

English Practice Papers for LIC Assistant Prelims 2019

Directions (1-5): Rearrange the following seven sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) and (G) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

(A) To put it in perspective, there have been 38 attempts so far by other countries to land a rover on the moon and have succeeded only a little more than half the time.

(B) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) came tantalizingly close to creating history in the early hours of September 7.

(C) While it is unfortunate that the lander failed to safely touchdown, it is apt to remember that ISRO was attempting powered landing for the first time.

(D) The robotic lander Vikram followed the predetermined descent trajectory and came just within 2 km of the lunar surface before contact was lost.

(E) This April, Israel's Beresheet lunar lander crashed to the lunar surface.

(F) But early January this year, China's Chang'e-4 touched down on the lunar far side and deployed the Yutu-2 rover to explore the South Pole-Aitken Basin.

(G) In Vikram, the velocity was successfully reduced from about 6,000 km per hour at the start of the descent at 35 km altitude to a few meters per second before communication snapped.

Q1. Which of the following should be the **first** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q2. Which of the following should be the **third** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q3. Which of the following should be the **fourth** sentence after rearrangement?

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

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Q4. Which of the following should be the **last** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Q5. Which of the following should be the **second** sentence after rearrangement?

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

Directions (6-8): In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B, and C and in the second column, the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

Q6. Column (1):

- (A) Petrochemicals is another area that
- (B) Russia envisions potential threats to
- (C) The recent appointment of five Governors by the

Column (2):

- (D) American companies have looking at
- (E) the current balance of power in Eurasia
- (F) President must be viewed with grave skepticism

- (a) C-F and B-E
- (b) A-F
- (c) B-E
- (d) A-E
- (e) None of these

Q7. Column (1):

- (A) This reignites the debate around the office of
- (B) Decriminalization is the first step towards recognized
- (C) The rights of equality and non-discrimination on the

Column (2):

- (D) of equal rights, but the two cannot be conflated.
- (E) ground of sexual orientation has not covering under this Bill.
- (F) the Governor, its appointments and processes involved.

- (a) C-F and B-E
- (b) A-F
- (c) B-E
- (d) A-E
- (e) None of these

Q8. Column (1):

- (A) A challenge to Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code
- (B) ISRO only needs to explain its setbacks, not hide them
- (C) While that may be a dated quote

Column (2):

- (D) he was hiding in the horizon
- (E) with the cellophane of national pride
- (F) the operation had been an emotional experience for us

- (a) C-F and B-E
- (b) A-F
- (c) B-E
- (d) A-E
- (e) None of these

Direction (9-18): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Arjuna was one of the five Pandava brothers of the Mahabharata epic. He was born to Kunti and king Pandu with the energy of Indra, the leader of the gods. At a very young age he got acclaim for his sincerity and skill in archery. He was known for his steadfastness and single mindedness in **pursuing** his goals. He was instrumental in winning Draupadi in a contest for himself and his brothers as their joint wife. He also married Subhadra the sister of Krishna and Balarama and kept his friendship with them forever. Lord Krishna became his mentor and guide for the rest of his life.

He was known by different names or rather titles, such as Phaalgun, Keerti, Paartha, Savyashachee, Dhanajaya and so on. During his sojourns to faraway places in the subcontinent, he married Chitrangada, daughter of the king of Manipur and Ulupi, a naga princess. Two brave warrior sons were born to him. They were Abhimnyu through Subhadra and Bhabhruvahana through Chitrangada. Both his sons played an important role during the Mahabharata war.

During the exile, when all the Pandava brothers had to leave behind their kingdom and wander in the forests for twelve years as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas, Arjuna had a strange encounter with Lord Siva from whom he got Pasupatha. During the same period he met with Indra and other gods in the heavens from whom he received training and also helped them in return by slaying some asuras. While he was in the heavens he displeased Urvashi, the heavenly nymph, by turning away her advances. She cursed him out of anger to turn into a eunuch for a year in his life as chosen by him.

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Apart from archery, he also excelled in the arts of dancing, singing and acting which enormously helped the Pandavas when they had to stay in the court of Virat in total **disguise** as a part of their agreement with the Kauravas in the thirteenth year of their exile. Arjuna took advantage of the curse he got from Urvashi and turned himself into Brihannala, a eunuch and acted as dance master for the royal household, especially Uttara, the daughter of Virat. At the end of the one year stay, he helped king Virat by fighting a battle with Kauravas who invaded his kingdom Matsya. After realizing that the five people who were working in his court were indeed Pandavas in disguise, king Virat offered to marry his daughter to Abhimanyu the son of Arjuna in return for the services rendered by the brothers, a marriage that proved **crucial** in the post mahabharata period as the son borne out of the wedlock was the only surviving member of the Pandava clan.

He could have been a great king in his own right, but he remained loyal to his elder brother Dharmaraj Yudhishtir who ascended the throne of Hastinapur _____ (A) _____ in the family. After the battle of Mahabharata, he assisted his brother greatly in expanding their empire by **annexing** several outlying kingdoms and defeating warring tribes. Strangely after the passing away of Lord Krishna, he forgot most of his skills as an archer and spent the rest of his life in humility and devotion. Arjuna serves as an example of a great human being, a dutiful householder, a loyal brother, a great warrior, a devout husband and a sincere devotee of God.

Q9. What stopped Arjun to become the great King of Hastinapur?

- (a) He wanted to expand their empire after the battle of Mahabharata.
- (b) He wished to remain loyal to his eldest brother who has the first right over the throne.
- (c) Since he forgot his skills as an archer, he wanted to spend his life in humility and devotion.
- (d) He wanted to devote his time in developing his skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting
- (e) None of these

Q10. What helped Arjun to disguise himself as Brihannala to complete his thirteenth year of exile?

- (I)** The curse of Urvashi that transformed Arjun into a eunuch for a year.
 - (II)** The meeting of Arjun with Lord shiva and Indra during his exile.
 - (III)** Arjun has excellent skills in the arts of dancing, singing and acting.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (III)
 - (e) All (I) (II) and (III)

Q11. Who among the following is not the wife of Arjun?

- (a) Subhadra who was the sister of Lord Krishna and Balarama.
- (b) Draupadi whom he won in a context for himself and his brothers.
- (c) Uttra who was the daughter of King Virat of Matsya Kingdom.
- (d) Chitrangada who was a Naga princess and the daughter of King of Manipur and Ulupi.
- (e) None of these

Q12. Which of the following qualities of Arjun are highlighted in the passage?

- (I) Conscientious
 - (II) Combatant
 - (III) Earnest
 - (IV) Devotee
- (a) Only (I)
(b) Only (II)
(c) Only (I) (II) and (IV)
(d) Both (II) and (IV)
(e) All (I) (II) (III) and (IV)

Q13. Which of the following statement is FALSE according to the given passage?

- (a) Arjun was born with the energy of Indra, the king of Gods.
(b) Bhabhruvahana was the son of Arjun and Chitrangada.
(c) Arjun pleased the heavenly nymph Urvashi by accepting her advances.
(d) Arjun assisted his elder brother in expanding their empire by annexing several outlying kingdoms.
(e) Indra and some other gods helped pandavs by providing training and slaying some asuras.

Q14. Which of the following phrases can fill in the blank (A) as highlighted in the passage?

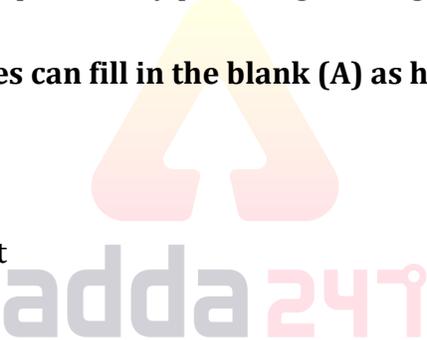
- (a) married the queen Draupdi
(b) is the follower of Dronacharya
(c) by virtue of being the eldest
(d) to the worthy of being the modest
(e) None of these

Q15. Which of the following word is most similar to "PURSUING" as highlighted in the passage given above?

- (a) Calculating
(b) Seeking
(c) Fleeing
(d) Gathering
(e) Assembling

Q16. Choose the word which is opposite to "CRUCIAL" as highlighted in the passage given above.

- (a) Requisite
(b) Compelling
(c) Critical
(d) Insignificant
(e) Pivotal



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Q17. Which of the following word is most SIMILAR in meaning of the highlighted word DISGUISE, as given in the passage?

- (a) Outsider
- (b) Camouflage
- (c) Relieve
- (d) Entice
- (e) Excite

Q18. Which of the following word is the most OPPOSITE in meaning of the highlighted word ANNEXING as given in the passage?

- (a) Detach
- (b) Climb
- (c) Soothe
- (d) Pacify
- (e) Applaud

Directions (19-23): Each of the sentences given below contains a blank. Identify the most suitable alternative among the five given that fits into the blank to make the sentence logical and meaningful.

Q19. We _____ the opportunity you've given us to learn more about your organization.

- (a) appreciate
- (b) hold on
- (c) encrypt
- (d) crave
- (e) restrict

Q20. This effort should include immediate steps to _____ and incarcerate terrorists.

- (a) liberate
- (b) apprehend
- (c) perceive
- (d) divine
- (e) mystical

Q21. From different sizes and types of skull they _____ separate origins.

- (a) opposed
- (b) denied
- (c) evacuated
- (d) collected
- (e) deduced

Q22. The firemen sprayed water on the burning house to _____ the structural damage.

- (a) intensify
- (b) complicate
- (c) elevate
- (d) abate
- (e) disgrace

Q23. The _____ businessman was able to quickly assess the market and make the best buying decision.

- (a) astute
- (b) inept
- (c) gauche
- (d) crude
- (e) balmy

Directions (24-30): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

A salt seller used to _____ (24) the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day.

On the way they had to _____ (25) a stream. One day the donkey suddenly _____ (26) down the stream and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water and hence the bag became very light to carry. The donkey was happy.

Then the donkey started to play the same trick every day.

The salt seller came to _____ (27) the trick and decided to teach a lesson to it. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey.

Again it played the same trick _____ (28) that the cotton bag would be still become lighter.

But the _____ (29) cotton became very heavy to carry and the donkey _____ (30). It learnt a lesson. It didn't play the trick anymore after that day, and the seller was happy.

Q24.

- (a) effect
- (b) carry
- (c) birth
- (d) aware
- (e) None of these.

Q25.

- (a) cross
- (b) sit
- (c) flurry
- (d) glorify
- (e) None of these.

Q26.

- (a) apprehension
- (b) limited
- (c) tumbled
- (d) forget
- (e) None of these.

Q27.

- (a) devote
- (b) understand
- (c) terminate
- (d) recede
- (e) None of these.

Q28.

- (a) renounced
- (b) reject
- (c) hoping
- (d) compulsion
- (e) None of these.

Q29.

- (a) renowned
- (b) preceded
- (c) renounced
- (d) dampened
- (e) None of these.

Q30.

- (a) suffered
- (b) criticism
- (c) site
- (d) outbursts
- (e) None of these.



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