

# For over a decade the most common policy..



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## MODEL QUESTION

**Directions (Q.No.1-05):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the number of that part with error as your answer. If there is 'No error', mark (5) as your answer.

- The government recently restarted the process (1)/ to selling Air India (2)/ after putting it on hold last year due to poor response, (3)/ although volatility in crude prices was cited as the reason. (4)/ No error (5)
- Today, there were myriad ways to communicate with employees: (1)/ newsletters; email; voice mail; video conferencing; blogs; (2)/ power luncheons; walking around; grapevine power; (3)/ and, of course, meetings. (4)/ No error (5)
- Before the storm destroyed much of the harbor, (1)/ this town, with its sandy beaches and multiple opportunities for sports, (2)/ has been one of the most popular (3)/ resort destinations on the East Coast. (4)/ No error (5)
- In the past several years, (1)/ astronomers have detected more than 80 massive planets, (2)/ most of them as large or larger than Jupiter, (3)/ which circle other stars. (4)/ No error (5)
- The electronics company has unveiled what it claims (1)/ is the world's smallest network digital camcorder, (2)/ the length of which is that of a handheld computer, and it (3)/ weighs less than 11 ounces. (4)/ No error (5)

**Directions (Q.No. 06-10):** Each question below has a blank/ blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word/ set of words from the five options for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

- Lamenting the \_\_\_ hike of petrol prices, commuters in the city said that the \_\_\_ will have a \_\_\_ impact on the poor and middle-class sections of the society.
  - Sharp, trend, steep
  - steep, move, severe
  - quick, drift, helpful
  - blunt, style, downbeat
  - keen, leaning, definite
- Inadequate infrastructure and \_\_\_ of legal precedent have not only made speedy debt resolution process virtually impossible \_\_\_ the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code but have also hindered pre-IBC debt deals.
  - presence, during
  - absence, below
  - lack, under
  - deficiency, behind

- dearth, across
- \_\_\_ among India's most successful captains, M.S.Dhoni, the 38-year-old has been a vital \_\_\_ for Indian cricket in the last 15 years.
  - Counted, cog
  - rated, gear
  - treated, compound
  - circulated, competent
  - reckoned, mechanism
- Rahul Gandhi's decision to step \_\_\_ is clearly an attempt to set new standards of political \_\_\_ by owning responsibility for the Congress's \_\_\_ in the recent parliamentary polls.
  - Aside, integrity, defeat
  - below, ethics, loss
  - down, morality, drubbing
  - along, principles, pasting
  - behind, decency, licking
- In the U.S., manufacturing plants grow or die. \_\_\_, surviving Indian plants exhibit little growth in terms of either employment or output.
  - In contrast
  - similarly
  - parallel
  - equally
  - likewise

**Directions (Q.No. 11-15):** Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- It was, therefore, not surprising that dozens of other countries attempted to follow their model, yet no countries-with the possible exceptions of Malaysia and Thailand-have even approached their success.
- Despite these changes, the authors maintain, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund the foremost international development institutions have continued to promote the NIC path as the way for heavily indebted developing countries to proceed.
- For over a decade the most common policy advice given to developing countries by international development institutions has been to copy the export-oriented path of the newly industrializing countries, the celebrated NIC's.
- And yet the futility of this approach should, according to the authors, be all too apparent so many years into a period of reduced growth in world markets.
- These economies-Brazil, Hong Kong, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan-burst into the world manufacturing market in the late 1960's and the 1970's; by 1978 these six economies, along with India, enjoyed unequaled growth rates for gross national product and for exports, with exports accounting for 70 percent of the developing world's manufactured exports.
- In "No More NIC's," Robin Broad and John Cavanagh search for the reasons behind these failures, identifying far-reaching changes in



the global economy from synthetic substitutes for commodity exports to unsustainable levels of foreign debt as responsible for a glut economy offering little room for new entrants.

- What is the LAST sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - E
- What is the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
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  - E
- What is the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?
  - C
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  - F
- What is the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?
  - B
  - A
  - C
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  - E
- What is the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?
  - A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - F

**Directions: (Q.No. 16- 20) Which of the phrases (1), (2), (3), and (4) given below each sentence should replace the phrase underlined in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If there is no error mark (5) No correction required as your answer.**

- The framework includes structures for implementing programs such as fun at work, individual development, talent recognition, and sports cultural events.
  - fun at work, individual development, and talent recognition, sports, cultural events.
  - fun at work, individual development, talent recognition, sports and cultural events.
  - fun at work, individual and development, talent recognition, sports cultural events.
  - fun at work, and individual development, talent recognition, sports cultural events.
  - No correction required
- Would you like us to keep an eye at your house when you are on holidays?
  - to keep an eye on your house when you are
  - to keep an eye of your house when you are
  - to keep an eye off your house when you are
  - to keep an eye out your house when you are
  - No correction required
- The father died without leaving a will, and since one of the sons was abroad at the time, the other took the cat's share of the property for himself.
  - took the rat's share of the property for himself

- took the tiger's share of the property for himself
- took the lion's share of the property for himself
- took the elephant's share of the property for himself
- No correction required
- Attending the interview one must have completed the basic degree course with an additional diploma in any of the management studies from a university.
  - to be attending the interview one must have completed the basic degree
  - to attend the interview one must have completed the basic degree
  - attended the interview one must have completed the basic degree
  - Attend the interview one must have completed the basic degree
  - No correction required
- Southern California was hit by its largest earthquake in two decades on Friday, a 7.1-magnitude tremor that rattled residents which was already reeling from another strong quake an earlier day.
  - which already was reeling from another strong quake a day before.
  - whom were already reeling from another strong quake an earlier day.
  - who are already reeling from another strong quake a prior day.
  - who were already reeling from another strong quake a day earlier.
  - No correction required

**Directions (Q.No. 21-25) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.**

Although organic agriculture may seem to be the wave of the future, some experts believe that the next stage in agricultural development requires the widespread adoption of something very inorganic: fertilizer made from powdered rocks, also known as "rock flour." The biochemical processes of life depend not only on elements commonly associated with living organisms, such as oxygen, hydrogen, and carbon (the fundamental elements of organic chemistry), but also on many other elements in the periodic table. Specifically, plants need the so-called "big six" nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, sulfur, and magnesium. In modern industrial agriculture, these nutrients are commonly supplied by traditional chemical fertilizers. However, these fertilizers omit trace elements, such as iron, molybdenum and manganese that are components of essential plant enzymes and pigments. For instance, the green pigment chlorophyll, which turns sunlight into energy that plants can use, requires iron. As crops are harvested,

the necessary trace elements are not replaced and become **depleted** in the soil. Eventually, crop yields diminish, despite the application or even over-application of traditional fertilizers. Rock flour, produced in abundance by quarry and mining operations, may be able to **replenish** trace elements cheaply and increase crop yields dramatically. Not all rock flour would be suitable for use as fertilizer. Certain chemical elements, such as lead and cadmium, are poisonous to humans; thus, applying rock flour containing significant amounts of such elements to farmland would be inappropriate, even if the crops themselves do not accumulate the poisons, because human contact could result directly or indirectly (e.g., via soil runoff into water supplies). However, most rock flour produced by quarries seems safe for use. After all, glaciers have been creating natural rock flour for thousands of years as they advance and **retreat**, grinding up the ground underneath. Glacial runoff carries this rock flour into rivers, and downstream, the resulting alluvial deposits are extremely fertile. If the use of man-made rock flour is incorporated into agricultural practices, it may be possible to make open plains as rich as alluvial soils. Such increases in agricultural productivity will be necessary to feed an ever more crowded world.

- What is the suitable title for the passage?
  - Glacial runoff
  - Rock flour
  - agricultural productivity
  - alluvial soils
  - quarry and mining operations
- Identify the true statement from the following:
  - Normal fertilizers do not give you the trace elements such as iron.
  - Glaciers make natural rock flour which is good for the soil.
  - If we use rock flour, maybe we can feed the world.
  - All of the above
  - Only 1&3
- The synonym of replenish is
  - deplete
  - exhaust
  - fatigue
  - refresh
  - wear
- The synonym of deplete is
  - drain
  - propel
  - thrust
  - impel
  - boost
- The antonym of retreat is
  - recoil
  - shrink
  - withdraw
  - depart
  - deposit

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