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DIRECTIONS:

In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Give your answer as;

1. if only assumption I is implicit.
2. if only assumption II is implicit.
3. if either I or II is implicit.
4. if neither I nor II is implicit.
5. if both I and II are implicit.

Q1. Statement:

“Sanjay Leela Bhansali (a film director) should be lauded and not criticised for the huge budget of Devdas (a film).”

— A comment by Mr X

Assumptions:

I. A person is not worthy of criticism only because of violation of limit of a single factor.

II. Unless a person pumps in money, he/she cannot be the best in a field like cinema

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- c) if either I or II is implicit.
- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
- e) if both I and II are implicit.

Q2. Statement:

Some people think that they can achieve anything with practice. They forget that there is a thing called “born genius”.

Assumptions:

I. Practice is not necessary for success.

II. A born genius is always successful.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q3. Statement:

The government should reject the demand for a separate state for tribals in state A.

Assumptions:

I. The government has the power to grant a separate state.

II. Tribals are generally very cruel.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q4. Statement:

The emergence of acute competition because of fresh entry of companies benefits the consumer.

Assumptions:

I. The monopoly of a company in a specific sector is not good for consumers.

II. When competition among companies increases, the consumer get better quality, new technology, discounts and innovative sales schemes.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.

- c) if either I or II is implicit.
- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
- e) if both I and II are implicit.

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Q5. Statement:

“Everyone desires to buy a mobile phone.”

— a student

Assumptions:

I. Mobile phones are not a necessity but an item of luxury.

II. Mobile phone makes one more active.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- c) if either I or II is implicit.
- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
- e) if both I and II are implicit.

Q6. Statement:

“When forces like the Special Operation Group (SOG) are set up, some excesses are bound to happen and some innocents suffer. But we should be satisfied with the success of this SOG.”

—View of 16 Practice Book on Analytical a citizen of an area where SOG has launched its operation

Assumptions:

I. Seen in the larger interest of the people, agonies of the innocent is a small price to pay.

II. It is quite difficult for SOG to get the desired result without any negative impact.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- c) if either I or II is implicit.

- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q7. Statement:

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of a school has informed the Principal that they will not send their children to the school unless the school authority reduces the fees with immediate effect.

Assumptions:

- I. Majority of the parents may agree with the PTA and may not send their wards to the school.
- II. The school authority may accede to the demand of the PTA and reduce the fees.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q8. Statement:

The world gold production has continued to grow irrespective of the price hike.

Assumptions:

- I. Quantity of gold produced doesn't affect its price in the market.
- II. In case of price hike the production of gold should be reduced.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q9. Statement:

Political pressure seems to have resulted in the soft stand taken by RBI in favour of Sahara and Peerless groups, thus discriminating against other NBFCs.

Assumptions:

I. An influence in the corridors of power leads to relaxations.

II. Both Sahara and Peerless are NBFCs.

a) if only assumption I is implicit.

b) if only assumption II is implicit.

c) if either I or II is implicit.

d) if neither I nor II is implicit.

e) if both I and II are implicit.

Q10. Statement:

“To reduce the oil pool deficit it has been decided to hike the prices of diesel and petrol.”

— The spokesman of the government

Assumptions:

I. The amount earned by this increase may be substantial enough to reduce the deficit.

II. There may be widespread protests against the price hike.

a) if only assumption I is implicit.

b) if only assumption II is implicit.

c) if either I or II is implicit.

d) if neither I nor II is implicit.

e) if both I and II are implicit.

Q11. Statement:

Give adequate job-related training to the employees before assigning them full-fledged work.

Assumptions:

I. Training helps in boosting the performance of employees.

II. Employees have no skill sets before training is provided to them.

a) if only assumption I is implicit.

b) if only assumption II is implicit.

c) if either I or II is implicit.

- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q12. Statement:

Good batsmen or good bowlers cannot be judged from their performance in one or two matches.

Assumptions:

- I. Giving frequent chances to freshers is a must for judging their capacity as a good batsman or bowler.
- II. The average of runs scored by a batsman and wickets taken by a bowler stretched over several matches is the real index to judge them as good or bad performers.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.
- c) if either I or II is implicit.
- d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
- e) if both I and II are implicit.

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Q13. Statement:

The head of the organization congratulated the entire staff in his speech for their sincere effort to bring down the deficit and urged them to give their best for attaining a more profitable position in future

Assumptions:

- I. The employees may get motivated and maintain and if possible enhance their present level of work
- II. The employees may now relax and slow down in their day to day work as there is no immediate threat of a huge deficit

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
- b) if only assumption II is implicit.

- c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q14. Statement:

Over the years, successive railway ministers have utilised the employment potential of the railways in order to boost their political careers.

Assumptions:

- I. Over the years, Railways has witnessed tremendous vacancies for employment.
- II. The political career of a political leader depends upon the direct benefit given by him to the people of his constituency.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Q15. Statement:

“We need to instil a sense of pride among the people for the rich cultural heritage of the country and its various regions.”

— Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Assumptions:

- I. Culture is what gives meaning to our lives and identity to us as a social community.
- II. To instil a sense of pride among the people for the rich cultural heritage is almost impossible.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - c) if either I or II is implicit.
 - d) if neither I nor II is implicit.
 - e) if both I and II are implicit.
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

I is not implicit because we don't know what X assumes about other factors. II is not implicit either. We don't know why X assumes him to be lauded.

Q2. Answer: (d)

I is not true for everybody. The statement means to say that practice may not be sufficient for success if one is pitted against a born genius. In other words, it means that practice is necessary but it may not be sufficient. II is not implied beyond doubt. It is supported by the statement only in a vague fashion.

Q3. Answer: (a)

I is implicit because the power to reject something is usually possible only when one has the power to grant it. II has no connection whatsoever with the statement.

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Q4. Answer: (e)

If competition benefits the consumer, monopoly must be harmful to him.

Hence I is implicit. II is implicit because these are the ways in which a consumer benefits from competition.

Q5. Answer: (d)

The student doesn't necessarily assume the basis of this desire.

Q6. Answer: (e)

Why are some excesses bound to happen? The speaker must be assuming II. Again, to be satisfied with the success of SOG implies that the speaker must be assuming I also.

Q7. Answer: (e)

Why did PTA take such a harsh decision? They must be assuming that its decision may compel the principal to reconsider the school fees.

Hence, assumption II is implicit. Again, how can the decision usher such result? Obviously, PTA must be assuming that parents of the students will cooperate.

Hence, assumption I is also implicit.

Q8. Answer: (b)

The speaker is assuming II; that is why he has used the term irrespective while comparing the gold production with price hike (inflation). I is not implicit; the assumption is that price hike affects gold production.

Q9. Answer: (e)

I is implicit. If X seems to have happened, it is usually assumed that X happens. Again, II is also implicit: since the speaker compares Sahara and Peerless to other NBFCs, he assumes that these two are also NBFCs.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Any measure is taken with its efficacy in mind.

Hence I is implicit. But II is not implicit because there is nothing in the statement that suggests the fear of a threat.

Q11. Answer: (a)

I is implicit in the need for training. But II takes things to an extreme with the phrase “no skill sets”.

Q12. Answer: (e)

Clearly, the speaker does not believe in one-match wonders.

Hence, I is implicit. II is also implicit because consistently good performance over a long stretch can be measured in terms of average.

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (e)

I is implicit: this is what the speaker has in mind when he talks of having “utilised the employment potential.” The speaker is assuming II that is why he is relating the employment potential of railway with the political career of the leader.

Q15. Answer: (a)

Why the need to instil such a sense of pride among the people? The speaker must be assuming I. It is not implicit because one does not desire for a need unless one assumes it to be feasible.

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