

SBI PO Prelims 2024-25 Memory Based Question Paper (8-March-2025) (Shift 2)

Q1. Identify the correct sentence from the options given below.

- (a) The scientist, who had spent years researching alternative energy sources, were finally able to develop a highly efficient solar panel.
- (b) Neither of the candidates have the required qualifications to be eligible for the managerial position.
- (c) If the company would have invested in better marketing strategies, it could attract a larger customer base.
- (d) Despite the heavy rainfall, the construction workers continued their tasks, ensuring that the project was completed on time.
- (e) None is correct.

Q2. Identify the correct sentence from the options given below.

- (a) The manager, along with his team members, were invited to the annual business conference held in Singapore.
- (b) Despite facing numerous challenges, the young entrepreneur managed to establish a successful startup within two years.
- (c) The students, who was eagerly waiting for the results, decided to celebrate in advance.
- (d) The scientist, after years of research, have finally discovered a new method to generate renewable energy.
- (e) None is correct

Q3. Identify the incorrect sentence from the options given below.

- (a) The scientist, who has been researching for years, finally published his findings in a renowned journal.
- (b) Neither of the candidates have enough experience to qualify for the senior managerial role.
- (c) Each of the players was given a certificate for their outstanding performance in the tournament.
- (d) The chef, known for his expertise in Italian cuisine, prepares the most delicious pasta dishes in the city.
- (e) None is incorrect

Q4. Identify the incorrect sentence from the options given below.

- (a) The principal, along with the teachers, is responsible for maintaining discipline in the school.
- (b) The doctor advised that the patient take complete rest for a few days to recover fully.
- (c) If the company would have implemented better strategies, it could have achieved higher growth.
- (d) The book, which contains detailed illustrations and explanations, has been recommended by many experts.
- (e) None is incorrect

Directions (5-9): Rearrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

- (A) The series, which dates back to 1882, has witnessed numerous iconic moments, with both teams fiercely competing for dominance.
- (B) Among the many editions, the fifth-largest Ashes game in terms of audience and significance was a testament to the intensity of this historic battle.

(C) The thrilling contest not only showcased the exceptional skills of players but also reinforced the legacy of the Ashes as a premier cricketing spectacle.

(D) This particular match saw breathtaking performances from both sides, keeping fans on the edge of their seats.

(E) With legendary cricketers delivering memorable innings and decisive bowling spells, the match went down in history as one of the most unforgettable encounters in the Ashes saga.

(F) The Ashes cricket series between Australia and England is one of the most celebrated rivalries in the sport's history.

Q5. Which of the following is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) F
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q6. Which of the following is the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) F
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q7. Which of the following is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) F
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q8. Which of the following is the LAST sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q9. Which of the following is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Directions (10-18): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

The latest retail inflation data once again highlights the **continuous** volatility in food prices, which continues to impact overall inflation and economic growth, particularly personal consumption. In February, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) remained almost unchanged from the previous month at 5.09%. However, food inflation, measured by the Consumer Food Price Index, rose by 36 basis points to 8.66%. Among food items, vegetable prices remained the most concerning, with inflation in this category surging to 30.3% year-on-year—an increase of 315 basis points from January. Cereal inflation, the most significant component in the food index, remained high at 7.6%, only slightly lower than January's 7.83%.

The widely consumed potato-onion-tomato group _____ vegetable inflation. Potato prices, which had declined by nearly 2% in January, shot up to 12.4% inflation. Onion prices surged by 22.1%, while tomato inflation rose by nearly 400 basis points to reach a six-month high of 42%. Data from the Department of Consumer Affairs' daily monitoring dashboard indicates no relief, with average retail prices of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes as of March 14 being 21.3%, 41.4%, and 35.2% higher, respectively, compared to a year ago.

Despite government interventions, such as a three-month-old ban on onion exports, prices remain stubbornly high. The outlook remains grim, with onion production in the 2023-24 horticulture year expected to decline by over 15.6% and potato production estimated to drop by nearly 2%, as per the Ministry of Agriculture's First Advance Estimates released on March 7. Additionally, water storage levels at 150 reservoirs were at 40% of capacity as of March 14, lagging behind both the 10-year average and last year's levels. This shortfall is particularly severe in the southern region, where the deficit is 29%.

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Michael Patra recently warned that high food inflation is weighing heavily on private consumption, which constitutes 57% of GDP, especially in rural areas. To ensure **balance** in economic growth, inflation must be controlled. With elections approaching, policymakers face the challenge of preventing a worsening economic situation in the coming months by implementing more regulated measures and improving the **handle** of food price stability to ensure economic resilience.

Q10. Which of the following statement/s is/are true based on the information given in the passage?

- (I)** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in February increased significantly compared to the previous month.
 - (II)** The Ministry of Agriculture's First Advance Estimates suggest that onion production in the 2023-24 horticulture year is expected to decline by over 15.6%.
 - (III)** Water storage levels in 150 reservoirs as of March 14 were above both the 10-year average and last year's levels.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) Only (II)

Q11. Which of the following words is the best synonym for "continuous" as used in the passage?

- (a) Intermittent
- (b) Persistent
- (c) Temporary
- (d) Sporadic
- (e) Occasional

Q12. Which of the following statements correctly summarizes the government's response to food inflation?

- (a) The government has imposed price controls on essential food items.
- (b) A ban on onion exports was introduced to control rising onion prices.
- (c) The government has increased subsidies for farmers to boost food production.
- (d) Direct cash transfers have been provided to consumers to offset rising food prices.
- (e) The government has significantly reduced import duties on vegetables.

Q13. Based on the passage, which factor is most likely to pose a long-term risk to food inflation?

- (a) The immediate rise in onion and tomato prices.
- (b) The decline in water storage levels in reservoirs.
- (c) The increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in February.
- (d) The marginal drop in cereal inflation from January.
- (e) The upcoming elections and policy uncertainty.

Q14. Which of the following statement/s is/are false based on the information given in the passage?

- (I) The potato-onion-tomato group significantly influenced the rise in vegetable inflation.
 - (II) Water storage levels are particularly low in the northern region of India.
 - (III) Private consumption accounts for 57% of GDP, and high food inflation is negatively affecting it, especially in rural areas.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (II)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) Only (III)

Q15. Which of the following words can best replace "handle" in the given passage?

- (a) Process
- (b) Increase
- (c) Reduction
- (d) Disturbance
- (e) Fluctuation

Q16. Based on the passage, which of the following can be inferred about food inflation and its impact on the economy?

- (a) High food inflation is primarily driven by supply-side constraints rather than demand-side factors.
- (b) The decline in water storage levels could contribute to prolonged inflationary pressure in food prices.
- (c) The government's intervention in controlling onion prices has been highly effective in stabilizing inflation.
- (d) Both A and b
- (e) All A, B, C

Q17. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the given blank?

- (a) played a key role to drive
- (b) playing an essential part
- (c) played a key role in driving
- (d) in a crucial role
- (e) regulated in

Q18. Which of the following words is the best synonym for "balance" as used in the passage?

- (a) Stability
- (b) Equality
- (c) Increment
- (d) Fluctuation
- (e) Growth

Directions (19-20): In each question two columns are given, each containing three phrases/sentences. Choose the option that will connect the phrases to form meaningful and correct sentences.

Q19. Match the phrases in Column I with Column II to create a meaningful and correct sentence.

Column I

- A. Through innovation and strategy, the company's
- B. The abrupt collapse of negotiations
- C. Defying the threats of tyranny,

Column II

- D. led to a prolonged deadlock
- E. efforts to expand globally have been successful
- F. the people united to reclaim their freedom

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-D
- (c) C-F
- (d) A-E
- (e) B-D, A-E, C-F

Q20.

Column I

- A. Torn between duty and conscience,
- B. The commander's tactical miscalculation
- C. Struggling to conceal his apprehension,

Column II

- D. caused irreversible damage to the mission.
- E. he was determined
- F. was met with widespread dissent.

- (a) A-F
- (b) B-D
- (c) C-E
- (d) A-E
- (e) Both A-F and C-E

Directions (21-25): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

Over the past decade, the global market for superfoods _____ **(A)** rapidly, driven by increasing health awareness. It has gone from 7 value in 2009 to 70 value now. Many of these superfoods are also known for their low glycemic index, making them beneficial for blood sugar control.

While superfoods _____ **(B)** as niche products, they are now widely available. This shift _____ **(C)** how consumer preferences have evolved, favoring natural and organic options.

Companies are making these ingredients more _____ **(D)**, though some argue the term "superfood" is often _____ **(E)** as a marketing strategy rather than a scientific classification. Foods like quinoa, chia seeds, and acai berries have gained immense popularity, while staples such as turmeric, olive oil, cinnamon, and garlic are already found in household kitchens.

Q21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank (A).

- (a) has increase
- (b) has increasing
- (c) has been growing
- (d) had grown
- (e) will grow

Q22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank (B).

- (a) had emerged
- (b) were emerging
- (c) had seen
- (d) have been recognized
- (e) have surfaced

Q23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank (C).

- (a) highlights
- (b) has highlighted
- (c) was highlighting
- (d) had highlighted
- (e) will highlight

Q24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank (D).

- (a) adaptable
- (b) accessible
- (c) widespread
- (d) convenient
- (e) practical

Q25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank (E).

- (a) enhanced
- (b) manipulated
- (c) exaggerated
- (d) substituted
- (e) distorted

Directions (26-29): Which of the following phrases given below the sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark "No correction required" as the answer.

Q26. The success of the company's project depended **in the ability of the team to collaborate effectively** under pressure.

- (a) on the ability of the team to collaborate effectively
- (b) at the ability of the team to collaborate effectively
- (c) over the ability of the team to collaborate effectively
- (d) for the ability of the team to collaborate effectively
- (e) No correction required

Q27. Every year the organization **honor the achievements of inspiring woman** from various fields.

- (a) honors the achievements of inspiring women
- (b) honor's the achievements of inspiring woman
- (c) honoring the achievements of inspiring women
- (d) has honor the achievements of inspiring woman
- (e) No correction required

Q28. The manager was determined to **carry on the policy** despite strong opposition from employees.

- (a) stick up the policy
- (b) carry out the policy
- (c) hold off the policy
- (d) bring up the policy
- (e) No correction required

Q29. As soon as the announcement was made, the crowd **was disappeared into the alley** before the security arrived.

- (a) had disappeared into the alley
- (b) was disappearing into the alley
- (c) got disappeared into the alley
- (d) disappeared into the alley
- (e) No correction required

Directions (30-33): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of these words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Q30. Terrain (A) through the **rugged** (B) trails, battling exhaustion and unpredictable **trekking** (C) the hikers climb higher into the mountains.

- (a) ACB
- (b) CAB
- (c) BAC
- (d) CBA
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q31. The chef skillfully **whipped** (A) a rich and **flavors** (B) sauce, adding just the right amount of herbs to enhance the **creamy** (C) of the dish.

- (a) ACB
- (b) CAB
- (c) BAC
- (d) CBA
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q32. The students **engaged** (A) in a heated **discussion** (B) about the latest **trends** (C) in social media and its impact on mental health.

- (a) BCA
- (b) CAB
- (c) BAC
- (d) ACB
- (e) No rearrangement required

Q33. As the storm grew **control** (A), the sailors struggled to maintain **fiercer** (B) of their boat against the relentless **waves** (C) crashing against them.

- (a) BCA
- (b) CAB
- (c) BAC
- (d) ACB
- (e) No rearrangement required

Directions (34-35): In the question, one word is given in bold and correspondence to that, three sentences are given each containing that word. Choose the option depicting the sentence(s) that have/ has the correct usage of the word.

Q34. RAISE

- (A) The teacher asked the students to **raise** their hands if they knew the answer.
- (B) The government plans to **raise** new buildings in the city.
- (C) They worked hard to **raise** funds for the charity event.
- (a) Both A and B
- (b) Both A and C
- (c) Only A
- (d) Only C
- (e) All A, B, C

Q35. MANAGE

- (A) She was able to **manage** the entire event smoothly despite the last-minute changes.
- (B) He **managed** to catch the train just before it left the station.
- (C) The teacher **managed** the students to complete their assignments.
- (a) Both A and B
- (b) Both B and C
- (c) Only A
- (d) Only C
- (e) All A, B, C

Q36. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The elderly journalist, now in her 70s, fondly recalled how she once ____ individuals decades ago when people had limited ambitions, whereas now, the youth are brimming with ____.

- (a) questioned, dream
- (b) interviewed, aspirations
- (c) observed, success
- (d) narrated, motivation
- (e) consulted, goals

Q37. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

Every individual is entitled to basic ____, which ensure freedom and dignity, but in many regions, these ____ are still denied.

- (a) human rights, prejudices
- (b) freedoms, opportunities
- (c) right, entitlements
- (d) human rights, protections
- (e) civil liberties, restrictions

Q38. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

The newly launched project aims to ____ innovative methods to improve education, ensuring that students gain ____ knowledge.

- (a) implement, practical
- (b) reject, theoretical
- (c) abandon, comprehensive
- (d) complicate, abstract
- (e) develop, forgettable

Q39. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so as to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

Despite his years of loyalty, the knight was forced to ____ his allegiance, a decision that led to his ____ from the kingdom.

- (a) uphold, exile
- (b) renounce, banishment
- (c) question, honor
- (d) reaffirm, disgrace
- (e) conceal, reward

Q40. In the given question, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so as to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.

As the storm intensified, the captain had to ____ his crew to prepare for the worst, knowing that any ____ could prove disastrous.

- (a) warn, hesitation
- (b) reassure, confidence
- (c) adorn, miscalculation
- (d) command, support
- (e) mislead, coordination