

NIMCET English Sample Paper-12

Duration: 5 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

Instructions

- This paper contains **10** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct).
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**.
- Each incorrect answer carries: **-1** marks.
- Unattempted questions carry **0** marks.
- Only one option is correct for each question.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. The committee's decision to downsize the department was ____ by the sudden drop in quarterly revenue, forcing them to act much earlier than anticipated.

- (A) precipitated
- (B) perpetuated
- (C) precluded
- (D) prescribed

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and answer Q2, Q3, and Q4 based on it.

The rapid expansion of algorithmic decision-making tools in public governance has sparked a profound debate regarding systemic bias and transparency. Proponents argue that automated systems eliminate human subjectivity, streamlining administrative efficiency and standardizing outcomes. However, critics point out that these algorithms are trained on historical data sets that often reflect deep-seated societal prejudices. Consequently, instead of neutralizing bias, the software frequently automates and perpetuates it under a veneer of mathematical neutrality. Without rigorous, independent audits of the underlying source code and training parameters, the deployment of such technologies risks institutionalizing discrimination further.



Which of the following best summarizes the author's primary concern in the passage?

- (A) Algorithmic tools are inherently superior to human decision-making but suffer from poor administrative implementation.
- (B) The lack of human oversight in public governance will inevitably lead to the complete automation of bureaucratic systems.
- (C) Automated systems may institutionalize and mask historical biases under the guise of objective mathematical data.
- (D) Historical data sets are entirely unreliable and should be completely replaced by real-time data inputs.

Q3. Based on the passage, the phrase “veneer of mathematical neutrality” implies that automated systems are:

- (A) completely unbiased because they rely solely on objective mathematics.
- (B) seemingly fair and objective on the surface, but actually biased underneath.
- (C) designed by mathematicians who have no understanding of social issues.
- (D) useful for administrative efficiency despite containing minor calculation errors.

Q4. According to the author, what is necessary to prevent algorithmic tools from institutionalizing discrimination?

- (A) Increasing the processing speed and administrative efficiency of the tools.
- (B) Training the software on larger volumes of historical data sets.
- (C) Conducting strict, independent audits of the source code and training parameters.
- (D) Replacing algorithmic systems entirely with traditional human subjectivity.

Q5. Choose the option that best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom.

The manager decided to **kick the can down the road** regarding the budget deficit, opting instead to focus on immediate short-term marketing strategies.



- (A) to cancel an ongoing project permanently
- (B) to shift financial blame to a lower-level employee
- (C) to postpone dealing with an issue in hopes that it will resolve itself
- (D) to address a problem with aggressive, unconventional tactics

Q6. Identify the segment in the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

Hardly had the new regulatory policies been announced than the stock market experienced a volatile downturn, causing widespread panic among retail investors.

- (A) Hardly had the new regulatory policies
- (B) been announced than the stock market
- (C) experienced a volatile downturn, causing
- (D) widespread panic among retail investors

Q7. Select the option that correctly changes the given active sentence into passive voice.

The research team will have completed the comprehensive environmental impact assessment before the final construction permits are issued.

- (A) The comprehensive environmental impact assessment will be completed by the research team before the final construction permits are issued.
- (B) The comprehensive environmental impact assessment will have been completed by the research team before the final construction permits are issued.
- (C) Before the final construction permits are issued, the research team would have completed the comprehensive environmental impact assessment.
- (D) The comprehensive environmental impact assessment is being completed by the research team before the final construction permits will be issued.

Q8. The scientist's explanation of the complex quantum phenomenon was so _____ that even the high school students in the audience grasped the core concepts effortlessly.



- (A) abstruse
- (B) lucid
- (C) recondite
- (D) ambiguous

Q9. Select the option that represents the correct indirect speech for the given sentence.

The mentor said to the interns, “Do not compromise on the quality of your code simply to meet the project deadline.”

- (A) The mentor advised the interns not to compromise on the quality of their code simply to meet the project deadline.
- (B) The mentor ordered the interns that they should not compromise on the quality of your code simply to meet the project deadline.
- (C) The mentor suggested to the interns to not compromise on the quality of their code simply for meeting the project deadline.
- (D) The mentor warned the interns against compromising on the quality of your code simply to meet the project deadline.

Q10. Select the word that is closest in meaning (synonym) to the given word:

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- (A) Perpetual
- (B) Transitory
- (C) Resilient
- (D) Monumental



Detailed Solutions**Q1.****Solution**

Concept: The question tests contextual vocabulary usage in an administrative or professional setting. We need to identify the exact verb that represents a sudden drop in quarterly revenue causing or accelerating an early decision to downsize a department.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the meaning of the correct choice 'precipitated'. The verb 'precipitate' means to cause an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable, to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely. This fits the sentence structure perfectly as the revenue drop forced the committee to act much earlier than they originally anticipated.

Step 2: Examine the incorrect option 'perpetuated'. To perpetuate means to make something, typically an undesirable situation or an unfounded belief, continue indefinitely. A sudden drop in revenue would not cause a policy to continue indefinitely without change.

Step 3: Examine the incorrect option 'precluded'. To preclude means to prevent something from happening or to make an action completely impossible. A drop in revenue would make downsizing much more likely rather than preventing it from occurring.

Step 4: Examine the incorrect option 'prescribed'. To prescribe means to advise or authorize the use of a medical treatment, or to state authoritatively that a specific rule or action must be carried out. A drop in revenue cannot issue authoritative rules.

Step 5: Conclude that 'precipitated' is the only contextually and grammatically logical choice since the drop in revenue directly brought about the premature implementation of the downsizing plan.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: Reading Comprehension primary concern analysis. The objective is to determine the central theme of the passage by identifying the author's primary argument and underlying warning regarding automated decision-making tools in public governance.

Solution: Step 1: Read and analyze the core argument of the provided text. The passage presents a contrast where proponents highlight administrative efficiency and standardization, while critics point out that these systems are trained on historical data sets reflecting deep-seated societal prejudices.

Step 2: Identify the critical consequence highlighted by the author. The text explicitly notes that instead of neutralizing bias, the software frequently automates and perpetuates it under a veneer of mathematical neutrality, which risks institutionalizing discrimination further.

Step 3: Evaluate option A. The passage does not claim algorithms are inherently superior, nor does it state that the problem lies in poor administrative implementation, making this choice incorrect.

Step 4: Evaluate option B. The passage discusses systemic bias and transparency issues, not the complete automation of bureaucratic systems due to an absolute lack of human oversight.

Step 5: Evaluate option C. This option perfectly aligns with the text, which highlights that automated systems can institutionalize and mask historical biases under the guise of objective mathematical data.

Step 6: Evaluate option D. The author does not suggest completely replacing historical data sets with real-time data inputs. Therefore, option C is the accurate summary.

Final Answer:

Automated systems may institutionalize and mask historical biases under the guise of objective mathematical data.

Answer: (C)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: Contextual vocabulary and phrase interpretation in Reading Comprehension. We must analyze the word 'veneer' and determine how it functions metaphorically within the text to hide or obscure the underlying real-world biases.

Solution: Step 1: Define the word 'veneer'. Literally, a veneer is a thin decorative covering of fine wood applied to a coarser surface. Metaphorically, it refers to an outward appearance that misrepresents or hides the true, less attractive nature of something underneath.

Step 2: Analyze the context of the phrase 'veneer of mathematical neutrality' in the text. The author states that software automates and perpetuates historical prejudice under this veneer. This means the mathematics makes the tool look neutral on the surface, but it is biased underneath.

Step 3: Match this meaning against option A. Option A states they are completely unbiased, which is false as the passage argues they hide bias.

Step 4: Match against option B. It states that they are seemingly fair and objective on the surface, but actually biased underneath. This perfectly captures the meaning of 'veneer' used in combination with 'neutrality'.

Step 5: Match against options C and D. Option C targets the profession of the designers, and option D focuses on calculation errors. Neither of these aligns with the metaphor of a masking layer. Thus, option B is correct.

Final Answer: seemingly fair and objective on the surface, but actually biased underneath.

Answer: (B)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: Fact-based Reading Comprehension analysis. We must scan the passage for explicit requirements or specific solutions stated by the author to prevent algorithmic tools from institutionalizing discrimination further.

Solution: Step 1: Locate the specific condition mentioned in the text. The final sentence of the passage states: 'Without rigorous, independent audits of the underlying source code and training parameters, the deployment of such technologies risks institutionalizing discrimination further.'

Step 2: Interpret the conditional statement. The author states that if we do not perform independent audits, discrimination will be institutionalized. Conversely, to prevent discrimination, these audits are mandatory.

Step 3: Match this finding with the options. Option A discusses processing speed and efficiency, which are mentioned as benefits by proponents, not solutions to bias.

Step 4: Match with option B. Training software on larger volumes of historical data would likely make the bias worse, which is the opposite of the author's point.

Step 5: Match with option C. Conducting strict, independent audits of the source code and training parameters perfectly matches the phrase 'rigorous, independent audits' from the final line. Therefore, option C is correct.

Final Answer: Conducting strict, independent audits of the source code and training parameters.

Answer: (C)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: Idiomatic expressions analysis. The idiom 'kick the can down the road' is used to describe a specific approach to handling problems, especially in administrative, corporate, or financial decision-making contexts.

Solution: Step 1: Define the idiom 'kick the can down the road'. This common idiomatic expression means to postpone or defer definitive action on a problem or decision in the hope that it will be dealt with later or resolve itself.

Step 2: Evaluate the context provided in the sentence. The manager decided to look at short-term marketing strategies instead of resolving the major issue of the budget deficit. This shows a clear postponement of the core issue.

Step 3: Check option A. It says 'to cancel an ongoing project permanently', which is incorrect because the issue is deferred, not permanently canceled or discarded.

Step 4: Check option B. It states 'to shift financial blame to a lower-level employee'. The idiom does not imply shifting personal blame, but rather delaying the resolution of a collective problem.

Step 5: Check option C. It states 'to postpone dealing with an issue in hopes that it will resolve itself', which completely matches our definition of delaying difficult decisions.

Step 6: Check option D. It says 'to address a problem with aggressive, unconventional tactics', which is the polar opposite of avoiding or delaying action. Thus, option C is correct.

Final Answer: to postpone dealing with an issue in hopes that it will resolve itself

Answer: (C)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: Grammatical error identification focusing on correlative conjunctions and adverbial modifiers. Sentences starting with negative or restrictive adverbs require specific coordinating structures.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the structural pattern of the sentence. The sentence begins with the restrictive adverb 'Hardly'. When a sentence starts with 'Hardly' or 'Scarcely', the standard correlative structure requires it to be paired with 'when' or 'before', not 'than'.

Step 2: Check the inversion rule. The sentence correctly uses inversion after 'Hardly' by placing the auxiliary verb 'had' before the subject 'the new regulatory policies'. This part of the sentence is grammatically correct.

Step 3: Analyze the second clause marker. The sentence uses 'than the stock market experienced'. The conjunction 'than' is specifically used with the comparative adverb 'No sooner' (e.g., No sooner had he arrived than the phone rang).

Step 4: Determine the necessary correction. To fix the grammatical error in segment B, the word 'than' must be replaced with 'when' to complete the proper 'Hardly... when' correlative pairing.

Step 5: Review the other parts. Segments C and D are completely error-free and flow logically from the preceding clauses. Therefore, the error lies entirely within segment B.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: Voice transformation from active to passive voice. The key is to identify the tense of the active verb and properly apply the corresponding passive auxiliary format while maintaining semantic equivalence.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the components of the active sentence. The subject is 'The research team', the verb phrase is 'will have completed' (future perfect tense), and the direct object is 'the comprehensive environmental impact assessment'.

Step 2: Apply the rules for future perfect passive voice. The active structure 'will have + past participle' converts to 'will have been + past participle' in the passive voice.

Step 3: Construct the passive main clause. The direct object becomes the new subject: 'The comprehensive environmental impact assessment will have been completed by the research team'.

Step 4: Keep the dependent clause unchanged. The phrase 'before the final construction permits are issued' is an adverbial clause of time and should remain constant in its structure and tense.

Step 5: Evaluate the options. Option A uses 'will be completed' (simple future passive). Option C introduces the conditional 'would have completed'. Option D uses 'is being completed' (present continuous passive). Option B uses the correct future perfect passive form.

Final Answer: The comprehensive environmental impact assessment will have been completed by the research team before the final construction permits are issued.

Answer: (B)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: Contextual vocabulary selection based on contrast and sentence clues. We need to identify an adjective that explains why high school students could easily understand a complex quantum phenomenon.

Solution: Step 1: Analyze the structural clue in the sentence. The sentence uses the 'so... that' structure: the explanation was so [blank] that even high school students grasped the core concepts effortlessly. This indicates a positive quality related to clarity.

Step 2: Test option A, 'abstruse'. Abstruse means obscure, profound, and difficult to understand. If an explanation were abstruse, high school students would not grasp it effortlessly. This is incorrect.

Step 3: Test option B, 'lucid'. Lucid means expressed clearly, easy to understand, or bright and luminous. A lucid explanation makes complex topics simple and easy to digest for an audience, which fits the sentence perfectly.

Step 4: Test option C, 'recondite'. Recondite means little known or abstruse, dealing with very obscure or difficult subject matter. This acts as a synonym for abstruse and is incorrect for the same reason.

Step 5: Test option D, 'ambiguous'. Ambiguous means open to more than one interpretation or having a double meaning, which creates confusion rather than clarity. Therefore, 'lucid' is the correct choice.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: Conversion from direct to indirect speech for negative imperative sentences. We must modify reporting verbs, change personal pronouns appropriately, and adjust the imperative clause into an infinitive or gerund construction.

Solution: Step 1: Identify the sentence type. The direct speech statement is a negative imperative sentence giving advice or warnings: “Do not compromise on the quality of your code...”.

Step 2: Change the reporting verb. The phrase ‘said to’ can be adjusted to ‘advised’, ‘warned’, or ‘ordered’ depending on the exact tone, though ‘advised’ fits professional mentoring best.

Step 3: Shift the pronouns and possessive adjectives. The second-person possessive pronoun ‘your code’ must change to the third-person plural possessive pronoun ‘their code’ to match the object ‘the interns’.

Step 4: Analyze option A. It uses ‘advised the interns not to compromise’ and shifts ‘your’ to ‘their’ correctly. The infinitive structure ‘not to compromise’ perfectly reports a negative imperative.

Step 5: Analyze the errors in other choices. Option B inappropriately keeps the pronoun ‘your’. Option C uses an awkward structure ‘to not compromise’ and changes ‘to meet’ to ‘for meeting’. Option D improperly retains the pronoun ‘your’. Thus, option A is correct.

Final Answer: The mentor advised the interns not to compromise on the quality of their code simply to meet the project deadline.

Answer: (A)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: Synonym identification. The goal is to determine the exact meaning of the word 'ephemeral' and select the option that represents its closest semantic equivalent among the choices provided.

Solution: Step 1: Define the target word 'ephemeral'. The adjective 'ephemeral' means lasting for a very short time, transient, fleeting, or short-lived. It is often used to describe things in nature or fleeting moments.

Step 2: Evaluate option A, 'Perpetual'. Perpetual means occurring repeatedly or lasting forever. This is an antonym, not a synonym, of ephemeral.

Step 3: Evaluate option B, 'Transitory'. Transitory means not permanent, temporary, or lasting only a short time. This matches the definition of ephemeral perfectly.

Step 4: Evaluate option C, 'Resilient'. Resilient means able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions. This does not relate to duration or time spans.

Step 5: Evaluate option D, 'Monumental'. Monumental means great in importance, extent, or size, or serving as a monument. It has no relation to fleeting time periods. Therefore, 'Transitory' is the correct synonym.

Final Answer:

Answer: (B)

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Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	A	2	C	3	B	4	C	5	C
6	B	7	B	8	B	9	A	10	B

