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# IBPS Clerk Prelims Exam 2021

## Previous Year Paper

# COMPLETE DISCUSSION

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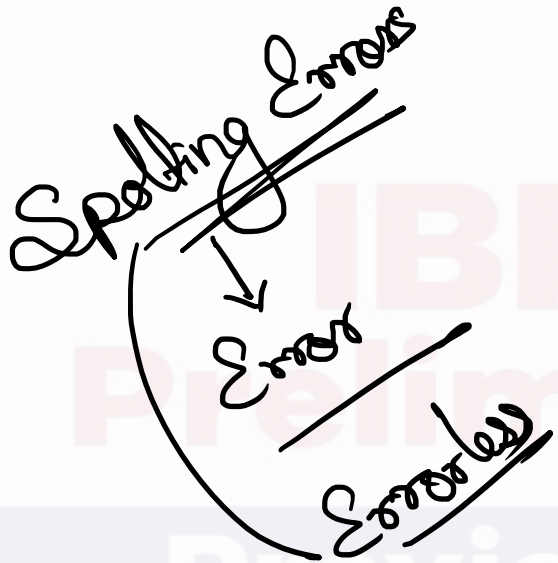
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TOPIC	No. of questions asked
✓ 1) Reading Comprehension	8 ✓
2) Cloze test	5 ✓
3) Phrase replacement ✓	4 ✓
4) Error detection	5 ✓
5) Word rearrangement (Word Swap)	4 ✓
6) Rearrangement ✓	<del>4</del>

Single Statement



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**Directions: In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts. Choose the part of the sentence which may contain a grammatical error in it. If all the parts of the sentence are grammatically correct and contextually meaningful, choose option (e) i.e. "no error" as your answer choice.**





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## QUESTION 1

into

Slicing a cake ~~between~~ pieces (A)/ is a fun tradition that many (B)/ newlyweds like to (C)/ incorporate into their ceremonies. (D)/ No Error (E)

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between - mid

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## QUESTION 2

She ~~had~~ <sup>⌚</sup> stayed up (A)/ all night because (B)/ she had received (C)/ bad news. (D)/ No error. (E) <sup>ⓕ</sup>

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Whenever two actions occur one after another

- Former action - Perfect
- latter action - simple

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### QUESTION 3

He as well as (A)/ his friends (B)/ ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> going (C)/ for picking.(D)/ No Error (E)

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Rule

as well as, with, alongwith

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**QUESTION 4** — Option 2

✓ The coaching industry in India (A)/  
plays a pivotal role, (B)/ as it  
contributes significant (C)/  
✓ revenue to the education sector. (D)/  
No Error (E)

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crucial  
central  
vital  
important





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If + S + V<sub>1</sub> ----- S + shall/will + V<sub>1</sub>

poll-4

5 option

### QUESTION 5

V<sub>1</sub>

If I don't (A)/ turn on my (B)/ air conditioner, my (C)/ house was hot. (D)/ No error (E)

will/shall be

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Conditional Sentences (Tricks)

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Phrase Replacements

**Directions: In the following question, sentences are given with a part in bold.**

The given phrase in the bold may or may not contain an error. The options following can replace the incorrect phrase. The correct phrase that is to be replaced will be your answer. If the sentences are correct then select 'No improvement required' as your answer.



to — goal / target / destination

### QUESTION 6

too — more than enough

Everything is funny, as long as it **is** **happening too** somebody else.

Adverb

Preposition

- ~~(a)~~ has been happening for
- ~~(b)~~ is happening to
- (c) was happening too
- (d) could have happened to
- (e) No improvement required

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## QUESTION 7

They recommend this book even though they himself had never read it.

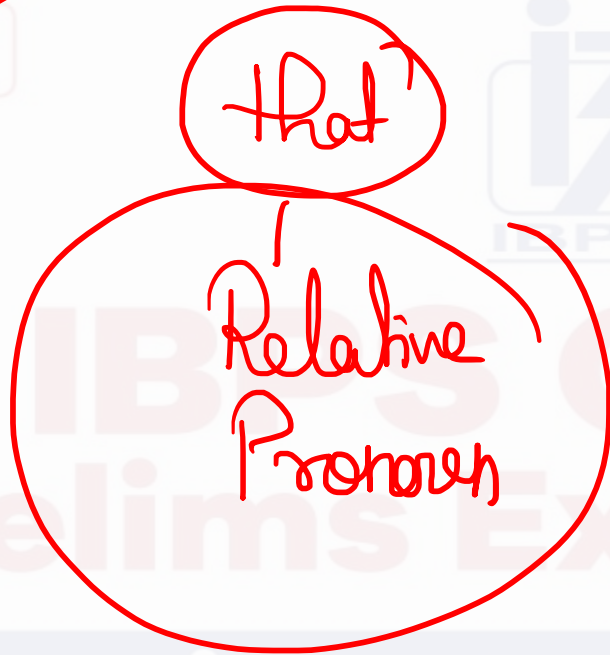
- (a) they themselves had
- (b) they themself has
- (c) it itself had
- (d) one oneself has
- (e) No improvement required

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~~Share~~



## QUESTION 8

This is the house that Jack built it.

- (a) that Jack is building it ~~X~~
- (b) Which Jack built it ~~X~~
- (c) whom Jack built
- (d) that Jack built
- (e) No improvement required

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## QUESTION 9

In no way do I agree with what you're saying.

- (a) In no way I do
- (b) In no way I don't
- (c) No way I don't
- (d) Do I in no way
- ~~(e) No improvement required~~

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Close Test



**Directions:** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

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According to some researchers, musical instruments came about (10), depending on the available materials, and, in some cases, by the stimulus of the clamor of battle. The definition of a musical instrument is quite simple: it is an instrument that was created or (11) to make musical sounds. It is important to remember that the history of musical instruments dates back to the beginning of human culture.

Advent

## QUESTION 10

(a) deliberate ✓

~~(b) systematic~~

~~(c) cautiously~~

~~(d) randomly~~

~~(e) anxiously~~

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Option d





The definition of a musical instrument is quite simple: it is an instrument that was created or (11) to make musical sounds. It is important to remember that the history of musical instruments dates back to the beginning of human culture. The earliest musical instruments were used for rituals. For example, the trumpet-like ones were used to signal success in a hunt, or drum-like instruments were used in religious ceremonies.

## QUESTION 11

- (a) concise
- (b) adapted
- (c) prohibited
- (d) distributed
- (e) immense

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Options

Over time, cultures have developed the composition and performance of musical pieces for entertainment. Musical instruments have also \_\_\_ (12) \_\_\_ with the ever-changing applications. It appears that no one knows exactly where music came from. We are not talking here about who Elvis' singing predecessors were, not even about when the first musical instrument was invented.

## QUESTION 12

- ~~(a) subdued~~
- (b) evolved**
- ~~(c) Refine~~
- ~~(d) Surge~~
- ~~(e) diminished~~

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We are not talking here about who Elvis' singing predecessors were, not even about when the first musical instrument was invented. Researchers who have been interested in the physics of instruments believe that musical devices have always **(13)** pretty much on the materials that were available to each civilization. In other words, people worked with what they had.

### QUESTION 13

(a) relatively

(b) suspected ✓

~~(c) depended~~ ✓

(d) aligned link

(e) sustained  
Survive

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In time, traditional poetry was            <sup>(14)</sup> ~~(13)~~ <sup>(V3)</sup> alongside human noise-makers and got rhythms to them. Again, there is no exact data to back this up, so no one knows exactly when the first song was born. However, adding stories to melodies became a tradition that was carried on to our days and it does not seem like it will ever go out of fashion.

QUESTION 14

(KT)

- (a) displayed
- (b) recited
- (c) elaborate
- (d) arranged
- (e) Remembered

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Passive Voice be verb → (V3)

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~~Word Swap~~

~~Word Rearrangement~~

✓  
**Directions: In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with three words in bold. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of these words to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**



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Smart Work

Option  
Elimination

## QUESTION 15

The U.P. ordinance not only **conflict(A)** guaranteed fundamental rights but is also in **violates(B)** with **existing(C)** personal laws

- ~~(a) ABC~~
- (b) BAC
- ~~(c) CAB~~
- (d) ACB
- ~~(e) None of these~~

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have +  $\sqrt{2}$

## QUESTION 16

The **deficit (A)** changes in the sector brought in through the three laws have **aggravated (B)** the trust **abrupt (C)** of the government.

~~(a) ABC~~

~~(b) CAB~~

~~(c) BAC~~

(d) CBA

(e) None of these

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Like

Option

## QUESTION 17

The Chinese Communist Party initially aftermath (A) nationalism as a co-option embraced (B) in the strategy (C) of the Tiananmen Square massacre

Adverb

(a) None of these

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~~(b) CAB~~

~~(c) ABC~~

(d) BCA

~~(e) CBA~~

Verb

Adj

Adverb





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Answers

justify

## QUESTION 18

The Supreme Court has been asking States to **reservation (A)** quantifiable data to **justify (B)** their levels of **produce (C)**.

(a) None of these

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~~(b) CAB~~

~~(c) ACB~~

(d) BCA ✓

**(e) CBA** ✓

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~~Rearrangement~~

**Directions: In the question given below, some sentences/phrases are given which have to be arranged in a proper sequence. Select the option which best defines the proper sequence and arranges the sentence in an appropriate way.**



Option Elimination.

### QUESTION 19

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- (A) Sidestepping debate
- (B) And discussion in Parliament
- (C) Discontent over the
- (D) Is a result of
- ✓ (E) New farm laws

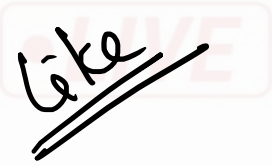
(a) DEABC

~~(b) EDABC~~

~~(c) CEDAB~~

~~(d) AEBDC~~

✓ (e) No rearrangement possible



## QUESTION 20

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- (A) Population-level vaccination plans
- (B) For COVID-19
- (C) Expecting from
- (D) The outcomes we are
- (E) It is crucial to define

(a) BCAED

(b) CABED

~~(c) EDCAB~~

(d) DCABE

(e) No rearrangement possible



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## QUESTION 21

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- (A) WHO must
- (B) Work alongside
- (C) China in quickly
- (D) Origins of the virus
- (E) Uncovering the

Like Pair  


~~(a) EBCDA~~

~~(b) CAEBD~~

~~(c) EBACD~~

~~(d) ACDBE~~

(e) ABCED

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E A B

## QUESTION 22

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(A) Public activity should be available

(B) To the public

(C) Only information

(D) Bearing a nexus to

(E) DEABC

~~(b) EDABC~~

~~(c) CEDAB~~

~~(d) AEBDC~~

(e) No rearrangement possible

ED

EA



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**Directions: Read the following passage and answer the following questions based on the given passage. Some of the words are highlighted which would help you to answer some of the questions given.**



**A good night's sleep is utmost essential for overall good health. It is the time when the body rests, rejuvenates and recovers. An adult requires 7 to 8 hours of peaceful and quality sleep per day. Sleep deprivation can be defined as inability to complete the sufficient sleep-time required by the person. Research has shown that even one night of sleep deprivation is equivalent to being intoxicated. Intentional sleep deprivation is mostly seen in young people and teenagers who prefer entertainment over sleep. Many workaholics also consider sleeping as a waste of precious time which is not true. Many a time because of work commitments such as working in night shifts or long hours may also interfere with quality sleep that an individual requires. Medical issues such as chronic illnesses, depression and sleep disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea can also be the reason for sleep deprivation. You probably already have some understanding of the benefits of rest—and the costs of not getting it.**

**DISCUSSION**





**Sleep allows us to consolidate and store memories, process emotional experiences, replenish glucose (the molecule that fuels the brain), and clear out beta-amyloid (the waste product that builds up in Alzheimer's patients and disrupts cognitive activity). The most common sign and symptom of the fact that one is sleep deprived is fatigue, lethargy and feeling sleepy throughout the day. Other symptoms include mood disorders; sleep deprivation may lead to increasing irritability, desire to stay alone, rapid mood swings and more. Lack of sleep will also cause psychomotor instability meaning the person will find it difficult to focus and stand still at a place. Sleep deprivation will also cause issues with sight and hearing. An affected person may experience burning sensation in eyes, tingling and redness of eyes, light flashes and even hallucinations. He or she may also find it difficult to gauge distance at which a sound is originating.**

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**Other signs and symptoms of sleep deprivation include tingling sensations on the body, disorganization of thought and much more. Negative effects of sleep deprivation are many. It affects both physical and mental health of a person negatively. The most common effect of sleep deprivation is drowsiness, tiredness, mood swings, irritability and reduced alertness. Although scientific knowledge of the physiological effects of sleep deprivation is relatively recent but researchers now believe that sleep deprivation can lead to disorders such as depression. Both short term sleep deprivation and chronic long term sleep deprivation can be very dangerous for the health as it has a direct impact on functioning of both heart and brain of an individual. Sleep loss also blunted activity in brain regions that normally induce social engagement.**

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During sleep, regeneration of neurons happens in the cerebral cortex. Thus in a sleep deprived individual the brain fails to function optimally. The simplest and easiest way to treat sleep deprivation is sleep more. Be it acute or chronic condition, a quality good night's sleep will help an individual \_\_\_\_\_ (A) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ effectively. Fighting stress, eating a healthy and a balanced diet, avoiding alcohol are some other dos for a good night's sleep. Certain medications can also interfere with one's sleep thus consult your medical professional about the same. Exercising or indulging in an activity such as jogging, walk or swimming can also help one sleep better. Avoid usage of electronic gadgets before bedtime as they can interfere with one's sleep. Spending time in natural sunlight, Yoga, meditation and breathing exercises can also help one sleep better at night. Treating underlying medical cause if any will also help one sleep better and avoid sleep deprivation.

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## QUESTION 23

According to the passage, which among the following statements is true?

- (a) Sleep allows us to enhance our ability of acquiring knowledge and process emotional experiences.
- (b) An adult can function properly only with a quality sleep of 5-6 hours a day.
- (c) Sleep deprivation can be cured only with a help of a medical professional.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) All are true

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**0:30****QUESTION 24**

What is/are the cause(s) of incompetency in a sleep deprived individual's brain?

- (i) Clearing out of beta-amyloid that disrupts cognitive activity.
- (ii) Sleep deprivation leads to drowsiness, tiredness and reduced alertness.
- (iii) Reduction in the regrowth or repair of nervous tissues, cells or cell products in the cerebral cortex.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) Both (i) and (ii)
- (e) All (i) (ii) and (iii)



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## QUESTION 25

Choose the most suitable phrasal verb to fill the given blank (A) to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

- (a) drop back
- (b) break out
- (c) come forward
- (d) bounce back
- (e) fall out

The simplest & easiest way to treat sleep deprivation is sleep more. Be it acute or chronic condition a quality good night's sleep will help an individual (A) often



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## QUESTION 26

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Which among the followings is true according to the context of the passage?

- (a) Fighting stress, eating a healthy and a balanced diet, avoiding alcohol cures depression
- (b) Sleep deprivation means a state caused by inadequate quantity or quality of sleep.
- (c) Sleep deprivation has negative effects on all the five senses of human body.
- (d) Treating prolong and underlying medical cause can cause sleep deprivation.
- (e) All are true



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## QUESTION 27

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How can one safeguard oneself from sleep deprivation?

- (i) Getting regular exercise during the day.
- (ii) Refraining from using electronic devices right before bed
- (iii) Limiting the consumption of alcohol

(a) Only (i)

(b) Only (iii)

(c) Both (i) and (iii)

(d) Both (i) and (ii)

(e) All (i) (ii) and (iii)





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## QUESTION 28

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Choose the most suitable word that depicts the meaning of the highlighted word.

**SUFFICIENT**

- (a) Many
- (b) Adequate
- (c) Restricted
- (d) Limited
- (e) Wanting



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## QUESTION 29

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Choose the most suitable word that depicts the meaning of the highlighted word.

**INDUCE**

- (a) Hasten
- (b) Inspire
- (c) Encourage
- (d) Advocate
- (e) Evaluate



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## QUESTION 30

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Which of the following word depicts the opposite meaning of the given word

**REPLENISH?**

- (a) Restore
- (b) Exhaust
- (c) Recharge
- (d) Accelerate
- (e) Modify



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