



## COMBINING SENTENCES (Types of Questions)



## Type 1

**A connector is given in the question, followed by three or four statements. You have to determine which of those statements can be combined using the given connector.**

**Q.1) Connector: ALTHOUGH**

- I. The exports of the emerging countries will certainly feel the pinch.
- II. These concerns could mean more turbulence ahead for equities.
- III. Strong domestic demand will cushion the slowdown.
- IV. Economic conditions have not deteriorated significantly over the past month.

- a) I – II
- b) III – IV
- c) I – II and III – IV
- d) I – III
- e) None of these

**Answer: d)** 'Although' is used to combine two contrasting statements.

*Although* the exports of the emerging countries will certainly feel the pinch, strong domestic demand will cushion the slowdown.

### Q.2) Connector: AS A RESULT

- I. Cutting down on sugar will help you lose weight. Regular exercise will help you get rid of a few kilos.
- II. The sales department developed a new marketing campaign. Sales have risen by more than 50% over the last six months.
- III. The country's productivity growth rate is high. The capital stock growth is slowing due to reining in production capacity and investment.

- a) Only II
- b) Only I and II
- c) Only II and III
- d) I, II and III
- e) None of the above

**Answer: a)** 'As a result' indicates a cause and effect relationship.  
The sales department developed a new marketing campaign. As a result, sales have risen by more than 50% over the last six months.

### Q.3) Connector: NOT ONLY...BUT ALSO

- I. India, through all its flaws, has always demonstrated that employment is about efficiency, requirement and common sense.
- II. Employers and governments throughout the world have recognized such needs.
- III. They have increasingly realized that fulfilling them can be advantageous for the prosperity of enterprises and for the well-being of societies at large.
- IV. Alarming figures of unemployment have been recurrent even before the huge dislocation unleashed by lockdowns imposed in 2020-21.

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|------------------------|------------------|
| a) II – III            | d) I – III       |
| b) I – IV              | e) None of these |
| c) I – II and III – IV |                  |

**Answer: a)** 'Not only...but also' is used to connect two similar ideas. Employers and governments throughout the world have *not only* recognized such needs, *but* have *also* increasingly realized that.....

**Q.4) Connector: SINCE**

- I. The Municipal Corporation has decided to start a waste treatment plant for the solid waste.
- II. The Five Year Plan has been done away with.
- III. The government has set the treatment of solid waste as a criterion for ranking cities.
- IV. The Government has decided to go ahead with a 20-year blueprint for development.

- a) I – II and III – IV
- b) I – III
- c) II – IV
- d) I – III and II – IV
- e) None of these

**Answer: d)** 'Since' indicates a cause and effect relationship.

I – III: *Since* the government has set....., the Municipal Corporation has decided to start a waste treatment plant for the solid waste.

II – IV: *Since* the Government has decided....., the Five Year Plan has been done away with.

## Type 2

**Two statements are given in the question. You have to choose the connector which can be used to combine the two statements.**

Q.1)

- I. Microcredit has a vast range of applications for poverty alleviation and general development.
- II. Existing systems require reform in multiple areas to allow for unfettered benefits that last.

- a) Nor
- b) But
- c) Whereas
- d) Indeed
- e) None of these

**Answer: b)** 'But' is used to indicate contrast.

Microcredit has a vast range of applications for poverty alleviation and general development, *but* existing systems require reform in multiple areas to allow for unfettered benefits that last.



Q.2)

- I. All our recommendations were grounded in a careful examination of facts.
- II. The policy prescriptions fell firmly within the framework of our constitutional duties and laws.

- a) However
- b) In spite of
- c) Accordingly
- d) Furthermore
- e) None of these

**Answer: d)** 'Furthermore' is used to provide additional information.  
All our recommendations were grounded in a careful examination of facts. *Furthermore*, the policy prescriptions fell firmly within the framework of our constitutional duties and laws.

Q.3)

- I. Indian retail is at an inflection point by virtue of its growing importance in the macroeconomic landscape of the country.
- II. A noticeable transformation in the size, scope, and complexity of retailing warrants attention.

- a) Eventually
- b) Consequently
- c) Moreover
- d) Regardless
- e) None of these

**Answer: b)** 'Consequently' is used to indicate a cause and effect relationship.

Indian retail is at an inflection point by virtue of its growing importance in the macroeconomic landscape of the country.

*Consequently*, a noticeable transformation in the size, scope, and complexity of retailing warrants attention.

Q.4)

- I. The share of unbranded sales may witness a downtrend.
- II. This will happen, though slowly, as a large percentage of aspirational consumers are no longer averse to the idea of opting for pricier, fashionable, and better quality product variants.

- a) Unless
- b) Indeed
- c) Albeit
- d) Likewise
- e) None of these

**Answer: c)** 'Albeit' is used to indicate contrast.

The share of unbranded sales may witness a downtrend, *albeit* slowly, as a large percentage of aspirational consumers are no longer averse to the idea of opting for pricier, fashionable, and better quality product variants.

## Type 3

**Two columns I and II, and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts. Column I (A, B, and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and Column II (D, E, and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. You have to match column I with column II, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct.**

Q.1)

| Column I                                                                                                     | Column II                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A) Opening up their economies to the global economy has been essential in enabling many developing countries | D) including deep-seated structural problems, weak policy frameworks and institutions, and protection at home and abroad. |
| B) The poorest countries have seen their share of world trade decline substantially,                         | E) ensure that domestic firms do not gain an unfair trade advantage.                                                      |
| C) The reasons for their marginalization are complex,                                                        | F) and without lowering their own barriers to trade, they risk further marginalization.                                   |

- a) A – F and B – D
- b) B – F and C – D
- c) A – E, B – D and C – F
- d) C – D
- e) None of these

**Answer: b)** Only B – F and C – D can be connected to form meaningful sentences.

Q.2)

| Column I                                                                                     | Column II                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A) Concerns have been raised regarding the cryptocurrency markets as there is                | D) as well as the various other actions that can be used as contingent measures.      |
| B) If the economic ordering of society is responsible of ill-being,                          | E) the earth's surface to escape into the atmosphere, which warms up the night.       |
| C) When the night skies are cloudy, the blanket of clouds prevents the terrestrial radiation | F) substantially less investor protection than in our traditional securities markets. |

- a) A – D and C – E
- b) B – D and C – E
- c) B – F and C – D
- d) A – F
- e) None of these

**Answer: d)** Only A and F can be connected to form a meaningful sentence.

Q.3)

| Column I                                                                     | Column II                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A) Israeli farms use drip irrigation that involves dripping water right into | D) the roots of the crops instead of flooding entire fields.                                 |
| B) Cutting down on your expenses will help you save more for your future,    | E) the current changes in the tax rate would raise significant revenue.                      |
| C) Analysts believe the new tax rate would be very progressive, yet          | F) however, investing wisely and prudently will help you save significantly for your future. |

- a) B – F and C – E
- b) A – D
- c) A – D, B – E and C – F
- d) A – D and C – E
- e) None of these

**Answer: b)** Only A and D can be connected to form a meaningful sentence. B – F and C – E cannot be combined because of wrong connectors.

Q.4)

| Column I                                                             | Column II                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A) Organizations want to cut costs and improve their agility to meet | D) amended in order to make them more relevant to the present scenario.       |
| B) India lags behind the world in female workforce participation,    | E) and bond yields fell to levels not seen since the global financial crisis. |
| C) The Reserve Bank of India has been given the task of              | F) more than half of India's banking sector had female chiefs.                |

- a) A – E and B – F
- b) C – D
- c) B – F
- d) A – F and C – E
- e) None of these

**Answer: e)** None of sentence fragments can be combined to form meaningful sentences.