

GMAT Verbal Practise Question Paper 6 with Solutions

Time Allowed : 2 hours 15 minutes

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. The GMAT exam is 2 hours and 15 minutes long (with one optional 10-minute break) and consists of 64 questions in total.
2. The GMAT exam is comprised of three sections:
3. Quantitative Reasoning: 21 questions, 45 minutes
4. Verbal Reasoning: 23 questions, 45 minutes
5. Data Insights: 20 questions, 45 minutes
6. You can answer the three sections in any order. As you move through a section, you can bookmark questions that you would like to review later.
7. When you have answered all questions in a section, you will proceed to the Question Review & Edit screen for that section.
8. If there is no time remaining in the section, you will NOT proceed to the Question Review & Edit screen and you will automatically be moved to your optional break screen or the next section (if you have already taken your optional break).
9. Each Question Review & Edit screen includes a numbered list of the questions in that section and indicates the questions you bookmarked.
10. Clicking a question number will take you to that specific question. You can review as many questions as you would like and can edit up to three (3) answers.

1. In order to gauge the productivity of employees, a particular call centre uses the number of calls handled per hour as a measure. However, the number of calls handled per hour is not a correct measure to measure productivity since the number of queries effectively resolved is not being taken into consideration. Therefore, calls handled per hour is not the correct way to measure productivity of workers. Which of the following statements, if true, most weakens the above argument.

- (A) Call Centre employees are representative of workers in general.
- (B) Call Centre employees only redirect calls to the relevant department and do not answer queries.
- (C) Answering calls is the main activity of Call Centre Employees.
- (D) All of the above are true.
- (E) None of the above.

Correct Answer: (B) Call Centre employees only redirect calls to the relevant department and do not answer queries.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question asks us to weaken a logical argument. To weaken an argument, we must find a statement that attacks its underlying premise or shows that its conclusion does not logically follow from its premise.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

The argument is structured as follows:

Premise 1: A call centre measures productivity by the number of calls handled per hour.

Premise 2 (Criticism): This is not a correct measure because it doesn't consider the number of queries effectively resolved.

Conclusion: Therefore, calls handled per hour is not the correct way to measure productivity.

The entire argument hinges on the idea that "resolving queries" is a crucial part of the employees' job that is being ignored. To weaken this argument, we need to find a statement that makes the concept of "resolving queries" irrelevant to their job.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) Call Centre employees are representative of workers in general.

This is irrelevant. The argument is about the specific productivity measure for these specific call centre employees, not for workers in general.

(B) Call Centre employees only redirect calls to the relevant department and do not answer queries.

This statement directly attacks Premise 2. If the employees' sole job is to redirect calls and they are not supposed to resolve queries, then measuring the number of resolved queries is pointless. Their productivity would, in fact, be best measured by how many calls they can handle (i.e., redirect) per hour. This completely dismantles the argument's central criticism, thereby weakening the conclusion significantly.

(C) Answering calls is the main activity of Call Centre Employees.

This statement supports the idea that the number of calls is an important metric, but it does not weaken the argument. The argument's point is not about whether answering calls is the main activity, but about the quality of that activity (resolving queries) versus the quantity. This option does not address the core criticism about resolution.

(D) All of the above are true.

Since (A) and (C) do not weaken the argument, this is incorrect.

(E) None of the above.

Since (B) effectively weakens the argument, this is incorrect.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The statement in option (B) is the most effective at weakening the argument because it invalidates the premise that resolving queries is a relevant metric for these employees' productivity.

Quick Tip

In "weaken the argument" questions, look for an answer choice that attacks the core assumption or premise of the argument. The argument here assumes that resolving queries is part of the job; option (B) negates this assumption.

2. Dropping faster than any other country's, the projected decline of the United States' home values is 6% during the next half year.

(A) Dropping faster than any other country's, the projected decline of the United States' home values is

(B) The home values in the United States are dropping faster than those in any other country and are projected to decline by

(C) Dropping faster than any other country, the United States' home values have a projected decline of

(D) The home values in the United States are dropping faster than any other country, and they have a projected decline at

(E) The United States' home values are dropping faster than those in any other country, with a projected decline at

Correct Answer: (B) The home values in the United States are dropping faster than those in any other country and are projected to decline by

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question tests grammatical correctness, specifically focusing on logical comparisons and sentence structure. The original sentence contains a dangling modifier and an illogical comparison.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

The original sentence starts with "Dropping faster than any other country's...". The possessive "country's" implies that the "projected decline" is being compared to a country's possession, which is vague and illogical. The comparison should be between like items: the drop in US home values versus the drop in other countries' home values.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) Dropping faster than any other country's, the projected decline of the United States' home values is

This is the same as the flawed original sentence. The comparison is illogical.

(B) The home values in the United States are dropping faster than those in any other country and are projected to decline by

This sentence structure is clear and correct. It correctly compares "home values in the United States" with "those" (a pronoun properly referring to home values) "in any other country." The entire sentence is grammatically sound and logical.

(C) Dropping faster than any other country, the United States' home values have a projected decline of

This creates an illogical comparison between "dropping" (an action of home values) and "any other country" (a place). We cannot compare a rate of decline to a country.

(D) The home values in the United States are dropping faster than any other country, and they have a projected decline at

This also creates an illogical comparison between "home values" and "any other country."

(E) The United States' home values are dropping faster than those in any other country, with a projected decline at

This option correctly compares "home values" with "those" in other countries. However, the use of "with a projected decline at" is slightly less clear and direct than the parallel structure in option (B) "and are projected to decline by". Option (B) maintains a better flow.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) provides the most grammatically correct, clear, and logically sound sentence structure. It properly compares like entities and maintains a parallel structure.

Quick Tip

When you see a comparison in a sentence correction question, always check if the items being compared are logically parallel. You can't compare an action to a place, or a thing to a different kind of thing. Use pronouns like "that" or "those" to refer to previously mentioned nouns for a clear comparison.

3. According to the Indian Census Report of 2011, the number of girls enrolled in government schools has grown every year since 1990.

- (A) the number of girls enrolled in government schools has grown
- (B) the number of girls who are in government schools have grown
- (C) there has been growth in the number of girls in government schools
- (D) a growing number of girls have been in government schools
- (E) girls have been growing in number in government schools

Correct Answer: (A) the number of girls enrolled in government schools has grown

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question tests subject-verb agreement and conciseness in sentence construction. The key is to identify the subject of the sentence and ensure the verb agrees with it in number (singular

or plural).

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

The original sentence is grammatically correct, but the question asks us to choose the best-formed phrase from the given options to replace it. We must evaluate each option for correctness and clarity.

Subject-Verb Agreement Rule:

- "The number of..." is a singular subject and takes a singular verb (e.g., has, is, was).
- "A number of..." is a plural subject and takes a plural verb (e.g., have, are, were).

Let's analyze the options:

(A) the number of girls enrolled in government schools has grown

The subject is "the number," which is singular. The verb "has grown" is also singular. This sentence is grammatically correct, direct, and concise.

(B) the number of girls who are in government schools have grown

The subject is "the number," which is singular. The verb "have grown" is plural. This is a subject-verb agreement error.

(C) there has been growth in the number of girls in government schools

This sentence is grammatically correct. "There has been..." is a valid construction. However, it is slightly more wordy and less direct than option (A). The active voice construction in (A) ("The number... has grown") is generally preferred over the more passive "There has been..." construction.

(D) a growing number of girls have been in government schools

The subject here is "a growing number," which is treated as plural, so the plural verb "have been" is correct. However, this phrase slightly changes the meaning. "A growing number" suggests a currently increasing quantity, whereas "the number has grown" refers to an increase that has occurred over a period of time, which aligns better with the context "since 1990."

(E) girls have been growing in number in government schools

This is grammatically correct but is wordier and less formal than option (A).

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the best choice because it is grammatically correct (correct subject-verb agreement), concise, and directly states the intended meaning in a clear and active voice.

Quick Tip

Remember the "The number vs. A number" rule. **The** number of [plural noun] is **singular**. **A** number of [plural noun] is **plural**. This is a very common trick in grammar questions on competitive exams.

4. Choose the option that best summarizes the passage given below. Some decisions will be fairly obvious - "no brainers." Your bank account is low, but you have a two week vacation coming up and you want to get away to some place warm to relax with your family. Will you accept your in-laws' offer of free use of their Florida beach front condo? Sure. You like your current employer and feel ready to move forward in career. Will you step in for your boss for three weeks while she attends a professional development course? Of course.

(A) Some decisions are obvious under certain circumstances. You may, for example, readily accept a relatives offer of free holiday accomodation or step in for your boss while she is away, if you like the employer.

(B) Some decisions are no-brainers. You need not think while making them. Examples are condo offers from in-laws and job offers from bosses when your bank account is low ot the boss is away.

(C) Easy decisions are called "no brainers" because they do not require any cerebral activity. Examples such as accepting free holiday accomodation abound in our lives

(D) Accepting an offer from in-laws when you are short on funds and want a holiday is a no-brainer. Another no-brainer is taking the boss job when she is away

(E) The author tries to say that, for eg. accepting a holiday from relatives under some circumstances is a no brainer. He gives other similar examples.

Correct Answer: (A) Some decisions are obvious under certain circumstances. You may, for example, readily accept a relatives offer of free holiday accomodation or step in for your boss while she is away, if you like the employer.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question requires summarizing a given passage. A good summary should capture the main idea of the passage and its key supporting points concisely and accurately, without adding new information or focusing too narrowly on minor details.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

First, let's break down the original passage:

Main Idea: Some decisions are very easy or obvious, called "no-brainers."

Example 1: When you are low on money but want a vacation, accepting a free condo from in-laws is a no-brainer. This highlights the context of "certain circumstances" (low funds).

Example 2: When you like your employer and want to advance your career, stepping in for your boss is a no-brainer. This again highlights the context (liking the employer, career ambition).

Now let's evaluate the options against this breakdown:

(A) Some decisions are obvious under certain circumstances...

This option perfectly captures the main idea ("obvious under certain circumstances") and accurately restates the two examples provided in the passage. It is a comprehensive and precise summary.

(B) Some decisions are no-brainers. You need not think while making them...

This option is good, but the phrase "You need not think" is a slight exaggeration. The passage says "fairly obvious," which is less extreme. Also, it contains a typo ("ot").

(C) Easy decisions are called "no brainers" because they do not require any cerebral activity...

Similar to (B), "do not require any cerebral activity" is an overstatement. This summary also only vaguely alludes to the examples ("accepting free holiday accomodation abound"), making it less complete than (A).

(D) Accepting an offer from in-laws... is a no-brainer. Another no-brainer is taking the boss job...

This option only lists the examples. It fails to state the main idea or the definition of a "no-brainer." It is a list of details, not a summary of the whole passage.

(E) The author tries to say that...

This option describes the author's writing strategy rather than summarizing the content of the passage itself. It provides commentary on the passage, not a summary of its message.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) is the best summary because it states the main point accurately (decisions are obvious under certain circumstances) and includes the key supporting examples from the text.

Quick Tip

For summarization questions, a good summary must be a miniature version of the original text. It should state the central thesis and the main supporting evidence. Avoid options that are too narrow (only details), too broad, misinterpret the text, or comment on the author's style.

5. The author implies that the essays in Smith's book refers specifically to which of the following?

(A) The sense of pride and accomplishment that Black soldiers increasingly felt as a result of their Civil War experiences

(B) The civil equality that African Americans achieved after the Civil War, partly as a result of their use of organizational skills honed by combat

(C) The changes in discriminatory army policies that were made as a direct result of the performance of Black combat units during the Civil War

(D) The improved interracial relations that were formed by the races' facing of common dangers and their waging of a common fight during the Civil War

(E) The standards of racial egalitarianism that came to be adopted as a result of White Civil War veterans' repudiation of the previous racism

Correct Answer: (D) The improved interracial relations that were formed by the races' facing of common dangers and their waging of a common fight during the Civil War

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is an inference question based on a reading comprehension passage. We need to identify the specific focus of John David Smith's book, "Black Soldiers in Blue," as described by the author of the passage.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

The question asks what Smith's book specifically refers to. We must find the sentence in the passage that explicitly states Smith's thesis.

The first paragraph states: **"Smith's essays clearly expresses his thesis: loyalty, friendship, and respect among White officers and Black soldiers were fostered by the mutual dangers they faced in combat."**

This sentence is the key to answering the question. We need to find the option that best paraphrases this statement.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) The sense of pride and accomplishment that Black soldiers increasingly felt...

While the passage mentions the "courage and effectiveness" of Black units, which would lead to pride, this is not presented as the central thesis of Smith's book. The thesis is about the relationship between Black soldiers and White officers.

(B) The civil equality that African Americans achieved after the Civil War...

The passage mentions that some abolitionist officers hoped for postwar civil equality, but it does not state that this was the subject of Smith's book. The focus is on the wartime experience itself.

(C) The changes in discriminatory army policies...

The passage says Smith "accurately describes the government's discriminatory treatment" and the "campaign... to get the opportunity to fight." This is a component of the book, but not its central thesis as described by the author.

(D) The improved interracial relations that were formed by the races' facing of common dangers and their waging of a common fight during the Civil War

This is a direct and accurate paraphrase of Smith's thesis: "loyalty, friendship, and respect among White officers and Black soldiers were fostered by the mutual dangers they faced in combat." This option perfectly matches the description in the passage.

(E) The standards of racial egalitarianism that came to be adopted as a result of White Civil War veterans' repudiation of the previous racism

This is too broad and speculative. The passage focuses on the relationships formed during the war due to shared combat, not on a general postwar change in racial standards.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (D) is the correct answer as it directly reflects the explicit statement of Smith's thesis found in the passage.

Quick Tip

In reading comprehension, when a question asks what an author or a book is about, locate the sentence where the passage explicitly states the thesis or main argument. The correct answer will be a close paraphrase of that statement.

6. Choose the option that best summarizes the passage given below. Modern bourgeois society, said Nietzsche, was decadent and enfeebled—a victim of the excessive development of rational faculties at the expense of will and instinct. Against the liberal-rationalist stress on the intellect, Nietzsche urged recognition of the dark mysterious world of instinctual desires—the true forces of life. Smother the will with excessive intellectualizing and you destroy the spontaneity that sparks cultural creativity and ignites a zest for living. The critical and theoretical outlook destroyed the creative instincts. For man’s manifold potential to be realized, he must forego relying on the intellect and nurture again the instinctual roots of human existence

- (A) Nietzsche urges the decadent and enfeebled modern society to forego intellect and give importance to creative instincts
- (B) Nietzsche urges the decadent and enfeebled modern society to smother the will with excessive intellectualising and ignite a zest for living
- (C) Nietzsche criticizes the intellectuals for enfeebling modern bourgeois society by not nurturing mans creative instincts
- (D) Nietzsche blames excessive intellectualization for the decline of the creative instincts in modern society and suggests nurturing creative instincts instead
- (E) Because of the effects of excessive intellectualization, the modern bourgeois society, will no longer be able to be creative

Correct Answer: (D) Nietzsche blames excessive intellectualization for the decline of the creative instincts in modern society and suggests nurturing creative instincts instead

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question asks for the best summary of a philosophical passage describing Nietzsche’s views. A good summary needs to capture both the problem Nietzsche identified and the solution he proposed.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let’s break down the passage’s argument:

Problem: Modern society is “decadent and enfeebled.”

Cause: The cause is the “excessive development of rational faculties at the expense of will and instinct.” This “excessive intellectualizing” destroys creativity and the zest for living.

Solution: Man must “forego relying on the intellect and nurture again the instinctual roots of human existence.”

A complete summary must include both the cause (the problem) and the solution.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) Nietzsche urges... to forego intellect and give importance to creative instincts

This is partially correct but too extreme. The passage says "forego relying on the intellect" and criticizes "excessive development," not to abandon intellect entirely.

(B) Nietzsche urges... to smother the will with excessive intellectualising...

This is incorrect. The passage presents "smother the will with excessive intellectualizing" as the problem to be avoided, not the solution to be implemented.

(C) Nietzsche criticizes the intellectuals for enfeebling modern bourgeois society...

This correctly identifies part of the problem but omits Nietzsche's proposed solution (nurturing instinct). Therefore, it is an incomplete summary.

(D) Nietzsche blames excessive intellectualization for the decline of the creative instincts in modern society and suggests nurturing creative instincts instead

This is an excellent summary. It accurately identifies the cause of the problem ("blames excessive intellectualization") and the proposed solution ("suggests nurturing creative instincts instead"). It covers both critical parts of Nietzsche's argument as presented in the passage.

(E) Because of the effects of excessive intellectualization, the modern bourgeois society, will no longer be able to be creative

This states a consequence of the problem but does not include Nietzsche's analysis or his call to action (the solution). It is not a summary of his entire argument.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (D) is the most comprehensive and accurate summary because it encapsulates both Nietzsche's diagnosis of the problem (excessive intellectualization) and his prescription for a cure (nurturing instinct).

Quick Tip

When summarizing a passage that presents a problem and a solution, ensure your chosen summary includes both elements. Options that only mention the problem or only the solution are likely to be incomplete and therefore incorrect.

7. According to the author, which of the following is true of Smith's Black Soldiers in Blue compared with previous studies on the same topic?

(A) It is more reliable and presents a more complete picture of the historical events on which it concentrates than do previous studies.

(B) It focuses more closely on a particular aspect of the topic than do previous studies.

(C) It contains some unsupported generalizations, but it rightly emphasizes a theme ignored by most previous studies.

(D) It surpasses previous studies on the same topic in that it accurately describes conditions often neglected by those studies.

(E) It makes skillful use of supporting evidence to illustrate a subtle trend that previous studies have failed to detect.

Correct Answer: (B) It focuses more closely on a particular aspect of the topic than do previous studies.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question asks us to identify how the author of the passage characterizes John David Smith's book, "Black Soldiers in Blue," in comparison to other, earlier works on the same subject. We must find the specific comparative language used in the passage.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

The first paragraph of the passage begins by establishing a comparison. Let's examine the first sentence carefully:

"John David Smith's Black Soldiers in Blue is not the first excellent collection of essays on Black soldiers and their White officers in the Civil War, but it collectively probes the broad military, political, and social significance of black soldiers' armed service and **concentrates more intensely on African American life during and after the conflict than most of its predecessors.**"

This sentence explicitly states that Smith's book "concentrates more intensely" on a specific area ("African American life during and after the conflict") than previous works ("its predecessors"). This means it has a sharper, more intense focus.

Now let's evaluate the options based on this key phrase:

(A) It is more reliable and presents a more complete picture...

The passage calls it an "excellent collection" but does not explicitly state it is "more reliable" or "more complete" than others.

(B) It focuses more closely on a particular aspect of the topic than do previous studies.

This is a direct and accurate paraphrase of "concentrates more intensely on... than most of its predecessors." It correctly captures the idea of a narrower, deeper focus.

(C) It contains some unsupported generalizations...

The passage criticizes Glatthaar's book for exaggerations, not Smith's. The author describes Smith's work favorably.

(D) It surpasses previous studies... in that it accurately describes conditions often neglected...

While the book is described as "excellent," the specific point of comparison highlighted by the author is its intense focus, not necessarily its superiority in describing neglected conditions.

(E) It makes skillful use of supporting evidence...

The passage does not comment on Smith's use of evidence in comparison to other studies.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (B) is the best answer as it directly reflects the author's statement that Smith's book "concentrates more intensely" on a specific aspect of the subject compared to previous works.

Quick Tip

In comparative reading questions, look for explicit comparison words like "more than," "less than," "unlike," "similar to," or phrases like "concentrates more intensely than." The correct answer will almost always be a paraphrase of the statement containing these words.

8. Choose the option that best summarizes the passage given below. Although almost all climate scientists agree that the earth is gradually warming, they have long been of two minds about the process of rapid climate shifts within larger periods of change. Some have speculated that the process works like a giant oven freezer, warming or cooling the whole planet at the same time. Others think that shifts occur on opposing schedules in the northern and southern hemispheres, like exaggerated seasons. recent research in Germany examining climate patterns in the southern hemisphere at the end of last ice age strengthens the idea that warming and cooling occurs at alternate times in the two hemispheres. A more definitive answer to this debate will allow scientists to better predict when and how quickly the next climate shift will happen.

(A) Scientists have been unsure whether rapid shifts in the Earth's climate happen all at once or on opposing schedules in different hemispheres; research will help find a definitive answer and better predict climate shifts in future

(B) Scientists have been unsure whether rapid shifts in the earth's climate happen all at once or on opposing schedules in different hemispheres; finding a definitive answer will help them better predict climate shifts in future.

(C) Research in Germany will help scientists find a definitive answer about warming and cooling of the earth and predict climate shifts in the future in a better manner.

(D) More research rather than debates on warming or cooling of earth and exaggerated seasons in its hemispheres will help scientists in Germany predict climate better in future

(E) Because of the debates, the scientists have been unable to correctly conclude about climatic patterns

Correct Answer: (A) Scientists have been unsure whether rapid shifts in the Earth's climate happen all at once or on opposing schedules in different hemispheres; research will help find a definitive answer and better predict climate shifts in future

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

A good summary must capture the main components of a passage: the central problem or debate, the main points of view, any new developments, and the overall significance or conclusion.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's break down the passage into its key parts:

1. **The Central Debate:** Scientists are "of two minds" about how rapid climate shifts occur.
2. **Viewpoint 1:** Shifts happen globally all at once ("giant oven freezer").
3. **Viewpoint 2:** Shifts happen on opposing schedules in the two hemispheres.
4. **New Evidence:** Recent German research supports Viewpoint 2.
5. **Significance/Goal:** Getting a "definitive answer" to this debate is important because it will "allow scientists to better predict" future climate shifts.

Now, let's evaluate the options to see which one captures these key parts most effectively.

(A) Scientists have been unsure whether rapid shifts in the Earth's climate happen all at once or on opposing schedules in different hemispheres; research will help find a definitive answer and better predict climate shifts in future

This option is an excellent summary. It correctly identifies the core uncertainty (the debate), mentions that research will help resolve it, and states the ultimate goal (better prediction). It covers all the essential elements.

(B) Scientists have been unsure whether rapid shifts in the earth's climate happen all at once or on opposing schedules in different hemispheres; finding a definitive answer will help them better predict climate shifts in future.

This is very similar to (A) but grammatically less polished. The first part is a complete sentence and the second is a phrase, incorrectly joined with a semicolon. Option (A) is structured better.

(C) Research in Germany will help scientists find a definitive answer...

This is too narrow. It focuses only on the German research, which is just one piece of evidence mentioned, not the entire scope of the debate.

(D) More research rather than debates... will help scientists in Germany predict better...

This misinterprets the passage. The passage doesn't pit research against debates; it says research will help settle the debate. It also wrongly implies the goal is only to help German scientists.

(E) Because of the debates, the scientists have been unable to correctly conclude about climatic patterns

While true, this is an incomplete summary. It only states the problem (the debate and uncertainty) but leaves out the crucial part about how research is providing answers and the goal of future prediction.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (A) provides the most complete and accurate summary of the passage, capturing the central debate, the role of research, and the future implications.

Quick Tip

For summarization questions, create a mental checklist of the key points in the passage (the main question, the different sides, the outcome/goal). The best summary will tick all or most of these boxes, while incorrect options will be too narrow, too broad, or misinterpret the information.

9. No known language lacks an organized system of sounds, selected from the vast array human beings can make, that does not have rules for combining these sounds into meaningful words

- (A) that does not have
- (B) that do not have
- (C) and has no
- (D) or having no
- (E) or

Correct Answer: (C) and has no

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This question tests your ability to identify and correct sentences with double or triple negatives. Multiple negative words in a single clause can make a sentence confusing and often reverse its intended meaning.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's break down the original sentence and its negatives:

"**No...**" (Negative 1) "... **lacks**" (Negative 2) "... **that does not have**" (Negative 3).

Let's simplify the first part: "No known language lacks..." means "Every known language has...".

So the sentence becomes: "Every known language has an organized system of sounds... that does not have rules...".

This is illogical. The intended meaning is that every language has BOTH a system of sounds AND rules for combining them. The triple negative has created a contradiction.

We need to replace "that does not have" with a phrase that corrects the logic. The goal is to say that no language is without both of these things.

Let's test the options:

The structure we need is: "No language (lacks X) **AND** (lacks Y)".

(A) that does not have - This is the original error.

(B) that do not have - This keeps the triple negative and introduces a subject-verb agreement error ("system... do not").

(C) and has no - Let's substitute this into the sentence:

"No known language lacks an organized system of sounds... **and has no** rules..."

This structure is "No X (lacks Y) and (has no Z)". This correctly means "Every X has Y and has Z". This translates to: "Every known language has an organized system of sounds AND has rules for combining them." This is logically correct and achieves the intended meaning.

(D) or having no - This creates an ungrammatical and awkward phrase.

(E) or - Using "or" would mean: "No known language lacks a system of sounds or lacks rules." This would imply that a language might lack one but not the other, which is not the intended meaning.

Step 4: Final Answer:

Option (C) correctly resolves the confusing triple negative, creating a sentence that is both grammatically and logically sound.

Quick Tip

When you see a sentence with multiple negative words like "no," "not," "lacks," "without," "unless," pause and simplify. Mentally cancel out pairs of negatives. "No...lacks..." becomes "All...have...". This helps clarify the true meaning and spot logical errors.

10. The company 'Dreams' has been producing most of its products in Costa. The government of Costa has passed a new ruling that states that all workers including that of 'Dreams' will have to be provided with double the wages. Hence the cost of products of company 'Dreams' will increase. The conclusion above assumes that...

- (A) The company has never been forced to raise its wages due to government policies
- (B) The company will still be able to cut costs elsewhere
- (C) The company will continue to produce its products in Costa
- (D) The company will increase the wages, as it helps in branding
- (E) The products in Costa command a premium

Correct Answer: (C) The company will continue to produce its products in Costa

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:

This is a critical reasoning question that asks you to identify the unstated assumption in an argument. An assumption is a necessary piece of information that bridges the gap between the premises (evidence) and the conclusion.

Step 3: Detailed Explanation:

Let's break down the argument:

Premise 1: Dreams produces most of its products in Costa.

Premise 2: The government of Costa will force Dreams to double the wages of its workers in Costa.

Conclusion: Therefore, the cost of Dreams' products will increase.

The Logical Gap: The argument jumps from "wages will increase in Costa" to "the company's product costs will increase." This jump is only valid if the company is actually affected by the wage increase in Costa. What if the company avoids this new rule? The conclusion would no longer be certain. The necessary assumption must be something that ensures the company cannot or will not avoid the impact of the new wage rule.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) The company has never been forced to raise its wages due to government policies

The company's past experience is irrelevant to the future impact of this new, specific law.

(B) The company will still be able to cut costs elsewhere

This is a weakener, not an assumption. If the company can cut other costs, it might offset the wage increase, and the final product cost might not rise. An assumption must support the conclusion.

(C) The company will continue to produce its products in Costa

This is a crucial assumption. If the company decides to move its production out of Costa to another country to avoid the wage hike, then the new Costa law would not affect its labor costs. In that scenario, the conclusion that its product costs will increase would not follow from the premises. Therefore, for the conclusion to be true, we must assume that production remains in Costa.

(D) The company will increase the wages, as it helps in branding

The company's motive is irrelevant. The premise states that the government is forcing them to increase wages, so their willingness or branding strategy doesn't matter.

(E) The products in Costa command a premium

This relates to the selling price or profit margin, not the cost of production. While a high price might make it easier to absorb higher costs, it's not a necessary assumption for the production cost itself to increase.

Step 4: Final Answer:

The argument is entirely dependent on the assumption that 'Dreams' will remain in Costa and be subject to the new wage law. Therefore, option (C) is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

Use the "Negation Test" for assumption questions. Negate the answer choice and see if the argument falls apart. If we negate option (C), it becomes: "The company will **not** continue to produce its products in Costa." If this is true, the conclusion that its costs will increase (due to Costa's law) is no longer valid. Since negating the option destroys the argument, it is a necessary assumption.
