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# **IBPS PO PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER**

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Directions (1-9): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.**

India's tourism industry is experiencing a strong period of growth, driven by the burgeoning Indian middle class, growth in high spending foreign tourists, and coordinated government campaigns to promote 'Incredible India'. The tourism industry in India is substantial and vibrant, and the country is fast becoming a major global destination. India's travel and tourism industry is one of them most profitable industries in the country, and also credited with contributing a substantial amount of foreign exchange. This is illustrated by the fact that during 2006, four million tourists visited India and spent US \$8.9 billion. Several reasons are cited for the growth and prosperity of India's travel and tourism industry. Economic growth has added millions annually to the ranks of India's middle class, a group that is driving domestic tourism growth. Disposable income in India has grown by 10.11% annually from 2001-2006, and much of that is being spent on travel. Thanks in part to its booming IT and outsourcing industry a growing number of business trips are made by foreigners to India, who will often add a weekend break or longer holiday to their trip. Foreign tourists spend more in India than almost any other country worldwide. Tourist arrivals are projected to increase by over 22% per year through till 2010, with a 33% increase in foreign exchange earnings recorded in 2004.

The Tourism Ministry has also played an important role in the development of the industry, initiating advertising campaigns such as the 'Incredible India' campaign, which promoted India's culture and tourist attractions in a fresh and memorable way. The campaign helped create a colorful image of India in the minds of consumers all over the world, and has directly led to an increase in the interest among tourists. The tourism industry has helped growth in other sectors as diverse as horticulture, handicrafts, agriculture, construction and even poultry. Both directly and indirectly, increased tourism in India has created jobs in a variety of related sectors. The numbers tell the story: almost 20 million people are now working in the India's tourism industry. India's governmental bodies have also made a significant impact in tourism by requiring that each and every state of India have a corporation to administer support issues related to tourism. A new growth sector is medical tourism. It is currently growing at around 30% per annum. Medical tourist arrivals are expected to reach one million soon.

Medical tourism in Asia has grown rapidly. Medical tourism is approaching fever pitch at the tune of \$4 billion US, fuelled largely by the cosmetic surgery market. One of the problems India has, despite having some world-class hospitals, is sanitation. The tourism industry of India is based on certain core nationalistic ideals and standards which are: Swaagat or welcome, Sahyog or cooperation,

Soochanaa or information, Sanrachanaa or infrastructure, Suvidha or facilitation, Safaai or cleanliness and Surakshaa or security.

**1. Choose the word which is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning of the word burgeoning as used in the passage?**

- 1) thriving
- 2) sprouting
- 3) incorporating
- 4) decreasing
- 5) growing

**2. Find the correct statement on the basis of the given passage.**

- (A) The tourism industry in our country manages to attract the world tourist.  
(B) India has continued to represent a place much sought after for its diversity.  
(C) India has potential to emerge as one of the world's tourist hot spots.

- 1) Only (A)
- 2) Only (C)
- 3) Both (A) and (B)
- 4) All (A), (B) and (C)
- 5) Other than given options

**3. Choose the word which is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the word "cited" as used in the passage?**

- 1) pointed out
- 2) withheld
- 3) inserted
- 4) imputed
- 5) sourced

**4. Which of the following statements correctly represent (s) the reason behind the expansion of India's travel and tourism Industry?**

- 1) India is a vast country of great beauty and diversity.
- 2) India's vast cultural heritage
- 3) The successful launch of very penetrative ad campaign
- 4) Business trips to India
- 5) All of the above

**5. What is the meaning of the phrase "fever pitch" as used in the passage?**

- 1) A high degree of excitement
- 2) A state of suffering
- 3) Beyond the expectations
- 4) Meeting the target
- 5) Other than given options

**6. Which of the following is false in respect of India's medical tourism?**

- 1) India's medical tourism sector is expected to experience an annual growth rate of 30%.
- 2) An estimated one million tourists will travel to India for healthcare procedures every year.
- 3) The advantage of medical treatment in India includes reduced costs not the availability of latest medical technologies.
- 4) All 1), 2) and 3)
- 5) Other than given options

**7. Give a suitable title to the given passage.**

- 1) Medical tourism in India
- 2) Tourism Industry–A special focus of India
- 3) Foreign tourist arrival and forex earning in India
- 4) Domestic Tourism in India
- 5) Employment Opportunities in Tourism

**8. The author in the given passage is**

- A) skeptical about the growth of India's medical tourism
  - B) of the view that lots of efforts can bring about significant changes in India's tour and travel industry.
  - C) not in favour of investing on various ads
- 1) Only A
  - 2) Only B
  - 3) Only C
  - 4) Both A and C
  - 5) Both B and C

**9. As mentioned in this passage, in order to developing the tourism industry the role of the tourism ministry is**

- 1) Considerable
- 2) Imperceptible
- 3) Unique
- 4) Ambiguous
- 5) Other than given options

**Directions (10-14): Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.**

A) Subsequently experts are beginning to look to the field of evolutionary biology to find out how the human species developed to be able to use language.

B) For example, we understand the origins of the Indo-European group of languages, which includes Norwegian, Hindi and English, and can trace them back to tribes in eastern Europe in about 3000 BC.

C) Thanks to the field of linguistics, we know much about the development of the 5,000 plus languages in existence today.

D) So, we have mapped out a great deal of the history of language, but there are still areas we know little about.

E) We can describe their grammar and pronunciation and see how their spoken and written forms have changed over time.

**10.** Which of the following should be the concluding sentence after rearrangement?

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

**11.** Which of the following should be the fourth sentence after rearrangement?

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

**12.** Which of the following should be the first sentence after rearrangement?

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

**13.** Which of the following should be the second sentence after rearrangement?

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

**14.** Which of the following should be the third sentence after rearrangement?

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

**Directions (15-17):** In each of the questions given below four words are given in bold. These four words may or may not be in their correct position. The sentence is then followed by options with the correct combination of words that should replace each other in order to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Find the correct combination of the words that replace each other. If the sentence is correct as it is then select option (e) as your choice.

15. The Delhi **Cabinet** (A)/ accorded in-principle **cluster** (B)/ to free travel for women **aboard** (C)/ Delhi Transport Corporation and **approval** (D)/ buses

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) C-D
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

16. The **temple** (A)/in Tughlakabad was **demolished** (B)/ by the DDA on August 10 **following** (C)/ a Supreme Court **order** (D)

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) C-D
- (d) A-B
- (e) No replacement required.

17. The country's two largest **commandos** (A)/ were put on high alert after **intelligence** (B)/ agencies shared **inputs** (C)/ of a possible entry by Pakistan-trained **ports** (D)

- (a) B-D
- (b) A-C
- (c) A-D
- (d) B-C
- (e) No replacement required.

**Directions (18-20) :**Which of the phrases (a), (b), (c) and (d) given below each statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct ? If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No correction is required', mark (e) as the answer.

Q18. An NGO is working towards providing free education to the girl child so that every girl can **stand on their own** feet.

- (a) stands on their own
- (b) stand on her own
- (c) stand in her own
- (d) stand on their own's
- (e) No correction required

Q19. The animal rescuers anesthetized the dog **which had been with** great pain after having met with an accident.

- (a) which had been in

- (b) which is being with
- (c) who had been in
- (d) who has been at
- (e) No correction required

Q20. In its final decision, the court ruled that all the **allegations levelled for the** accused were false and baseless.

- (a) allegation levelled against the
- (b) allegations level against that
- (c) allegations levelled against the
- (d) allegations levelled with that
- (e) No correction required

**Directions (21-22):** In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each sentence, there are five words out of which one can be used to fill the blank to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate word that fit into the blank contextually.

21. The Indian corporate debt market has been \_\_\_\_\_ by several woeful issues over the years.

- (a) abetted
- (b) plagued
- (c) extraneous
- (d) stirring
- (e) prick

22. Today, the world seems to be sitting on a volcano ready to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) incorrupt
- (b) interrupt
- (c) abrupt
- (d) disrupt
- (e) erupt

**Direction (23-27):**

23. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e., 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- (a) Short people are 50 per cent like than tall people to die prematurely of heart disease, researchers reported today in a major review of three million people.
- (b) Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will makes a short film featuring master blaster Sachin Tendulkar to spread the message of cleanliness.
- (c) The tunnel-like structure built by the British connecting the Delhi legislative assembly with the Red Fort will now be renovated and opens for tourists.

- (d) All 612 districts in India are vulnerable to climate change, but 100 districts, mostly in the eastern part of the country, are most vulnerable, a study said.  
(e) all are incorrect

24. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e., 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- (a) Umesh Yadav became the six Indian pace bowler to get to 150 Test wickets.  
(b) The government on Thursday extended for September 30, visas of all foreign nationals stuck in India due to COVID-19 pandemic, an official spokesperson said.  
(c) Zomato India has officially filed for dissolution and shut down of its subsidiaries in the UK and Singapore.  
(d) According to a report prepared by Hurun India, India added three 'unicorns' per month in 2021.  
(e) all are incorrect

25. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e., 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- (a) Renowned for scripting records in the field, Indian skipper Virat Kohli has been racking numbers off-field too.  
(b) The tech giant company- Samsung has announced the world's first 200-megapixel image sensor intended for smartphone cameras.  
(c) India's biggest carmaker, Maruti Suzuki, is reportedly recalling after 180,000 cars for a 'possible defect'.  
(d) Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's gold medal-win performance has been rated as one of the 10 magical moments of the Tokyo Olympic Games by World Athletics (WA).  
(e) all are incorrect

26. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e., 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- (a) The Supreme Court today slammed the central government over the delay in framing guidelines regarding compensation to the families of those who died according to Covid-19.  
(b) The Indian Army is going to procure 100 'SkyStriker' drone from Bengaluru-based Alpha Design to boost its aerial strike capabilities.



- (c) The flight operations between India and neighbouring Bangladesh are set to resume from today under a bilateral air bubble.
- (d) Indias Praveen Kumar clinched the Silver medal in the high jump event at Tokyo Paralympics on Friday.
- (e) all are incorrect

27. In the following question, four sentences are given which may be grammatically and contextually incorrect. You need to find the one which has no error and mark that as your answer. If all the given sentences are incorrect then mark option (e) i.e., 'all are incorrect' as your answer.

- (a) To per new research, a solar storm is likely to strike with the potential to destroy all technical infrastructure causing a massive disruption akin to an 'internet apocalypse'.
- (b) Cupertino-based tech giant Apple has been hit with an antitrust filing in India against its 30% commission on in-app purchases, according to documents seen by Reuters.
- (c) More then half of India's adult population has received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 16 per cent have got both, the Union government said on Thursday.
- (d) Indian skipper Virat Kohli on Thursday became the fast batsman in the history of the game to register 23,000 international runs.
- (e) all are incorrect

### Direction (28-30): Word Rearrangement

28. Replacing the office's **technology** (A) computer **outdated** (B) with new **system** (C) would **allow** (D) the workers to get a lot more done.

- (a) ACDB  
(b) BCAD  
(c) DBCA  
(d) CADB  
(e) No rearrangement needed

29. The **allure** (A) of the **fresh** (B) herbs caused the chef to **intended** (C) more money than he **spend** (D) at the market.

- (a) BACD  
(b) DCAB  
(c) ABDC  
(d) CDAB  
(e) No rearrangement needed

30. There is a **horizon** (A) of **outskirt** (B) buildings on the **industrial** (C) of our small town, but we tend to ignore them since they ruin the **cluster** (D).

- (a) DCBA  
(b) DCAB  
(c) ABDC

- (d) CDAB
- (e) No rearrangement needed

## Solution

### Direction (1-9):

- Answer 1. 4
- Answer 2. 4
- Answer 3. 1
- Answer 4. 5
- Answer 5. 1
- Answer 6. 3
- Answer 7. 2
- Answer 8. 2
- Answer 9. 1

### Direction (10-14):

10. Ans. a

The concluding sentence after rearrangement is (A).

The correct sequence of the sentences is **CEBDA**.

The first sentence is (C) because we get to know from it what the paragraph is about (languages and their development).

The second sentence should be (E) as it links to the previous sentence where it talks about humans being aware of the history and development of languages.

Sentence (E) further elaborates on it saying how we have seen their elements like grammar, written and spoken form evolve over time.

Third sentence is (B) illustrates an example to explain this concept to us.

Fourth sentence is (D) links to the previous concepts saying even though we have knowledge about the various languages, there is still a lot to explore.

The last sentence is (A) informs us the next step researchers are taking to further delve deep into the

study of language and their explored elements.

11. Ans. d

. The fourth sentence after rearrangement is (D).

The correct sequence of the sentences is **CEBDA**.

The first sentence is (C) because we get to know from it what the paragraph is about (languages and their development).

The second sentence should be (E) as it links to the previous sentence where it talks about humans being aware of the history and development of languages.

Sentence (E) further elaborates on it saying how we have seen their elements like grammar, written and spoken form evolve over time.

Third sentence is (B) illustrates an example to explain this concept to us.

Fourth sentence is (D) links to the previous concepts saying even though we have knowledge about the various languages, there is still a lot to explore.

The last sentence is (A) informs us the next step researchers are taking to further delve deep into the study of language and their explored elements.

12. Ans. b

. The first sentence after rearrangement is (C).

The correct sequence of the sentences is **CEBDA**.

The first sentence is (C) because we get to know from it what the paragraph is about (languages and their development).

The second sentence should be (E) as it links to the previous sentence where it talks about humans being aware of the history and development of languages.

Sentence (E) further elaborates on it saying how we have seen their elements like grammar, written and spoken form evolve over time.

Third sentence is (B) illustrates an example to explain this concept to us.

Fourth sentence is (D) links to the previous concepts saying even though we have knowledge about the various languages, there is still a lot to explore.

The last sentence is (A) informs us the next step researchers are taking to further delve deep into the study of language and their explored elements.

13. Ans. c

The second sentence after rearrangement is (C).

The correct sequence of the sentences is **CEBDA**.

The first sentence is (C) because we get to know from it what the paragraph is about (languages and their development).

The second sentence should be (E) as it links to the previous sentence where it talks about humans being aware of the history and development of languages.

Sentence (E) further elaborates on it saying how we have seen their elements like grammar, written and spoken form evolve over time.

Third sentence is (B) illustrates an example to explain this concept to us.

Fourth sentence is (D) links to the previous concepts saying even though we have knowledge about the various languages, there is still a lot to explore.

The last sentence is (A) informs us the next step researchers are taking to further delve deep into the study of language and their explored elements.

14. Ans. e

The third sentence after rearrangement is (E).

The correct sequence of the sentences is **CEBDA**.

The first sentence is (C) because we get to know from it what the paragraph is about (languages and their development).

The second sentence should be (E) as it links to the previous sentence where it talks about humans being aware of the history and development of languages.

Sentence (E) further elaborates on it saying how we have seen their elements like grammar, written and spoken form evolve over time.

Third sentence is (B) illustrates an example to explain this concept to us.

Fourth sentence is (D) links to the previous concepts saying even though we have knowledge about the various languages, there is still a lot to explore.  
The last sentence is (A) informs us the next step researchers are taking to further delve deep into the study of language and their explored elements.

**Direction (15-17):**

15. Ans. a

Exp. In the given sentence, position of 'cluster' at its current position is incorrect instead it should be 'approval' as can be seen from the usage of 'Delhi cabinet accorded'. So the correct replacement to make the given sentence both grammatically and contextually correct is option (a)

16. Ans. e

Exp. All of the highlighted words are correct in their respective position. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (e)

17. Ans. c

Exp. In the given sentence, use of 'ports' at its' current position is incorrect as can be seen from 'Pakistan-trained ports' which doesn't make a contextually meaningful sense. But, replacing it with 'commandos' will make the given sentence both grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer choice would be option (c)

**Direction (18-20):**

18. Ans.(b)

19. Ans.(a)

20. Ans.(c)

**Direction (21-22):**

21. Ans. b

The sentence talks about the bad situation of the Indian debt market over the years due to many bad issues. Word 'plagued' is the correct fit for the given blank to make the sentence contextually and grammatically meaningful. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Abetted: encourage or assist (someone) to do something wrong, in particular to commit a crime.

Plagued: to cause somebody/something a lot of trouble

Extraneous: irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with.

Stirring: to move or make somebody/something move slightly

Prick: the sudden pain that you feel when something sharp goes into your skin

22. Ans. e

Exp. The sentence intends to convey that today's world is so full of chaos that it seems like it is sitting on a volcano which is ready to explode anytime. 'Erupt' fits correctly in the given blank to make the sentence contextually and grammatically

meaningful. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Incorrupt: (especially of a human body) not having undergone decomposition.

Interrupt: to stop the progress of something for a short time

Abrupt: sudden and unexpected

Disrupt: to stop something happening as or when it should

Erupt: (used about a volcano) to explode and throw out fire, rock that has melted (lava), smoke, etc

**Direction (23-27):**

23. Ans. d

Exp. Among all the given sentences, option (d) is the only correct one.

In option (a), use of like is incorrect. It should be replaced with likelier.

In option (b), makes will be replaced with make since this sentence is in future tense.

In option (c), we can grasp the fact that the sentence is in past tense, so the verb will also be in past tense. Opened will be used here.

24. Ans. c

Exp. Among all the given sentences, option (c) is the only correct one.

In option (a), sixth will be used. We use ordinal numbers to say the date or to put things into order.

In option (b), till is always used with extended to show the limit of the period mentioned.

In option (d), per needs to replace par. Per is used with respect to every member of a specified group : for each.

25. Ans. b

Exp. Among all the given sentences, option (b) is the only correct one.

In option (a), the correct preposition to be used is 'on the field.'

In option (c), over should be used instead of after. 'Over' is used as a preposition to mean 'more than'.

In option (d), medal-winning is the correct replacement.

26. Ans. c

Exp. Among all the given sentences, option (c) is the only correct one.

In option (a), usage according to is incorrect. Due to is the correct replacement. Due to is used to mean caused by or ascribable to.

In option (b), drones is the correct word to be used since we are already made aware of the fact that there are multiple (100) drones.

For option (d), An apostrophe needs to be used with Indias (India's), since it is used to show that one person/thing owns or is a member of something.

27. Ans. b

Exp. Among all the given sentences, option (b) is the only correct one.

Option (a): It is always *as per research*.

Option (c): *more than* is the correction to be made here. We use it while referring to an amount of something that is greater than another amount

Option (d): We need a superlative adverb here so we need to replace *fast* with *fastest*.



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