

Weekly English Quiz for High Court Assistant Exam 08th – 14th September 2024

Q1. Two miles to reach the market _____ walking distance.

Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

- (a) Is
- (b) Are
- (c) Were
- (d) Has

Ans(a)
Sol.

The most appropriate word to fill in the blank is 'is'.

'Two miles' represents a single unit of distance therefore would take a singular verb.

Q2.

The cricket is favorite sport of Indians.
In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

- (a) The cricket
- (b) is favorite
- (c) sport of Indians

(d) No error

Ans(a)
Sol.

Use of definite article 'the' before the name of a sport is wrong.

Since we already specified which game is being talked about, using definite article would make it erroneous.

Q3.

Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) Irreperable
- (b) Honorary
- (c) Fallacious
- (d) Garrison

Ans(a)
Sol.

The word is correctly spelt as "Irreparable" which means 'Something that cannot be repaired'.
Meanings of other words are as follows:

Honorary- conferred as an honor, without the usual requirements or functions.

Fallacious- based on a mistaken belief.

Garrison- a group of troops stationed in a fortress or town to defend it.

Q4.

Every generation of a middle-class household hopes that its next-generation would be slightly better _____.

Select the most appropriate words to fill in the blanks in the given sentence.

(a)With

(b)On

(c)Off

(d)To

Ans(c)

Sol.

The correct answer is option c.

The words that can be filled in the blanks are 'Off'.

Better off – It is a phrase that means, 'To have more money than you had in the past or more money than most other people'.

For example - Obviously, we're better off now that we're both working.

Q5.

Perturb

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

(a)Unusual

(b)Accidental

(c)Comfort

(d)Baseless

Ans(c)

Sol.

The correct answer is option c.

Perturb - make (someone) anxious or unsettled.

Synonyms - Unsettle, Disturb, Distress, Dismay.

Antonyms – Aid, Assist, Comfort, Soothe.

Q6.

A secret or disguised way of writing.

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

(a)Curator

(b)Cypher

(c)Graphology

(d)Philology

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is option b.

Cypher - A secret or disguised way of writing.

Curator - A keeper or custodian of a museum or other collection.

Graphology - Study of handwriting.

Philology - Study of languages.

Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

Q7.

Many people obsess on how to be successful because we all want to feel like we matter.

Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.

(a)obsess on

(b)Many people

(c)No Error

(d)how to be successful

Ans(a)

Sol.

The correct answer is option a.

The error lies in part (a) of the sentence. Replace 'Obsess on' with 'Obsess over' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Obsess over – It is a phrase that means, 'To worry about something all the time'.

For example - Joe's always obsessing over his health.

Q8. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

- Consolidate
(a) Approve
(b) Remember
(c) Strengthen
(d) Participate

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option c.

Consolidate - To make firm or secure.

Synonyms - Centralize, Concentrate, Unite, Strengthen.

Antonyms - Decentralize, Deconcentrate.

Q9. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.

Although it rained a lot but we enjoyed our holiday.

- (a) Although it rained a lot
(b) but we enjoyed
(c) No error
(d) our holiday.

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is option b.

The error lies in part (b) of the sentence. Remove 'But' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

When a sentence begins with 'Although or Though', don't use 'But' or 'Yet' to introduce the main clause.

For example - **Although he was late, he stopped to buy a sandwich.**

Q10. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

- Decoy
(a) Caution
(b) Achieve
(c) Challenge
(d) Develop

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is option a.

Decoy - To entice or mislead by deception or into danger.

Synonyms - Allure, Betray, Tempt.

Antonyms - Alert, Caution, Warn.



Q1.

Select the correct option to complete the sentence:
Marginal Propensity to Consume (MPC) is the proportion of additional income that an individual spends on consumption _____ than saving, indicating how changes in income affect consumption.
(a) lesser

(b) more

(c) other

(d) rather

Ans(d)

Sol.

The correct option to fill in the blank is (d) rather.

"Rather than" is a comparative phrase used to indicate a preference or choice between two alternatives.

Example: "He chose to walk rather than drive," where 'rather than' contrasts two actions.

- (a) lesser: Incorrect comparative form, not fitting in this context.
- (b) more: Does not provide a contrast between two actions.
- (c) other: Does not compare two alternatives, incorrect here.

Q2.

Identify the error in this sentence:

Hot money refer to capital that moves rapidly across borders in search of high short-term returns, often leading to volatility in foreign exchange and capital markets.

(a) Hot money refer to capital that moves rapidly across

- (b) borders in search of high short-term returns,
- (c) often leading to volatility in foreign
- (d) exchange and capital markets

Ans(a)

Sol.

Option (a) contains an error.

"Refer" should be "refers" to match the singular noun phrase "Hot money."

Grammatical rule used: Collective nouns are treated as singular when they refer to a group as a single entity.

Example: "The team refers to its playbook before each game," similarly using 'refers' with a singular collective noun 'team'.

Q3.

Select the correct option to complete the sentence: CLR (Cash Reserve Ratio) refers to the percentage of a bank's total deposits that _____ kept in reserve as cash with the central bank. It helps control the liquidity in the banking system.

- (a) will be
- (b) should
- (c) needs to
- (d) must be

Ans(d)

Sol.

The correct option to fill in the blank is (d) must be. The sentence describes a mandatory action or requirement, hence "must be" is appropriate as it conveys obligation.

Example: In regulations, "must be" is often used to indicate requirements, similar to "Safety equipment must be worn."

- (a) will be: Suggests future action, not obligation.
- (b) should: Implies recommendation rather than requirement.
- (c) needs to: Indicates necessity but lacks the formal obligation conveyed by "must be".

Q4.

Select the phrase that correctly completes the sentence:

Money supply refers to the total amount of monetary assets available in an economy at a specific time, including cash, coins, and balances _____ in checking and savings accounts.

(a) helped

(b) hold

(c) held

(d) hassle

Ans(c)

Sol.

The correct option to fill in the blank is (c) held.

"Held" is the past participle form used here to indicate that the assets are possessed or stored in accounts.

Example: "The records are held in the office," using 'held' to indicate where items are stored.

- (a) helped: Incorrect verb form, not related to possession.
- (b) hold: Incorrect tense and form for this passive construction.
- (d) hassle: Incorrect usage, refers to trouble or difficulty, not applicable here.

Q5.

Select the correct meaning of the highlighted word. The memoir "To Hell and Back: Humans of COVID" by Barkha Dutt _____ the resilience of individuals during the pandemic.

- (a) celebrates
- (b) critiques
- (c) investigates

(d) laments

Ans(a)

Sol.

The correct meaning of the highlighted word "celebrates" is (a) celebrates.

The memoir highlights and honors the strength and resilience of people during the pandemic.

This positive connotation aligns with the word "celebrates," making it the correct choice.

Q6.

Select the correct option to fill in the blank.

In "Platform Scale: For a Post-Pandemic World," Sangeet Paul Choudhary examines the transformation of business models _____ the pandemic.

(a) inside

(b)about

(c)due to

(d)of

Ans(c)

Sol.

The correct answer is (c) "due to." The sentence is describing how Sangeet Paul Choudhary examines the changes in business models that have occurred as a result of the pandemic. The correct preposition should convey causality, meaning it should indicate that the transformation of business models happened because of or as a result of the pandemic. Here's why each option stands or falls:

· (a) inside: This preposition is used to refer to something being within a physical space or boundaries. It does not make sense in this context, as it does not convey the idea of causality or the relationship between the pandemic and the transformation of business models.

· (b) about: This preposition is used to indicate the subject of something. While "about" could work in a different context where the focus is on discussing the topic in general, it does not fit well here. The sentence is specifically addressing the cause of the transformation, not just the subject matter.

· (c) due to: This preposition is the correct choice because it clearly indicates causality. "Due to" means "because of" or "as a result of," which directly links the pandemic as the cause of the transformation in business models. This phrase accurately captures the intended meaning of the sentence.

· (d) of: This preposition typically shows possession or association but does not convey a cause-and-effect relationship. In this context, "of the pandemic" would suggest a more general relationship rather than directly attributing the transformation to the pandemic.

Q7.

Select the correct option that can replace the highlighted phrase. If there is no replacement, select "No Replacement" as your answer.

Max Weber's "Economy and Society" is considered one of the most foundational sociological texts, having influenced generations of researchers.

(a)had been considered

(b)No Replacement

(c)was considered

(d)is being considered

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is (b) No Replacement. The phrase "is considered" is the most appropriate and correct option in this context. It is in the present simple tense, which is used to express a general truth or a widely accepted fact. In this case, it indicates that Max Weber's book "Economy and Society" is currently regarded as one of the most foundational texts in sociology.

Let's examine the other options:

· (a) had been considered: This phrase is in the past perfect tense, which indicates an action that was completed before another action in the past. It would imply that the book was once considered foundational but suggests that this status may have changed. This is not accurate for describing a text that is still considered foundational.

· (b) No Replacement: This is the correct choice. The original phrase "is considered" accurately conveys the ongoing recognition of the book's foundational status. It reflects the present and enduring view that the book is a key text in sociology.

· (c) was considered: This phrase is in the simple past tense, which suggests that the book was regarded as foundational in the past, but it implies that this is no longer the case. This does not align with the context, as the book continues to be influential.

· (d) is being considered: This phrase is in the present continuous tense, which implies that the consideration of the book's status is currently happening. This is incorrect because the book is already widely recognized as foundational, and there is no ongoing debate about its importance.

Q8.

When the caring man saw the _____ had no footwear, he offered the man the pair of shoes he wore.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

(a)jabber

(b)pauper

(c)dapper

(d)hamper

Ans(b)

Sol.

Jabber: rapid, excited, and often incomprehensible speech.

Pauper: a person who lives in poverty.

Dapper: neat and trim in dress and appearance.

Hamper: a rounded pad used in printing to apply ink to a surface.

Q9.

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Circumvent

(a)Fetch

(b)Obey

(c)Amend

(d)Evade

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is option b.

Circumvent - Overcome (a problem or difficulty), typically in a clever way.

Synonyms – Evade, Avoid.

Antonyms – Obey, Follow, Keep.

Q10.

In the following question, a sentence has been given in

Active or Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive or Active voice.

Vigorous vaccination programs are being conducted by the government to eliminate the virus.

(a)The government was conducting vigorous vaccination programs to eliminate the virus.

(b)The government conducts vigorous vaccination programs to eliminate the virus.

(c)The government is conducting vigorous vaccination programs to eliminate the virus.

(d)The government must conduct vigorous vaccination programs to eliminate the virus.

Ans(c)

Sol.

The correct answer is option c.

The sentence thus formed is - The government is conducting vigorous vaccination programs to eliminate the virus.



Q1.

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Abash

(a)Astonish

(b)Soothe

(c)Confuse

(d)Extend

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is option b. Abash - make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.

Synonyms - confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass.

Antonyms - calm, comfort, console, relieve, soothe, encourage, hearten, assure, reassure.

Meanings of all words are as follows: Astonish: To surprise or impress someone greatly.

Soothe: To calm or relieve discomfort.

Confuse: To cause uncertainty or lack of clear understanding.

Extend: To make larger in size or quantity, or to make something last longer.

Q2.

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Dentists who specialize in tooth pain, disease, and infection.

(a)Orthopaedist

(b)Endodontist

(c) Dermatologist

(d) Ophthalmologist

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is option b. Orthopaedist - A doctor who specializes in the treatment of bones that have not grown correctly or that have been damaged.

Endodontist - are dentists who specialize in tooth pain, disease, and infection.

Dermatologist - The doctor who treats skin diseases.

Ophthalmologist - The doctor who treats eye diseases.

Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.

Q3.

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Eccentric

(a) Sound

(b) Afraid

(c) Boring

(d) Outlandish

Ans(d)

Sol.

The correct answer is option d. Eccentric - a person of unconventional and slightly strange views or behaviour.

Synonyms - erratic, odd, outlandish, peculiar, quaint, singular, strange, and unique.

Antonyms - normal, ordinary, typical, usual, average.

Meanings of all options are as follows:

Sound typically refers to vibrations that travel through the air or another medium and can be heard when they reach a person's ear, or it can also mean solid or reliable.

Afraid means feeling fear or anxiety.

Boring refers to something that is not interesting or tedious.

Outlandish describes something as looking or sounding bizarre or unfamiliar.

Q4.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

Her bitterness and _____ were complete when he refused to investigate the corruption she reported because he was in business with some of the people involved

(a) Disillusionment

(b) Deployment

(c) Disbursement

(d) Impeachment

Ans(a)

Sol.

The correct answer is option a. The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Disillusionment'.

Disillusionment - a feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be.

Deployment - to move soldiers or equipment to a place where they can be used when they are needed.

Disbursement - the act of paying out money especially from a fund: the act of disbursing.

Impeachment - the action of formally accusing a public official of a serious offence in connection with their job.

Q5.

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

There's no such thing as a free lunch

(a) To give someone lunch

(b) To pay for lunch

(c) To complete a task by yourself

(d) You can't get something for nothing

Ans(d)

Sol.

Option (d) is the correct meaning of the given idiom.

- There's no such thing as a free lunch: Meaning of idiom: Everything has a cost; you can't get something for nothing, even if it appears to be free.
- Meaning in context: In the context of the idiom, it means that every benefit or favor has a cost, even if it's not immediately apparent.
- Example: "The software may be free to download, but remember, there's no such

thing as a free lunch; they make money by showing you ads."

- Example2: "He thought he was getting a great deal, but soon realized there's no such thing as a free lunch."
- Similar idioms: Nothing comes for free, you get what you pay for, everything has a price, no free ride.

Q6.

Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.

In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'

The girl **stammered at her school speech** because she was so afraid to talk in front of others.

- (a)boasted through her school speech
- (b)stammered for her school speech
- (c)hammered at her school speech
- (d)stammered through her school speech

Ans(d)

Sol.

The only appropriate replacement to make is in option (d).

Stammering means to make involuntary stops and repetitions in speaking.

The preposition "at" can be used in multiple contexts, such as telling time or location (e.g., telling someone to meet "at midnight" or "at the coffee shop"). However, "at" can also be used to introduce prepositional phrases that identify the object of a sentence.

Through is used for continuing in time towards completion of (a process or period).

Through is the correct choice of preposition to be used with stammering.

Q7.

Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.

Darkyn was a head short than Kris and wider, his steady gaze and roughly hewn features reminding him of Rhyn.

- (a)than Kris and wider
- (b)No Error
- (c)his steady gaze and roughly

(d)Darkyn was a head short

Ans(d)

Sol.

The correct answer is option d. The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. Replace 'Short' with 'Shorter' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. When two adjectives are joined with 'And' then both the adjectives must be in the same degree.

In the given sentence, the adjective 'wider' is in the comparative form hence, the other adjective must be in the same form.

Q8.

Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.

Devendra said to me, "It has been snowing since yesterday."

(a)Devendra told me it would have been raining since the next day.

(b)Devendra told me it had been snowing since the day before.

(c)Devendra told me it has been snowing since yesterday.

(d)Devendra told me it was snowing since the day before.

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct answer is option b. The given sentence is 'Direct Speech'. Direct Speech - Reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.

The given sentence is an 'Assertive sentence.' While changing it into an indirect form, we consider following rules.

Reported Verb - 'Said to' changes to 'Told'.

Conjunction - In an Assertive sentence conjunction 'That' is used.

'This' changes to 'That'.

Tense - 'Past Continuous (Subject +was/were+V1 +ing+ Object)' changes to 'Past perfect continuous (Subject +had been+V1 +ing+ Object).'

The sentence thus formed is - Devendra told me it had been snowing since the day before.

Q9. Select the correct active form for the given sentence.

The book was returned to the library by her.

(a) She returned the book to the library.

(b) She was returning the book to the library.

(c) She has returned the book to the library.

(d) She had returned the book to the library.

Ans(a)

Sol.

Active Voice- It denotes that the noun or pronoun that acts as the subject in the sentence is the doer of the action. In other words, the subject performs the action or acts upon the verb.
Passive Voice- represents that the subject is one acted upon by the action or verb in the sentence. It can also be said that the passive voice indicates that the subject in the sentence is no longer active but passive.

The sentence is an example of passive voice having form:

Obj. + was/were + V3 + by + obj.

When it is converted into active voice, following rule must be followed:

Sub + V2 + obj.

Q10.

Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.

In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'

No one should decide what **someone else's should** value or spend his money on.

(a) Some else should

(b) Someone else should

(c) Someone's else should

(d) No improvement

Ans(b)

Sol.

The error lies in option b.

Replace 'someone else's should' with 'someone else should' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Else's is used to denote possession.

Else is used to denote in addition to or besides.

We use 'else' after words beginning with any-, every-,

no- and some-, to mean 'other', 'another', 'different' or 'additional'.

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