

OICL AO Mains 2026 English Memory Based (28 Feb 2026) Quiz Part C

Q.1 His explanation of the _____ mathematical concept made it easier for the students to _____ its practical applications. In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by letters (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- A. obtuse, permeable
- B. subordinate, willed
- C. implacable, permeable
- D. abstruse, comprehend
- E. eclectic, resolute

Answer: D

Sol: The correct phrase that fits the sentence, making it grammatically and contextually correct, is (d) **abstruse, comprehend**.

Here's how it works in the sentence:

"His explanation of the **abstruse** mathematical concept made it easier for the students to **comprehend** its practical applications." - In this context, "abstruse" means something that is difficult to understand, particularly appropriate for describing complex mathematical concepts. "Comprehend" means to grasp mentally; understand, which perfectly describes the students' ability to grasp the practical applications after the concept was explained.

The other options do not fit contextually or grammatically:

- (a) "obtuse, permeable" - "Obtuse" in this context could imply dullness or slowness to understand, which doesn't fit well with facilitating understanding, and "permeable" refers to allowing liquids or gases to pass through, not related to understanding or learning.
- (b) "subordinate, willed" - "Subordinate" means lower in rank or position, which doesn't appropriately describe a concept, and "willed" implies something done by or involving the exercise of will, which doesn't fit the context of learning or understanding.
- (c) "implacable, permeable" - "Implacable" means unable to be placated or appeased, which doesn't suitably describe a mathematical concept, and "permeable" again refers to the ability of materials to allow liquids or gases to pass through.
- (e) "eclectic, resolute" - "Eclectic" means deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources, which doesn't specifically refer to the complexity or difficulty of a concept, and "resolute" means admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering, which is more about a personality trait than understanding concepts.

Q.2 Parents and educators strive to _____ strong moral values in children to prevent future _____, ensuring they grow up to make wise and ethical decisions.

In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by letters (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

- A. capsule, tyranny
- B. inculcate, fiascoes
- C. bifurcate, obligation
- D. inoculate, speculate
- E. immaculate, invigorate

Answer: B

Sol: The correct phrase that fits the sentence, making it grammatically and contextually correct, is (b) **inculcate, fiascoes**.

Here's how it works in the sentence:

"Parents and educators strive to **inculcate** strong moral values in children to prevent future **fiascoes**, ensuring they grow up to make wise and ethical decisions." - In this context:

· **Inculcate** means to instill an idea, attitude, or habit by persistent instruction, perfectly describing the process of teaching the moral values to the children.

· **Fiascoes** refers to complete failures, especially in a ludicrous or humiliating way, which fits well with the idea of preventing negative outcomes through proper moral education.

The other options do not fit contextually or grammatically:

- (a) "capsulate, tyranny" - **Capsulate** doesn't fit as it typically means to enclose in a capsule, and **tyranny** implies oppressive rule, which is unrelated to the teaching of moral values.
- (c) "bifurcate, obligation" - **Bifurcate** means to divide into two branches, which does not align with instilling values, and **obligation** doesn't necessarily follow as a consequence of lacking moral education.
- (d) "inoculate, speculate" - **Inoculate** can mean to protect against disease, or metaphorically against ideas, but **speculate** refers to forming theories without firm evidence, which isn't a direct consequence of lacking moral values.
- (e) "immaculate, invigorate" - **Immaculate** means perfectly clean or neat, which doesn't suit the context of teaching, and **invigorate** means to give strength or energy, also not directly relevant to preventing moral failings.

Q.3 His argument was delivered with such _____ that it managed to _____ even the most skeptical members of the audience.

In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by letters (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentences in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

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- A. obligatory, coerce
- B. hegemony, extort
- C. liberty, impulse
- D. noxiousness, cherish
- E. Vehemence, convince

Answer: E

Sol: The correct option that fits the sentence, making it grammatically and contextually correct, is (e) **vehemence, convince**.

Here's how it works in the sentence:

"His argument was delivered with such **vehemence** that it managed to **convince** even the most skeptical members of the audience." - In this context, "vehemence" describes the intense or passionate manner in which the argument was delivered, making it a fitting choice to describe a compelling presentation. "Convince" aligns perfectly as it indicates that the argument was effective in changing the minds or opinions of the audience, including those who were initially doubtful.

The other options do not fit contextually or grammatically:

- (a) "obligatory, coerce" - "Obligatory" implies something required or mandatory, which doesn't fit with delivering an argument, and "coerce" means to compel or force, which carries a negative connotation not implied in the original sentence.
- (b) "hegemony, extort" - "Hegemony" refers to leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others, and "extort" implies obtaining something through force or threats, both of which are inappropriate for the context.
- (c) "liberty, impulse" - "Liberty" means freedom, which does not describe a manner of delivery, and "impulse" suggests a sudden spontaneous action, not a method of persuasion.
- (d) "noxiousness, cherish" - "Noxiousness" means being harmful or unpleasant, and "cherish" means to protect and care for lovingly, both of which are unsuitable for describing an argument's delivery and its effect on an audience.

Q.4 Paramount (A) access to clean (B) drinking water remains ensuring (C) for public health (D). In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted. These four words are 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.

- A. B-D
- B. A-C
- C. C-D and A-B
- D. No interchange required
- E. B-D and A-C

Answer: B

Sol:

The correct answer is: (b) A-C

Original sentence: *Paramount (A) access to clean (B) drinking water remains ensuring (C) for public health (D).*

Correct swap (Option b): A ↔ C

Corrected sentence: *Ensuring (A) access to clean (B) drinking water remains paramount (C) for public health (D).*

Meanings & Analysis

(A) **Paramount** → अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण, सर्वोपरि (extremely important; supreme in importance)

· **Example:** *Education is paramount for a nation's progress.*

· **Why incorrect before swap:** Placed at the start made the sentence structure awkward; "ensuring access" should come first, not "paramount access."

· **Why correct after swap:** Now in position (C), it correctly modifies "for public health," meaning it is of utmost importance.

(B) **Clean** → स्वच्छ, साफ़ (free from dirt, impurities, or harmful substances)

· **Example:** *Clean water is essential for good health.*

· **Why unchanged:** Correctly describes "drinking water."

(C) **Ensuring** → सुनिश्चित करना (making certain that something will happen or be the case)

· **Example:** *The teacher is ensuring that all students understand the lesson.*

· **Why incorrect before swap:** Placing "ensuring" after "remains" was grammatically wrong here.

· **Why correct after swap:** Now in position (A), it starts the sentence properly: "Ensuring access..."

(D) **Health** → स्वास्थ्य (the state of being free from illness or injury)

· **Example:** *Regular exercise improves health.*

· **Why unchanged:** Fits perfectly after "public" to form "public health."

Final Correct Sentence: *Ensuring access to clean drinking water remains paramount for public health.*

Q.5 The hotel industry's dynamic (A) landscape demands (B) innovative strategies (C) for sustained growth (D).

In the question below, a sentence is given with four words highlighted. These four words are 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.

- A. A-B and C-D
- B. A-D and B-C
- C. B-C
- D. No interchange required

E. B-D

Answer: D

Sol:

The correct answer is: (d) No interchange required

Highlighted words & meanings

dynamic (A)

- **Meaning (English):** Constantly changing and full of energy.
- **Meaning (Hindi):** गतिशील, परिवर्तनीय
- **Example:** *The tech industry is a dynamic environment that evolves rapidly.*

demands (B)

- **Meaning (English):** Requires or calls for something to be done.
- **Meaning (Hindi):** आवश्यकता होना, मांग करना
- **Example:** *This job demands strong communication skills.*

strategies (C)

- **Meaning (English):** Plans of action designed to achieve a goal.
- **Meaning (Hindi):** रणनीतियाँ
- **Example:** *The company implemented new marketing strategies to boost sales.*

growth (D)

- **Meaning (English):** The process of increasing in size, value, or importance.
- **Meaning (Hindi):** वृद्धि, विकास
- **Example:** *Investments in infrastructure lead to economic growth.*

Why no interchange is required:

Original sentence: *The hotel industry's **dynamic** (A) landscape **demands** (B) innovative **strategies** (C) for sustained **growth** (D).*

- "dynamic landscape" — correct collocation.
- "demands innovative strategies" — correct and meaningful.
- "for sustained growth" — natural phrase in business/economics.

All highlighted words are already in their correct positions, so **no swap is necessary**.

Final sentence (unchanged):

The hotel industry's dynamic landscape demands innovative strategies for sustained growth.

