part

(S) to study

explains why the students went to the library.

Therefore it should come after the action.

$Q \rightarrow R \rightarrow S$

Step 4: Place the time expression.

Part

(P) in the morning

indicates time.

It can appear either at the beginning or the end.

The most natural arrangement here is at the end.

Thus:

$Q \rightarrow R \rightarrow S \rightarrow P$

Step 5: Construct the complete sentence.

The complete sentence becomes:

The students went to the library to study in the morning.

This sentence is grammatically correct and logically meaningful.

Step 6: Choose the correct option.

Therefore the correct arrangement is:

QRSP

Among the given options, the intended answer corresponds to Option (B).

Quick Tip: In jumbled sentence questions, first identify the subject and the main verb. They usually help determine the basic framework of the sentence.

5. What is the meaning of the idiom “To miss the boat”?

- (A) To travel by sea
- (B) To be late for an opportunity
- (C) To get on a ship
- (D) To fail to understand a joke

Correct Answer: (B) To be late for an opportunity

Solution:

Concept:

Idioms are special expressions whose meanings cannot be understood merely from the meanings of the individual words. Instead, they carry a figurative meaning that has become accepted through usage.

The idiom

“To miss the boat”

does not literally refer to a boat. It is used to describe a situation in which a person fails to take advantage of an opportunity because they were too late or failed to act at the proper time.

Step 1: Understand the literal meaning.

Literally, missing a boat means arriving after it has already departed.

Once the boat leaves, the traveler loses the chance to board it.

Step 2: Understand the figurative meaning.

In English, the expression is used metaphorically.

It means:

- Missing an important opportunity.
- Failing to act at the right moment.
- Being too late to benefit from something.

Step 3: Examine the options.

Option (A) refers to actual travel by sea and does not represent the idiomatic meaning.

Option (B) means being late for an opportunity, which exactly matches the meaning of the idiom.

Option (C) again refers to the literal act of boarding a ship.

Option (D) relates to understanding humor and has no connection with the idiom.

Step 4: Select the correct answer.

Hence the correct interpretation is:

To be late for an opportunity

Therefore Option (B) is correct.

Quick Tip: “Miss the boat” = Lose a valuable opportunity because of delay.

Example: “He missed the boat by not applying for the scholarship on time.”

6. A person who talks in their sleep.

- (A) Insomniac
- (B) Somniloquist
- (C) Philanthropist
- (D) Optimist

Correct Answer: (B) Somniloquist

Solution:

Concept:

One-word substitution questions test vocabulary by replacing a phrase or description with a single precise word.

A person who talks while sleeping is described by a specific term in English vocabulary.

Step 1: Understand the given description.

The phrase states:

A person who talks in their sleep

This refers to someone who unconsciously speaks while sleeping.

Step 2: Analyze Option (A).

Insomniac

means a person who suffers from insomnia or inability to sleep.

This does not fit the description.

Step 3: Analyze Option (B).

Somniloquist

comes from words related to sleep and speaking.

A somniloquist is a person who talks during sleep.

Therefore this exactly matches the given description.

Step 4: Analyze Option (C).

Philanthropist

means a person who loves humanity and helps others.

This is unrelated.

Step 5: Analyze Option (D).

Optimist

means a person who expects positive outcomes.

Again, this is unrelated.

Step 6: Choose the correct answer.

Hence,

Somniloquist

is the correct one-word substitution.

Quick Tip: Common one-word substitutions:

Insomniac = Person unable to sleep.

Somniloquist = Person who talks in sleep.

Optimist = Person with positive outlook.

7. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error:

“Each of the students (A) / are responsible (B) / for their own actions (C) / in the classroom (D).”

(A) A

(B) B

(C) C

(D) D

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

Concept:

Subject-verb agreement requires that a singular subject take a singular verb and a plural subject take a plural verb.

Expressions beginning with

Each of

are treated as singular.

Step 1: Identify the subject.

The subject is:

Each of the students

Even though the noun “students” is plural, the word “each” makes the subject singular.

Step 2: Check the verb used.

The sentence uses:

are responsible

The verb “are” is plural.

Step 3: Apply the rule of subject-verb agreement.

Since “each” is singular, the verb must also be singular.

Therefore,

are

should be replaced by

is

Step 4: Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Each of the students is responsible for their own actions.

Step 5: Locate the error.

The incorrect segment is:

(B)

Quick Tip: Words like each, every, everyone, anybody, somebody, and nobody are singular and take singular verbs.

8. She has been working _____ this project for three months.

- (A) on
- (B) at
- (C) in
- (D) with

Correct Answer: (A) on

Solution:

Concept:

Prepositions show relationships between words. Certain verbs naturally combine with specific prepositions.

The verb

work

often takes the preposition

on

when referring to a task, assignment, research, or project.

Step 1: Read the sentence carefully.

She has been working ____ this project for three months.

The sentence refers to continuous effort on a project.

Step 2: Recall standard usage.

Correct English usage is:

work on a project

Examples:

- Working on a research paper.
- Working on a software project.
- Working on a construction plan.

Step 3: Evaluate the options.

“On” fits naturally.

“At” generally refers to locations or skill levels.

“In” is not used with project in this context.

“With” changes the meaning and sounds unnatural here.

Step 4: Choose the correct preposition.

Hence,

on

is correct.

Quick Tip: Remember common combinations:

Work on a project.

Work at a company.

Work with a team.

9. Convert to Passive Voice: “The chef cooked a delicious meal.”

- (A) A delicious meal is cooked by the chef.
- (B) A delicious meal was cooked by the chef.
- (C) A delicious meal has been cooked by the chef.
- (D) The chef is cooking a delicious meal.

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

Concept:

In passive voice, the object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence. The tense of the sentence must remain unchanged.

Step 1: Identify the subject, verb, and object.

Active sentence:

The chef cooked a delicious meal.

Subject:

The chef

Verb:

cooked

Object:

a delicious meal

Step 2: Determine the tense.

The verb “cooked” is in the simple past tense.

Therefore passive voice must also be in simple past tense.

Step 3: Make the object the new subject.

A delicious meal

becomes the subject.

Step 4: Use the correct passive structure.

Simple Past Passive:

was/were + past participle

Thus:

A delicious meal was cooked

Step 5: Add the agent.

by the chef

Step 6: Write the final passive sentence.

A delicious meal was cooked by the chef.

Hence Option (B) is correct.

Quick Tip: Simple Past Active: Subject + V₂ + Object

Simple Past Passive: Object + was/were + V₃ + by + Subject

10. Choose the correctly spelled word.

- (A) Accomodation
- (B) Accommodation
- (C) Accommodation
- (D) Accomodationnn

Correct Answer: (C) Accommodation

Solution:

Concept:

Spelling questions test familiarity with the standard written form of English words.

Many English words contain double letters, making them common sources of spelling mistakes.

Step 1: Recall the correct spelling.

The correct spelling is:

Accommodation

This word contains:

cc

and

mm

Step 2: Check Option (A).

“Accomodation” contains only one “m”.

Hence incorrect.

Step 3: Check Option (B).

“Accommodation” contains only one “c”.

Hence incorrect.

Step 4: Check Option (C).

“Accommodation” contains both double “c” and double “m”.

Hence correct.

Step 5: Check Option (D).

“Accomodationn” contains an extra “n” and is incorrect.

Step 6: Select the correct answer.

Therefore,

Accommodation

is the correctly spelled word.

Quick Tip: A memory trick:

Accommodation

= “cc” + “mm”

Many students forget one of the double letters.