



Sample Questions for Preliminary and Main Examination

Below are given some sample questions for each of these tests. The type of questions are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In actual test you may find questions on some or all these types and also questions on the type not mentioned here.

Reasoning

This is a test to see how well you can think and also to judge your aptitude/ knowledge for working with computer. It contains questions of various kinds. Here are some sample questions.

Directions : In each of the following questions, there are five letter groups or words in each question. Four of these letter groups or words are alike in some way, while one is different. Find the one which is different.

Q.1. (1) black (2) red (3) green (4) paint (5) yellow

Of the five, 'black', 'red', 'green' and 'yellow' form a group as they are names of colours. 'paint' is not the name of a colour. Therefore, (4) is the answer.

Now try to solve the following questions.

Q.2. (1) BC (2) MN (3) PQ (4) XZ (5) ST

Q.3. (1) Mango (2) Apple (3) Orange (4) Guava (5) Rose

Directions : In each of the following questions, there is a question mark in which only one of the five alternatives given under the question satisfies the same relationship as is found between the two terms to the left of the sign :: given in the question. Find the correct answer.

Q.4. Foot : man :: hoof : ?

(1) leg (2) dog (3) horse (4) boy (5) shoe

In the above example, 'hoof' has the same relationship with 'horse' as 'foot' has to 'man'. Hence the answer is (3).

Now study to solve the following questions.

Q.5. Day : Night :: Kind : ?

(1) Dark (2) Bright (3) Cruel (4) Generous (5) Gratitude

Q.6. Hut : Mansion :: Rabbit : ?

(1) Hole (2) Carrot (3) Elephant (4) Small (5) Rat

Now try the following questions.

Q.7. If the letters in the word TOPS can be rearranged to form a meaningful word beginning with O, the last letter of that word is your answer. If more than one such word can be formed, M is the answer and if no such word can be formed, X is the answer.

(1) T (2) P (3) M (4) S (5) X

Q.8. 'Some leaders are dishonest. Satyapriya is a leader.' Which of the following inferences definitely follows from these statements ?

(1) Satyapriya is honest (2) Satyapriya is dishonest
(3) Some leaders are honest (4) Leaders are generally dishonest
(5) Satyapriya is sometimes dishonest

Q.9. If 'A * B' means 'add B to A', 'A - B' means 'subtract B from A', 'A # B' means 'divide A by B' and 'A V B' means 'multiply A by B'; which of the following gives the average sales of two days where S_1 and S_2 are the sales of the first and the second day respectively ?

(1) $(S_1 + S_2) \# 2$ (2) $2 \# (S_1 * S_2)$ (3) $(S_1 * S_2) \# 2$
(4) $(S_1 V S_2) \# (S_1 * S_2)$ (5) Other than those given as options

Q.10. Every person above eighteen years of age who is registered as a voter, can vote. To find out whether Madhu, who was born twenty years ago, can vote, which of the following further information is needed ?

(I) Madhu's date of birth (II) Whether Madhu is registered as a voter
(1) Only I (2) Only II (3) Either I or II
(4) Neither I nor II (5) Both I and II



Q.11. In each question below are given two statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the two given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts, consider the two conclusions; together and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the two given statements, disregarding commonly known facts.

Statements : I.All machines are windows. All windows are clouds.
Conclusions : I. All machines are clouds.
II.All clouds are machines.

- (1) None follows (2) Only I follows (3) Both I & II follow
(4) Only II follows (5) Either I or II follows mentioned here.

English Language

This is a test to see how well you know English. Your English language ability would be tested through questions on grammar, vocabulary, sentence completion, synonyms, antonyms, comprehension of a passage, etc. Study and answer the sample questions given below :

Directions : Pick out the most appropriate word from amongst the words given below each sentence to complete it meaningfully.

Q.12. He quickly glanced the book to find what it said about the Indian economy.
(1) at (2) through (3) in (4) to (5) over

The correct answer is "through" which is answer No. 2.

Q.13. The counsel urged the court to down the obnoxious law.
(1) enact (2) enforce (3) cancel (4) strike (5) declare

Q.14. The local official the Minister of the situation.
(1) explained (2) warned (3) apprised (4) told (5) intimated

Directions : Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part of the sentence is your answer. If there is no error, the answer is (5).

Q.15. I am twenty / two years old / when I first / joined the bank. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

The error is in (1). Therefore the answer is '1'.

Q.16. To the Hindus / the Ganga is / holier than / any other river. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

In this question, there is no error; therefore the right answer to this question is '5'.

Q.17. Of all the teachers / in our school / our class teacher / were very strict. No error
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Directions : In each of the following questions, select from amongst the five alternatives, the word nearest in meaning to the word given in capitals.

Q.18. LETHAL
(1) light (2) dangerous (3) deadly (4) cruel (5) thoughtless

Q.19. CENTENARY
(1) a guard (2) a hundred years (3) a very old man (4) hundred runs (5) hundredth anniversary

Q.20. TRIUMPH
(1) conquer (2) smash (3) earn (4) brave (5) capture



Quantitative Aptitude / Numerical Ability

This test is designed to measure how fast and accurate you are in dealing with numbers, viz. computation, quantitative reasoning, interpretation of tables and graphs etc.

Q.32-34. Study the following table carefully and answer the questions given below —

Distribution of 1000 candidates as regards their marks in written examination out of 300 and interview out of 100 in a selection examination

Written Examination Marks	INTERVIEW MARKS					
	Below 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 & above
260 & above	8	18	26	18	26	4
210 to 259	5	4	30	22	10	9
160 to 209	16	10	45	56	18	9
110 to 159	28	42	100	190	15	5
60 to 109	35	115	20	8	7	5
Below 60	32	32	20	4	6	2

- Q.32.** How many candidates did obtain more than 69 percent marks and above in both written examination and interview ?
(1) 22 (2) 49 (3) 13 (4) 9 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.33.** if approximately 325 candidates were to be qualified in the written examination, what should be the percentage of the qualifying marks ?
(1) above 20 (2) above 70 (3) above 36 (4) above 63 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.34.** About 42 percent of the candidates fall in which of the following ranges of the interview marks ?
(1) 110-159 (2) 110 & below (3) 50 to 70 (4) 50 & above (5) Other than those given as options

Some of the questions may require arithmetical reasoning. For example :

- Q.35.** At 10 paise each, how many paise will 6 lemons cost ?
(1) 6 (2) 10 (3) 60 (4) 610 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.36.** Which of the following can be exact multiple of 4 ?
(1) 27114 (2) 58204 (3) 48402 (4) 32286 (5) Other than those given as options
- Q.37.** If the profit made by selling a pen for Rs.10 is as much as its cost, what is the cost price of the pen ?
(1) Rs.3/- (2) Rs.5/- (3) Rs.10/- (4) Rs.20/- (5) Other than those given as options

Also, there may be some questions based on graphs and tables.

Q.38-40. Directions : Given below is a table showing percentages out of a total of 700 employees ranking six attributes that help promotion. Rank I is the highest. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Attribute	Percent of Employees Giving Different Ranks					
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Seniority	32	17	22	19	5	5
Perseverance	14	19	17	9	27	14
Efficiency	15	19	21	14	14	17
Intelligence	10	14	10	14	17	35
Honesty	24	17	7	9	27	16
Sociability	5	14	23	35	10	13

- Q.38.** Which attribute for promotion has received the highest rank ?
(1) Perseverance (2) Seniority (3) Honesty (4) Sociability (5) Efficiency

Notice the percentage for rank I given in the table. You observe that seniority is the attribute with the highest percentage. So your answer is "Seniority", which is answer No. (2)



Q.39. How many employees gave rank III to intelligence ?

- (1) 119 (2) 98 (3) 77 (4) 70 (5) 10

Look at the intersection of the column giving percentage for rank III and the row giving percentage for intelligence. You find that 10 percent of the 700 employees have given rank III to this attribute. 10% of 700 is 70. So your answer should be (4).

Q.40. Which attribute is considered the least important for promotion ?

- (1) Honesty (2) Intelligence (3) Perseverance (4) Efficiency (5) Sociability

Referring to the percentage for VI rank, you find that intelligence is the attribute which receives the highest percentage. In other words, a majority of people consider it as the least important and give it the last rank. Therefore your answer is (2).

The correct answers to all these 40 questions are as follows –

Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers	Questions	Answers
1	4	11	2	21	5	31	3
2	4	12	2	22	5	32	3
3	5	13	4	23	2	33	5
4	3	14	3	24	2	34	4
5	3	15	1	25	5	35	3
6	3	16	5	26	5	36	2
7	4	17	4	27	4	37	2
8	3	18	3	28	1	38	2
9	5	19	5	29	3	39	2
10	4	20	1	30	4	40	2

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