



Cause & Effect



- Cause is an event that leads to another event, which is its effect.
- A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens.
- Look for keywords: because, since, so, if, then, etc.
- Cause & effect are combination of action and reaction.
- No effect can occur without a cause.
- No effect can be its own cause.
- Every cause must produce an effect.
- Cause and effect cannot happen simultaneously.

- **Necessary condition:** in its absence, event cannot occur
- **Sufficient condition:** in its presence, the event must occur
- **Principal Cause**
- **Immediate Cause**
- **Rule of antecedence:** Past Tense (antecedent to) Present Perfect (antecedent to) Present Continuous (antecedent to) Future Tense

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Q.1) A. Government has tightened security checks at all important places and also at various public places.

B. Incidences of terrorist attacks are increasing day by day.

- a) Statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect**
- b) Statement B is the cause and statement A is its effect**
- c) Both statements A and B are independent causes**
- d) Both statements A and B are effects of independent causes**
- e) Both statements A and B are effects of some common cause.**

Answer – B



Q.2) A: The BCCI has decided to ban and suspend some players who were accused of match-fixing.

B: Delhi Police had tapped the conversation between a bookie and some players.

- a) 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate and principal cause.**
- b) 'A' is the immediate and principal cause and 'B' is its effect.**
- c) 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate and principal cause.**
- d) 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate and principal cause.**
- e) None of these**

Answer – C



Q.3) A: State A faced an earthquake and suffered heavy damage due to fall of skyscrapers.

B: State A has decided to take stern action against the builders who have illegally made apartments using sordid technique and low-grade construction material.

- a) 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate and principal cause.**
- b) 'A' is the immediate and principal cause and 'B' is its effect.**
- c) 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate and principal cause.**
- d) 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate and principal cause.**
- e) None of these**

Answer – B



Q.4) A. There has been considerable reduction in the number of people affected by water-borne diseases in city A during this rainy season.

B. The government opened four new civil hospitals in city A at the beginning of the year.

- a) Statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect**
- b) Statement B is the cause and statement A is its effect**
- c) Both statements A and B are independent causes**
- d) Both statements A and B are effects of independent causes**
- e) Both statements A and B are effects of some common cause.**

Answer – D



Q.5) A. The internet users of the country have been advised to stay alert while using internet till the hackers are caught.

B. The Government machinery will make an all out effort to catch those who are responsible for hacking and put in place a sound internet security system for all its websites.

- a) Statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect**
- b) Statement B is the cause and statement A is its effect**
- c) Both statements A and B are independent causes**
- d) Both statements A and B are effects of independent causes**
- e) Both statements A and B are effects of some common cause.**

Answer – E



Q.6) A. The Reserve Bank of India has recently put restrictions on few small banks in the country.

B. The small banks in the private and cooperative sector in India are not in a position to withstand the competitions of the bigger in the public sector.

- a) Statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect**
- b) Statement B is the cause and statement A is its effect**
- c) Both statements A and B are independent causes**
- d) Both statements A and B are effects of independent causes**
- e) Both statements A and B are effects of some common cause.**

Answer – B



Q.7) A. The attack by militants on Parliament in December 2001 haunts our parliamentarians whenever militants attack any target in the country.

B. New parking labels have been introduced for the members of Parliament, aiming at strengthening the security of the Indian Parliament and the parliamentarians.

- a) 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate cause.
- b) 'A' is the immediate cause and 'B' is its effect.
- c) 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate cause.
- d) 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate cause.
- e) Both 'A' and 'B' are independent causes.

Answer – D



Q.8) A: Cricketer 'A' has denied to talk to media persons.

B: BCCI special commissioner Rajiv Shukla has quizzed cricketer 'A' for nearly six hours for his role in betting and match-fixing scam.

- a) 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate cause.
- b) 'A' is the immediate cause and 'B' is its effect.
- c) 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate cause.
- d) 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate cause.
- e) Both 'A' and 'B' are independent causes.

Answer – C



Q.9) Effect: There has been unprecedented increase in the number of institutions training for spoken phonetic English in all the major cities of India during the last few years.

Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect?

- a) Many parents want their children to speak fluent English.**
- b) Various activities are being outsourced to India by many European and North American countries.**
- c) English is no longer being taught in the schools and colleges in India.**
- d) India has highest number of English-speaking educated youth compared to any other country.**
- e) None of these**

Answer – B



Q.10) Effect: As a step to regulate private hospitals, the state health department is framing rules to ensure all such hospitals are registered with it. Which of the following can be a possible cause of the above statement?

- a) The department realized that private hospitals charge much less for treatment as compared to government hospitals.
- b) Government-run hospitals do not maintain the same standards as private hospitals.
- c) The department realized that several hospitals were rejecting cases stating lack of infrastructure.
- d) Apart from the number of doctors, nurses and beds, the kind of procedure a hospital can carry out based on its infrastructure will also be registered and detailed.
- e) Private hospitals not registering with the department shall be forced to do so and will have to pay hefty penalties.

Answer – C



Q.11) Cause: All the major rivers in the state have been flowing way over the danger level for the past few weeks.

Which of the following is/are possible effect(s) of the above cause?

- (A) Many villages situated near the riverbanks are submerged, forcing the residents to flee.**
- (B) Govt. has decided to provide alternate shelter to all the affected villagers residing near the river banks.**
- (C) The entire state has been put on high flood alert.**

- a) Only (A)**
- b) Only (A) and (B)**
- c) Only (B) and (C)**
- d) All (A), (B) and (C)**
- e) None of these**

Answer – D



Q.12) Effect: This year majority of the final year students of the management institute have opted for finance specialisation. Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect?

- a) Last year most of the students with HR specialisation got better job offers than other specialisations.
- b) The management institute offers only finance specialization to its final year students.
- c) Last year the students with finance specialisation bagged most of the lucrative offers vis-a-vis students with other specialisations.
- d) The management institute has recently started its finance specialisation in addition to Marketing and HR being offered earlier.
- e) None of these

Answer – C



Q.13) Effect: Govt. has allowed all the airlines to charge additional amount as peak time congestion charges for the flights landing between 6.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

Which of the following is a probable cause of the above effect?

- a) All the airline companies had threatened to suspend their services during peak hours.**
- b) The Govt. has increased its tax for peak time flights.**
- c) The aircrafts are routinely put on hold over the airports while landing during peak time, causing extra fuel consumption.**
- d) The airline companies can now charge unlimited additional charge for peak time flights.**
- e) None of these**

Answer – C



Q.14) Effect: After the government announced a compensatory policy for farmers in return for the acquisition of their land, the farmers demanded a written proof of the policy. Which of the following could possibly be a cause for demanding the written proof?

- (a) The farmers were unable to contest the inadequate compensation for their land in earlier such policies.**
- (b) The compensation promised in the policy was grossly inadequate.**
- (c) The farmers were unwilling to surrender their lands to the government.**
- (d) The farmers demand a certain percentage of share out of the revenue generated by the government off their lands.**
- (e) The only option to enforce the government official to frame a compensatory policy for the farmers was to demand a proof**

Answer – A



Q.15) Effect: It has been reported in recent years that so many seats remain vacant in the engineering colleges of the country, at the end of admission session.

Which of the following can be a possible cause of the effect mentioned above?

- (a) Because of the bad state of economy in the recent years, there has been dearth of jobs for engineering graduates.**
- (b) Students have always given a priority to 3 yr engineering course in stead of 4 yr.**
- (c) Government has decided to give professional training to all qualified engineering graduates on Government expenditure.**
- (d) The success rate of engineering graduates has always been very poor.**
- (e) None of the above**

Answer – A



Q.16) Statement: Most car manufacturers have marginally reduced the price of their products despite higher input cost and increased government duties and have promised to keep the prices at the present level for atleast the next couple of months. Which of the following can be the best possible reason for the above step by the car manufacturers?

- (a) The government is planning to review taxes on the raw materials for manufacturing cars.
- (b) The car sales market is going through a jubilant phase as the volume of sales has picked up considerably in the recent past and profit per car has also gone up.
- (c) Car buyers are still hesitant making purchases and may postpone for another few months.
- (d) Oil marketing companies are contemplating reviewing the petrol and diesel prices in order to decide future market prices.
- (e) Car manufacturers have not been able to meet their sales target for the current year so far.

Answer – E



Q.17) Statement: The State Government granted special status to the seminar on the importance of protecting the environment around us, organised by the local academic body to create awareness among the citizens.

Which of the following may be a probable reason for the State Government's decision?

- (a) The Central Government has accorded highest priority to issues related to protection of environment overall other issues.**
- (b) In the past, the State Government had granted special status to such seminars.**
- (c) The State Government has failed to implement measures for protecting the environment.**
- (d) The local academic body made a fervent appeal for the special status.**
- (e) None of the above**

Answer – A



Q.18) In the question below, a situation is given, followed by two statements (1) and (2). You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Carefully analyse the situation, and choose the option that depicts the correct relationship between the statements and situation.

Situation: Researchers from Australia announced recently that they used a graphene-based product to make a water filter that can make highly-polluted sea water drinkable after just one pass.

Statement 1: While grapheme allows water to pass through it, it is almost completely impervious to liquids and gases (even relatively small helium molecules).

Statement 2: Graphene has been described as the strongest material ever tested, almost 300 times stronger than steel.

- a) Both 1 and 2 are effects of the situation
- b) Both 1 and 2 are conclusions of the situation
- c) Both 1 and 2 are causes of the situation
- d) 1 is a cause and 2 is unrelated to the situation
- e) 1 is an effect and 2 is unrelated to the situation

Answer – D



Q.19) In the question below, a situation is given, followed by two statements (1) and (2). You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts.

Carefully analyse the situation, and choose the option that depicts the correct relationship between the statements and situation.

Situation: Crohn's disease is an inflammatory bowel disease of the digestive tract which can lead to abdominal pain, severe diarrhea, bloody stools, weight loss, and fatigue. About 10% to 15% of human patients report that artificial sweeteners worsen their disease.

Statement 1: Sweeteners induces changes in gut bacteria and gut wall immune cell reactivity, which could result in inflammation or disease flare ups in susceptible people.

Statement 2: Patients with Crohn's disease should avoid consuming products containing artificial sweeteners such as sucralose and maltodextrin.

- a) Both 1 and 2 are causes of the situation
- b) Both 1 and 2 are effects of the situation
- c) 1 is a cause and 2 is a course of action
- d) 1 is a cause and 2 is unrelated to the situation
- e) 1 is a cause and 2 is an assumption

Answer – C



Q.20) In the question below, three statements are given which may or may not have a cause-effect relationship with one or more of the other statements. From the given options, choose the one that depicts the correct relationship between the statements.

- 1. A textbook entitled New History Textbook was published in Japan: it underplayed Japan's wartime aggression during the Sino-Japanese war and the second world war.**
 - 2. By painting a positive picture of the events in favour of Japan, the children of Japan will be more devoted to their country.**
 - 3. The space in the textbook devoted to the issues is very limited and therefore what they mention does not matter particularly much.**
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- a) 1 is the cause, 2 and 3 are its effects**
 - b) 1 and 2 are causes, 3 is their effect**
 - c) 2 is the cause, 1 is its effect, 3 is neutral**
 - d) 1 is the cause, 2 is its effect, 3 is neutral**
 - e) 2 is the cause, 1 and 3 are its effects**

Answer – C

