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Directions (1-5): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as

1. Statements:

I. The Reserve Bank of India has recently put restrictions on few small banks in the country.

II. The small banks in the private and co-operative sector in India are not in a position to withstand the competitions of the bigger in the public sector.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

2. Statements:

I. All the schools in the area had to be kept closed for most part of the week.

II. Many parents have withdrawn their children from the local schools.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

3. Statements:

I. The prices of petrol and diesel in the domestic market have remained unchanged for the past few months.

II. The crude oil prices in the international market have gone up substantially in the last few months.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

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- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

4. Statements:

I. India has surpassed the value of tea exports this year over all the earlier years due to an increase in demand for quality tea in the European market.

II. There is an increase in demand of coffee in the domestic market during the last two years.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

5. Statements:

I. The Government has imported large quantities of sugar as per trade agreement with other countries.

II. The prices of sugar in the domestic market have fallen sharply in the recent months.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

Directions (6-10): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as

6. Statement:

I. The private medical colleges have increased the tuition fees in the current year by 200 per cent over the last year's fees to meet the expenses.

II. The Government medical colleges have not increased their fees in spite of price escalation.

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- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

7. Statement

I. The employees of the biggest bank in the country have given an indefinite strike call starting from third of the next month.

II. The employees of the Central Government have withdrawn their week long demonstrations.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

8. Statement:

I. The life today is too fast, demanding and full of variety in all aspects which at times leads to stressful situations.

II. Number of suicide cases among teenagers is on increase.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

9. Statement:

I. The government has recently fixed the fees for professional courses offered by the unaided institutions which are much lower than the fees charged last year.

II. The parents of the aspiring students launched a severe agitation last year protesting against the high fees charged by the unaided institutions.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect

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- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

10. Statement:

I. There is sharp decline in the production of oil seeds this year.

II. The Government has decided to increase the import quantum of edible oil.

- a. Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- b. Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- c. Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- d. Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- e. Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

Directions (11-15): In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

11. Statement:

Researchers are feeling agitated as libraries are not equipped to provide the right information to the right users at the right time in the required format. Even the users are not aware about the various services available for them.

Courses of Action:

- I. All the information available to the libraries should be computerised to provide faster services to the users.**
- II. Library staff should be trained in computer operations.**

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

12. Statement:

Many medical and engineering graduates are taking up jobs in administrative services and in banks.

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Courses of Action:

I. All the professionals should be advised to refrain from taking up such jobs.

II. The government should appoint a committee to find out the reasons for these professionals taking up such jobs and to suggest remedial measures.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

13. Statement: Courts take too long in deciding important disputes of various departments.

Courses of Action:

I. Courts should be ordered to speed up matters.

II. Special powers should be granted to officers to settle disputes concerning their department.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

14. Statement:

There have been many instances of derailment of trains due to landslide in the hilly areas which caused loss of many lives.

Courses of Action:

I. The railway authority should arrange to deploy pilot engines before the movement of passenger trains in the hilly areas to alert the trains in case of any landslide.

II. The railway authority should strengthen the hill slopes by putting iron meshes so that the loose boulders do not fall on the track.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows

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- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

15. Statement:

A large number of people in ward X of the city are diagnosed to be suffering from a fatal malaria type.

Courses of Action:

- I. The city municipal authority should take immediate steps to carry out extensive fumigation in ward X.
- II. The people in the area should be advised to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

Directions (16-20): In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

16. Statement:

Since its launching in 1881, Vayudoot has so far accumulated losses amounting to Rs 153 crore.

Courses of Action:

- I. Vayudoot should be directed to reduce wasteful expenditure and to increase passenger fare.
- II. An amount of about Rs 300 crore should be provided to Vayudoot to make the airliner economically viable.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

17. Statement:

A large number of people die every year due to drinking polluted water during the summer.

Courses of Action:

- I. The government should make adequate arrangements to provide safe drinking water to all its citizens.

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II. The people should be educated about the dangers of drinking polluted water.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

18. Statement:

Some serious blunders were detected in the Accounts section of a factory.

Courses of Action:

I. An efficient team of auditors should be appointed to check the Accounts.

II. A show cause notice should be issued to all the employees involved in the irregularity.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

19. Statement:

Due to substantial reduction in fares by different airline services, large number of passengers so far travelling by upper classes in trains have switched over to airline services.

Courses of Action:

I. The railways should immediately reduce the fare structure of the upper classes substantially to retain its passengers.

II. The railways should reduce the capacity of upper classes in all the trains to avoid loss.

- a. Only I follows
- b. Only II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

20. Statement: Severe drought is reported to have set in several parts of the country.

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Courses of Action:

- i. Govt. Should immediately make arrangement for providing financial assistance to those affected.
 - ii. Food, water and fodder should immediately be sent to all these areas to save the people and cattle.
- a. Only I follows
 - b. Only II follows
 - c. Either I or II follows
 - d. Neither I nor II follows
 - e. Both I and II follow

Directions (21-25): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

21. Statements:

Fortune favors the brave.

Conclusions:

I. Risks are necessary for success.

II. Cowards die many times before their death.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

22. Statements:

“The Government will review the present policy of the diesel price in view of further spurt in the international oil prices”. – A spokesman of the Government.

Conclusions:

- I. The Government will increase the price of the diesel after the imminent spurt in the international oil prices.**
- II. The Government will not increase the price of the diesel even after the imminent spurt in the international oil prices.**

- a. Only conclusion I follows

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- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

23. Statements:

In a one day cricket match, the total runs made by a team were 200. Out of these 160 runs were made by spinners.

Conclusions:

I. 80% of the team consists of spinners.

II. The opening batsmen were spinners.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

24. Statements:

Government has spoiled many top ranking financial institutions by appointing bureaucrats as Directors of these institutions.

Conclusions:

I. Government should appoint Directors of the financial institutes taking into consideration the expertise of the person in the area of finance.

II. The Director of the financial institute should have expertise commensurate with the financial work carried out by the institute.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

25. Statements:

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America's defence secretary reiterated that they would continue to supply arms to Pakistan.

Conclusions:

I. Pakistan is incapable of manufacturing arms.

II. It would ensure peace in the region.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

Directions (26-30): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

26. Statements:

The T.V. staff deserves an applaud for showing booth capture.

Conclusions:

I. I T.V. aims at showing things in their true perspective.

II. People involved in booth capturing have been recognised and are being tried by law.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

27. Statements:

Population increase coupled with depleting resources is going to be the scenario of many developing countries in days to come.

Conclusions:

I. The population of developing countries will not continue to increase in future.

II. It will be very difficult for the governments of developing countries to provide its people decent quality of life.

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- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

28. Statements:

A man must be wise to be a good wrangler. Good wranglers are talkative and boring.

Conclusions:

I. All the wise persons are boring.

II. All the wise persons are good wranglers.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

29. Statements:

The Government of country X has recently announced several concessions and offered attractive package tours for foreign visitors.

Conclusions:

I. Now, more number of foreign tourists will visit the country.

II. The Government of country X seems to be serious in attracting tourists.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

30. Statements:

It has been decided by the Government to withdraw 33% of the subsidy on cooking gas from the beginning of next month. – A spokesman of the Government.

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Conclusions:

I. People now no more desire or need such subsidy from Government as they can afford increased price of the cooking gas.

II. The price of the cooking gas will increase at least by 33% from the next month.

- a. Only conclusion I follows
- b. Only conclusion II follows
- c. Either I or II follows
- d. Neither I nor II follows
- e. Both I and II follow

Directions (31-35): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

31.Statement:

Should India make efforts to harness solar energy to fulfil its energy requirements?

Arguments:

I. Yes, Most of the energy sources used at present is exhaustible.

II. No. Harnessing solar energy requires a lot of capital, which India lacks in.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

32. Statement:

Should India give away Kashmir to Pakistan?

Arguments:

I. No. Kashmir is a beautiful state. It earns a lot of foreign exchange for India.

II. Yes. This would help settle conflicts.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong

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d. Neither I nor II is strong

e. Both I and II are strong

33. Statement:

Should shifting agriculture be practised?

Arguments:

I. No. It is a wasteful practice.

II. Yes. Modern methods of farming are too expensive.

a. Only argument I is strong

b. Only argument II is strong

c. Either I or II is strong

d. Neither I nor II is strong

e. Both I and II are strong

34. Statement:

Should India encourage exports, when most things are insufficient for internal use itself?

Arguments:

I. Yes. We have to earn foreign exchange to pay for our imports.

II. No. Even selective encouragement would lead to shortages.

a. Only argument I is strong

b. Only argument II is strong

c. Either I or II is strong

d. Neither I nor II is strong

e. Both I and II are strong

35. Statement :

Should the tuition fees in all post graduate courses be hiked considerably?

Arguments:

I. Yes. This will bring some kind of seriousness among the students and will improve quality.

II. No. This will force the meritorious poor students to stay away from post-graduate courses.

a. Only argument I is strong

b. Only argument II is strong

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- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

Directions (36-40): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

36. Statement:

Should the political parties be banned?

Arguments:

I. Yes. It is necessary to teach a lesson to the politicians.

II. No. It will lead to an end of democracy.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

37. Statement:

Should all mig-21 fighters be banned owing to frequent accidents of this aircraft?

Arguments:

I. Yes, it has become flying coffin.

II. No, almost all the accidents were due to human error.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

38. Statements:

Should students be banned from carrying mobile phones in college campuses?

Arguments:

I. No mobile phone has become essential for an individual and one needs to keep it all day.

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II. Yes, mobile phones distract students from studies.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

39. Statement:

Should there be death punishment for those who are involved in manufacturing spurious drugs?

Argument:

I. Yes, mass murder for the sake of profit should be treated only by one law-death penalty.

II. No, the main objective of the punishment is to bring reform in a convicted person by punishing him/her

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

40. Statements:

Should companies' donation to political parties be banned in India?

Arguments:

I. Yes, it was banned during 1969 and 1985 also.

II. No, donation to political parties is not a new thing in the country and has been in existence right from 1956.

- a. Only argument I is strong
- b. Only argument II is strong
- c. Either I or II is strong
- d. Neither I nor II is strong
- e. Both I and II are strong

Directions (41-45): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and

II. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

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41. Statement:

“Repeat your recruitment ads on Sunday for just 60 per sq cm.” – An advertisement in a newspaper

Assumption:

I. People want ads at Zero cost

II. There are some people who want to repeat their recruitment ads

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

42. Statement:

“Policies and programmes and seminars cannot change the women’s status. There is a greater need for attitudinal change in the society towards working women. “– View of Mr. X

Assumption:

I. It is possible to make change in the attitude of the society towards working women.

II. Status of the working women is not satisfactory.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

43. Statement:

Home Secretary asked the officials to check spread of rumors and messages inciting unrest, cybercrimes and other activities that could be detrimental to national security.

Assumption I: The protests in the country are increasing day by day against the government.

Assumption II: Cybercrime is one of the biggest global challenge to tackle the online thefts.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit

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- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

44. Statement:

The Finance Ministry released the restriction notification to the all Public and Private Sector Banks for the money filling in their ATMs by own or private agencies.

Assumption I: Most of the banking thefts are done by the private ATM money filling agencies.

Assumption II: It is very struggle to handle large amount of money by the bank or private agencies to fill in the ATMs.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

45. Statement:

Safety and health practices in many Indian companies are well below the International standards.

Assumptions:

I. International standard of health and safety are ideal and unrealistic.

II. Indian organizations do not consider safety and health management as their prime social responsibility.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

Directions (46-50): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

46. Statement:

Many people have expressed surprise as the princes has broken the royal tradition of marriage by choosing a commoner as her life partner.

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Assumptions:

I. People expect royal families to observe customs and traditions.

II. People still value purity of royal blood and status when it comes to a marriage of members of royal family.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

47. Statement:

The new scheme gives people the opportunity to voluntarily declare their disclosed property and legitimize it by paying the lowest ever rate of tax.

Assumptions:

I. The new scheme is much better than the earlier scheme.

II. People may desire to pay less tax and own things legitimately.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

48. Statement:

The chairman and secretary of the housing society have requested society members to use water economically to help society to save on water-tax.

Assumptions:

I. Majority of members of the society are likely to follow the request.

II. It is desirable to reduce expenditure whenever possible.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit

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e. If both I and II are implicit

49. Statement:

The State government has decided to appoint four thousand primary school teachers during the next financial year.

Assumptions:

- I. There are enough schools in the state to accommodate four thousand additional primary school teachers.
- II. The eligible candidates may not be interested to apply as the government may not finally appoint such a large number of primary school teachers.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

50. Statement:

“In order to bring punctuality in our office, we must provide conveyance allowance to our employees.” – In charge of a company tells Personnel Manager.

Assumptions:

- I. Conveyance allowance will not help in bringing punctuality.
- II. Discipline and reward should always go hand in hand.

- a. If only assumption I is implicit
- b. If only assumption II is implicit
- c. If either I or II is implicit
- d. If neither I nor II is implicit
- e. If both I and II are implicit

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Answer Key with Explanation

Solutions (1-5)

1. B

The inability of the small banks to compete with the bigger ones shall not ensure security and good service to the customers, which is an essential concomitant that has to be looked into by the Reserve Bank. It seems to be a remedial step for the same.

2. D

Closing the schools for a week and the parents withdrawing their wards from the local schools are independent issues, which must have been triggered by different individual causes.

3. D

The prices of petrol and diesel being stagnant in the domestic market and the increase in the same in the international market must be backed by independent causes.

4. C

The two statements discuss two separate statistical and generalised results.

5. A

The increase in supply always triggers a reduction in the prices.

Solutions (6-10)

6. C

The increase in the fees of the private colleges and there being no increase in the same in Government colleges seem to be policy matters undertaken by the individual decisive boards at the two levels.

7. D

The employees of a bank going on strike and the government employees calling off their protest seem to be two independent events that might have been triggered by individual causes.

8. A

Stress in everyday life is a major cause of frustration among the youth and is bound to lead them to take harsh steps as suicide.

9. B

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The parents' protest against high fees being charged by the institutions led the government to interfere and fix the fees at a more affordable level.

10. A

A sharp decline in oilseed production is bound to reduce oil supply and import of oil is the only means to restore the essential supply.

Solutions (11-15)

11. E

Clearly, the library needs to be provided with the essential facilities and trained personnel for better services. So, both the courses follow.

12. B

Following course I would be an infringement of the right to freedom of individuals. However, if the lacking of their respective fields are found out and removed, the professionals would surely give up the idea of opting for other jobs. Hence, only course II follows.

13. E

Clearly, either the work in the court needs to be speeded up or the system be reorganised so that more number of problems can be resolved at the lower levels itself, to provide speedy justice to the people. So, both the courses follow.

14. C

Clearly, either something should be done to alert the trains well in advance in case of a landslide or some means should be adopted to prevent blockage of tracks during landslides. Thus, either I or II follows.

15. E

Clearly, prevention from mosquitoes and elimination of mosquitoes are two ways to prevent malaria. So, both the courses follow.

Solutions (16-20)

16. A

Clearly, for better economic gain, losses should be reduced and income increased. So, only course I follows.

17. E

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The situation demands creating awareness among people about the dangers of drinking polluted water so that they themselves refrain from the same, and at the same time taking steps to provide safe drinking water. So, both the courses follow.

18. E

Clearly, the situation demands that the faults in Accounts be properly worked out and the persons involved be interrogated about the matter. So, both the courses follow.

19. A

Airlines, being convenient and faster means of transport, people would surely prefer it to the railways if there is a marginal difference between the fares. Hence, a considerable gap between the two fares is a must for the railways. So, course I follows. Following course II would reduce the volume of passengers. Hence, II does not follow.

20. B

In the break-out of a natural calamity, the basic duty of the Govt. becomes to provide the **basic amenities** essential to save the lives of people and cattle. So, **only 2nd conclusion follows**.

Solutions (21-25)

21.A

According to the statement, only those who tackle situations bravely achieve success. So, I follows. However, II is vague with regard to the given statement and so does not follow.

22. C

The Government seeks to review the policy so as to determine whether the diesel price needs to be increased or it can be kept stable by adjusting certain other factors. So, either decision may be taken. Thus, either I or II follows.

23. D

According to the statement, 80% of the total runs were made by spinners. So, I does not follow. Nothing about the opening batsmen is mentioned in the statement. So, II also does not follow.

24.E

According to the statement, Government has spoiled financial institutions by appointing bureaucrats as Directors. This means that only those persons should be appointed as Directors who are experts in finance and are acquainted with the financial work of the institute. So, both I and II follow.

25.D

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Pakistan's ability to manufacture arms is not being talked about in the statement. So, I does not follow. The fact in II cannot be deduced from the given statement. So, II also does not follow.

Solutions (26-30)

26. A

Clearly, I directly follows from the statement. However, II is not directly related to the given statement and so does not follow.

27. B

The fact given in I is quite contrary to the given statement. So, I does not follow. II mentions the direct implications of the state discussed in the statement. Thus, II follows.

28. D

According to the statement, good wranglers are wise men. But it doesn't mean that all wise men are good wranglers. So, neither I nor II follows.

29. E

Clearly, the government has taken the step to attract more tourists. So, both I and II follow.

30. D

The decision to withdraw subsidy has clearly been taken to compensate for the loss and not because people can now afford to pay more for cooking gas. So, I does not follow. Also, the statement talks of withdrawing 33% of the prevailing subsidy and not of reducing 33% of the actual price. So, II also does not follow.

Solutions (31-35)

31. A

Clearly, harnessing solar energy will be helpful as it is an inexhaustible resource unlike other resources. So, argument I holds. But argument II is vague as solar energy is the cheapest form of energy.

32. A

Clearly, India cannot part with a state that is a major foreign exchange earner to it. So, argument I holds strong. Further, giving away a piece of land unconditionally and unreasonably is no solution to settle disputes. So, argument II is vague.

33. A

Clearly, shifting agriculture is a practice in which a certain crop is grown on a land and when it becomes infertile it is left bare and another piece of land is chosen. Clearly, it is a wasteful practice. So, only argument I holds.

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34. A

Clearly, India can export only the surplus and that which can be saved after fulfilling its own needs, to pay for its imports. Encouragement to export cannot lead to shortages as it shall provide the resources for imports. So, only argument I holds.

35. B

Clearly seriousness among the students is not because of fees but second argument is strong.

Solutions (36-40)

36. D

Clearly, with the ban on political parties, candidates can independently contest elections. So, it will not end democracy. Thus, argument II does not hold. Argument I does not give a strong reason.

37. B

Argument I lacks substance and is hence weak. That it is a “flying coffin” is evident from the statement itself. II is strong because it makes no sense to ban the aircraft when the responsibility lies somewhere else.

38. B

Argument I is weak because it says virtually nothing. II is strong because distraction from studies is not desirable.

39. B

Not all spurious drugs lead to mass murder. So we cannot assume I to be true. Hence I is weak. II is strong because death sentence is self-defeating. If one dies, how can one be reformed?

40. D

Both I and II are weak arguments. I merely mentions the two occasions when the donation was banned. It does not pinpoint the core issue. II merely mentions the year from when the donation exists. It adds no argumentative substance in support of ‘No’.

Solutions (41-45)

41. B

The word ‘just’ implies that it must be assumed that people wants ads at the lowest cost. Hence I is not necessarily true. II is obvious; otherwise why will ads like this be given?

42. E

I is implicit because it make no sence to talk of something without the existence of its possibility. II is implicit; that is why the speaker suggests tools to make change in the women’s status.

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43. E

Both the assumptions are conveying the problems of the cybercrime and the rumours spreading in the country.

44. C

Either assumption I or assumption II implicit the statement.

45. B

I is not implicit. It is clearly criticism of Indian organizations not paying considerable attention to those aspects. So, II is implicit.

Solutions (46-50)

46. E

As the people surprise the fact that the prince has married a commoner, i.e., a person not of her status and 'not' of royal blood' suggest that assumptions I and II are implicit.

47. B

Since nothing has been said about the earlier scheme or law so we cannot say about the efficiency of the new scheme. Thus assumption I is not implicit. The highlight of the scheme is that people may retain their property by paying lowest ever rate of tax. Thus it can be safely assumed that people desire to pay less tax and own things legally. Thus assumption II is implicit. Hence the required answer is (2).

48. E

When a notice is issued it is expected that the people for which it is issued will pay attention to it. Also the theme of the statement is desirable. Here the theme is reduction of tax, which can be constructed as reduction in expenditure. Hence, the required answer is 5.

49. A

Such decisions as given in the statement are taken only after taking the existing vacancies into consideration. So, I implicit while II isn't.

50. B

Assumption I goes against the statement. So, it is not implicit. The allowance will serve as a reward to the employees and shall provoke them to come on time. So, II is implicit.