



SENTENCE CORRECTION (Types of Questions)



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Type 1

**A sentence will be given, with a part of it underlined or emboldened.
You will have to choose the option which corrects the underlined part.**

Q.1) Smithson Enterprises, a rapidly growing plumbing supplies company, has recently expanded their operations in the European market.

- a) have recently expanded their operations
- b) have recently expanded its operations
- c) are recently expanding their operations
- d) has recently expanded its operations
- e) had been recently expanding their operations

Answer: d) 'Smithson Enterprises' is a collective noun. Hence, its pronouns should also be singular. The correct sentence is - Smithson Enterprises, a rapidly growing plumbing supplies company, has recently expanded *its* operations in the European market.

Q.2) In developing economies, digital infrastructure has become extremely strong, align profit-oriented private business models with the goal of inclusive economic growth.

- a) aligns profit-oriented private business models and
- b) aligning profit-oriented private business models with
- c) align profit-oriented private business models and
- d) aligning profit-oriented private business models by
- e) alignment of profit-oriented private business models for

Answer: b) The use of verb 'align' is incorrect. It needs to be in the present continuous tense, 'aligning', to correctly describe the action continuing after the present perfect 'has become'. Option (d) is incorrect because the correct preposition is 'with', not 'by'.

Q.3) If there had been no fighting daring these autumn months worthy of mention, much credulous work had been carried out by the invaders in respect to developing communications and to improve jetties and landing-places, especially at Suvla.

- a) credulous, in respect to develop communications and to improving
- b) credential, by respect to develop communications and to improve
- c) creditable, in respect to developing communications and to improving
- d) credulous, in respect for developing communications and improving
- e) creditable, in respect to developing communications and to improve

Answer: c) The first error is incorrect word usage. 'Creditable' should be used instead of 'credulous'. The second error is faulty parallelism – 'developing' is not parallel to 'improve'.

Q.4) The number of people getting infected by the virus have doubled over the last few days.

- a) have doubled in number over the last few days
- b) has become double over the last few days
- c) had double over the last few days
- d) has doubled over the last few days
- e) have increased in the last few days

Answer: d) The subject 'the number' is singular. Hence, the verb should also be singular – 'has'.

Type 2

An erroneous sentence will be given. Either a part of the sentence or the entire sentence may be incorrect. You will have to replace the sentence with the correct one.

Q.1) Students and researchers within academia can now collaborate together across the web.

- a) Across the web, students and academic researchers can now collaborate together.
- b) Students and academic researchers now can collaborate together across the web.
- c) Students together with researchers are now collaborating across the web.
- d) Students and researchers within academia can now collaborate across the web.
- e) No correction needed

Answer: d) The sentence contains a redundancy error. 'Collaborate' means to work together. Hence, 'together' is redundant and must be eliminated.

Q.2) American astronaut Neil Armstrong made history as the first human to walk on the moon in 1969.

- a) American astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon in 1969.
- b) In 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong made history as the first human to walk on the moon.
- c) American astronaut Neil Armstrong made history as the first person in 1969 to walk on the moon.
- d) Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut in 1969, and the first human to walk on the moon.
- e) No correction needed

Answer: b) The phrase 'in 1969' is misplaced. It indicates that Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon in that particular year, which sounds absurd.

Q.3) One of the most significant consequence of the internet's expansion is the explosive growth of fake news.

- a) The explosive growth of fake news is one of the most significant consequence of the internet's expansion.
- b) One of the most significant consequences of the internet's expansion are the explosive growth of fake news.
- c) One of the most significant consequences of the internet's expansion is the explosive growth of fake news.
- d) One of the most significant consequences of the internet's expansion have been the explosive growth of fake news.
- e) No correction needed

Answer: c) The phrase 'one of the' is always followed by a plural noun. 'One of a group' is always singular, and take a singular verb.

Q.4) The IPCC's sixth assessment declared global warming this year as a direct threat to food production.

- a) The IPCC's sixth assessment declared global warming as a direct threat this year to food production.
- b) This year, the IPCC's sixth assessment declared global warming a direct threat to food production.
- c) This year's sixth assessment of the IPCC declared global warming as a direct threat to food production.
- d) The sixth assessment of the IPCC declared this year's global warming a direct threat to food production.
- e) No correction needed

Answer: b) The modifier 'this year' is misplaced; it should appear at the start of the sentence. Also, 'declared' should not be followed by 'as'. Hence, 'as' must be eliminated.

Type 3

A sentence will be given with three or four alternatives which can be used to correct the error. You will have to choose the alternative(s) which corrects the sentence.

Q.1) Unlike New England, where self-rule had been pursued immediately, the colonies of New France had no such privileges.

- I. As opposed to the colonies of New England
- II. Unlike England's system of colonialism
- III. Unlike the colonies of New England

- a) Only I and III
- b) Only III
- c) Only I and II
- d) Only II and III
- e) No correction needed

Answer: a) The sentence wrongly compares New England (a country) to the colonies of New France. Only I and III correctly compare the colonies of New England to the colonies of New France.

Q.2) Though efforts to boost supply-chain resilience are already underway, there is little indication that it will make trade more environmentally or socially sustainable.

- I. there is lesser indication that it will make trade
- II. there is little indication that they will make trade
- III. there is little indication that it will be making trade

- a) Only III
- b) Only I and II
- c) Only II
- d) Only I
- e) No correction needed

Answer: c) 'It' refers to efforts. But, since 'efforts' is plural, its pronoun should also be plural.

Q.3) The cost associated with maintenance of technical staff and continuously improving hardware and software are often underestimated by smaller firms.

- I. cost associated with maintaining
- II. costs associated with maintenance of
- III. costs associated with maintaining

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Only I and III
- d) Only III
- e) No correction needed

Answer: d) The subject 'cost' and verb 'are' do not agree. Since 'are' is plural, 'cost' must also be plural. Also, the phrase 'maintenance of' is not parallel with 'improving'. It must be replaced with 'maintaining'.

Q.4) The kidnapper was struck over by an angry mob of villagers.

- I. struck over by a mob of angry villagers
- II. struck down by a mob of angry villagers
- III. struck away by an angry mob of villagers

- a) Only I and II
- b) Only I
- c) Only II
- d) Only III
- e) No correction needed

Answer: c) The first error is the incorrect use of the phrase 'struck down'. To strike someone down means to kill or severely harm them. The second error is misplaced modifier – 'angry' must modify 'villagers', not 'mob'.



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