



COMMON ERROR (Types of Questions)



Type 1

A sentence is divided into fragments. You have to identify the fragment which contains an error.

Q.1) The most effective way to (1) bring down carbon emissions and (2) / pollution from transport are to vastly (3) / expand and improve public transport. (4)

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) No error

Answer: c) The verb 'are' does not agree with the subject.

Q.2) Dozens of firefighters / struggled to douse the flames / at the landfill cite in Ghazipur, / due to its height and a lack of access roads.

- a) Dozens of firefighters
- b) struggled to douse the flames
- c) at the landfill cite in Ghazipur
- d) due to its height and a lack of access roads
- e) No error

Answer: c) 'Cite' is contextually incorrect. It must be replaced with 'site'.

Cite = mention; specify

Site = area or plot

Sight = vision

Q.3) Although COVID-19 pandemic (1) / precipitated a crisis of trade imbalance, (2) / the fundamentals of the Sri Lankan economy (3) / have always had serious issues. (4)

- a) 1
- b) 3
- c) 1 and 4
- d) 2
- e) No error

Answer: a) The article 'the' is missing. 'The' is used with a noun to indicate something specific – "*the* COVID-19 pandemic".

Q.4)

- a) Just four days after the RBI announced
- b) that it would be prioritizing inflation over growth,
- c) official data shows retail inflation disquietingly
- d) accelerated to a 17-month high of 6.95% in March.
- e) No error

Answer: c) 'Data' is plural noun. Hence, its verb must also be plural, i.e., 'show'.

Q.5) Ozone layer depletion across (1) / the years has resulted to (2) / ozone hole formation through which (3) / harmful radiations can now enter the atmosphere. (4)

- a) Only 2 and 3
- b) Only 1
- c) Only 2 and 4
- d) Only 1 and 2
- e) No error

Answer: d) (1) The correct phrase is 'over the years'.
(2) The correct phrase is 'resulted in'.

Q.6) Even though the army used / every weapon at their disposal, / the enemy was still able / to make it into the base.

- a) Even though the army used
- b) every weapon at their disposal
- c) the enemy was still able
- d) to make it into the base
- e) No error

Answer: b) 'Army' is singular, since it is a collective noun and hence, its pronoun must also be singular. 'Their' must be replaced with 'its'.

Q.7) Soon after the pandemic hit, (1) / exceptional measures were deployed (2) / to maintain private access to credit, (3) / staving away a deeper recession in 2020. (4)

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) No error

Answer: d) 'Staving away' must be replaced with 'staving off'.
To 'stave off' means to prevent or delay something.

Q.8) A reduction in the (1) / monthly increments would (2) / further exasperate the (3) / economic situation of farmers. (4)

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) No error

Answer: c) 'Exasperate' means to irritate or anger. It is contextually incorrect and must be replaced with 'exacerbate'. 'Exacerbate' means worsen or aggravate.

Type 2

A sentence is divided into fragments. You have to identify the fragment which contains an error. The fragment which is emboldened is grammatically correct.

Q.1) **The impact of (1)** / artificial intelligence and robotics (2) / on employment opportunities (3) / have always been (4) / a topic of much speculation. (5)

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5
- e) No error

Answer: c) The verb 'have' does not agree with the subject 'the impact'. Since the subject is singular, the verb must also be singular.

Q.2) The new division of the company (1) / oversees a wide range of activities, (2) / **including production of machine parts, (3)** refinement of crude oil, (4) and delivering supplies to factories. (5)

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 4
- d) 5
- e) No error

Answer: d) Fragment (5) does not have a proper parallel structure. The correct structure is – “and delivery of supplies to factories”.

Q.3) **While farm loan waivers appear (1)** / to be the popular and instant solution (2) to calm dissent, it only provides (3) / temporary relief and do little to (4) / enhancing income or prevent future distress. (5)

- a) 2 and 3
- b) 4
- c) 3 and 5
- d) 5
- e) No error

Answer: c) (3) The pronoun 'it' and the verb 'provides' do not agree with the subject 'farm loan waivers'. Since the subject is plural, the pronoun and verb must also be plural; i.e., "they only provide".

(5) 'Enhancing' must be replaced with 'enhance'.

Q.4) SEBI has been raising apprehension over (1) / a high cost of trading in commodity futures market (2) / **and urged the exchanges and supporting (3)** / eco-system facilitators to bring down cost (4) / to attract more hedgers and investors. (5)

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 4
- c) 1
- d) 5
- e) No error

Answer: a) (1) 'Has been raising' must be replaced with 'has raised'.

(2) Incorrect use of article – 'a' must be replaced with 'the'.

Q.5) Service sector is one of the / key sector of the Indian economy / with a huge potential to / grow into one of the / **largest markets of the world.**

- a) Service sector is one of the
- b) key sector of the Indian economy
- c) with a huge potential to
- d) grow into one of the
- e) No error

Answer: b) The phrase 'one of the' is always followed by a plural noun (sectors).

Q.6) India's tax-to-GDP ratio is (1) / far lower than the 21 per cent average (2) / of their emerging market peers; (3) / **its public spending-to-GDP ratio is (4)** / also the lowest among BRICS nations. (5)

- a) 1 and 3
- b) 2 and 5
- c) 1 and 5
- d) 2 and 3
- e) No error

Answer: d) (2) 'Then' must be replaced with 'than'.

(3) The pronoun 'their' does not agree with its antecedent 'India'. The pronoun must be singular, i.e., 'its'.

Q.7) The key provisions of the new farm laws are (1) / intended to help small and marginal farmers (2) / **who don't have means to either bargain for their produce (3)** / to get a better price nor invest in technology (4) / to improve the productivity of farms. (5)

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 4
- d) 5
- e) No error

Answer: c) The correct phrase is 'either...or'.

Q.8) Monetary and credit conditions (1) / remained expansionary and (2) / financial market conditions (3) / eased considerably behind the (4) / **back of abundant liquidity. (5)**

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) No error

Answer: d) The correct phrase is 'on the back of'. It means because of, or as a result of.



HALL OF FAME



**All Indian
Rank 01**

Rajendran S

SEBI



**All India
Rank 03**

Ali

RBI



**All India
Rank 06**

Aditya Sood

RBI



**All India
Rank 10**

Sameer

RBI



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Sanskar Vijay



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Sanjay
Meena



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Yash Gupta



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Ila Sahu



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Argha
Banerjee



**Cleared RBI
Grade B**

Suchana
Ghosh



**Cleared
NABARD**

Vinay Verma



**Cleared
NABARD**

Lal Chand
Kumar



**Cleared
NABARD**

Krishna
Kumar Singh



**Cleared
NABARD**

Anshu Goel



**Cleared
NABARD**

Jatin Kumar



**Cleared
NABARD**

Atul Yadav



**Cleared
SEBI**

Abhishek
Kumar



**Cleared
SEBI**

Vishwanidh
Singh



**Cleared
SEBI**

Gopika
Jayan



**Cleared
SEBI**

Vasant
Kesari



**Cleared
SEBI**

Swetha
Bodagala



**NET with 98
Percentile**

Anushka
Keshri



**JRF with 96.92
Percentile**

Vaishali
Jadon



**NET with 89.27
Percentile**

Srishti Gupta



**JRF with 72
Percentile**

Abhishek
Mohanty



**NET with 68
Percentage**

Dinesh
Mohan



**JRF with 64.66
Percentage**

Adhwaresh
Pandey