# **English Language Practice Papers for IBPS SO Prelims 2019 (Solutions)**

### S1. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Referring to the first paragraph, option (a) is the right answer choice. "For short-term projections, the biggest impact comes from an existing population, particularly women in childbearing ages."

# S2. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Referring to the second paragraph, answer (b) is the right answer choice.

## S3. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Referring to the paragraph second, option (d) is the right answer choice.

## S4. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Referring to the third paragraph, option (a) is the right answer. "As demographer Judith Blake noted, people have children, not birth rates and few incentives or disincentives are powerful enough to overcome the desire for children. "

### S5. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Referring to the fourth paragraph, option (c) is the right answer choice.

## S6. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Referring to the Fourth paragraph, option (d) is the right answer choice. "Thus, improving education and ensuring that access to good jobs is open to all may also spur even poorer households into having fewer children and investing their hopes in the success of their only daughter or son."

### S7. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Option (a) is the right answer choice. Stringent- (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.

### S8. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Option (b) is the right answer choice. Ruthlessness- the quality of lacking pity or compassion for others.

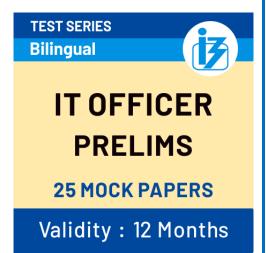
#### S9. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (c).

### S10. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (a).

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (b).



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# S12. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (d).

# S13. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (c).

# S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer choice is option (d).

# S15. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (c).

# S16. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Both Statements A-D and B-C can form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence using the conjunction 'as though' which means 'as would be the case if.' The sentences thus formed are:

(a) She gazes toward, but beyond the viewer with a slightly wan and wistful smile, as though she has a secret somewhere deep inside

(b) As we descended, my behind bounced off each log we passed as though were a piece of laundry being scrubbed on a washboard.

### S17. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Both Statements A-C and B-D can form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence using the conjunction 'until' which means up to (the point in time or the event mentioned).' The sentences thus formed are:

(I) The team will continue with their drill until the coach is satisfied with their performance.

(II) Everyone thought she was well until a sudden relapse sent her back to the hospital.

# S18. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Both Statements A-C and B-D can form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence using the conjunction 'however' which is used to introduce a statement that contrasts with or seems to contradict something that has been said previously.' The sentences thus formed are:

(I) India has potential to grow at much faster rate however all-round mismanagement by the Modi government has resulted in this slowdown.

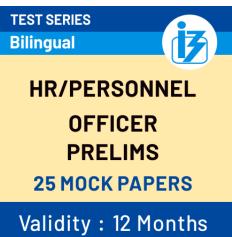
(II) Declan did a good job running the event however he should have been tougher on the slow players in my opinion.

# S19. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Both Statements A-D and B-C can form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence using the conjunction 'as-if' which means 'as would be the case if.' The sentences thus formed are:

(I)The article showed the people's pictures with captions beneath singing the band's praises as if it were taken from their press kit. (II)He pointed to a spot on the weapon's surface which had been worn

down a bit as if someone had tried to scrape something off the surface.



#### S20. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Both Statements A-B and C-D can form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence using the conjunction 'neither-nor' which is used when you are talking about two or more things that are not true or that do not happen.' The sentences thus formed are:

(I) Neither the state government and many political parties have promised to offer legal help to those excluded nor such assistance has been forthcoming from the time the updating exercise was rolled out on the ground in 2015.

(II) Neither do they plan to resolve the massive problem they have created nor they are even ready to acknowledge it.

#### S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is BDCAFE

The FIRST sentence will be (B) as provides context of whole paragraph and talks about slowdown of economy. Further, SECOND sentence is (D) as it mentions measures to be adopted by the government. THIRD sentence is (C) which clarifies his thoughts over state of economy. FOURTH sentence (A) proceeds with mentioning zero growth in manufacturing sector. FIFTH sentence (F) is elaborating tottered growth of manufacturing sector. And LAST sentence (E) is stating the other attacks made by Dr. Singh on PM Narendra Modi led government.

#### S22. Ans.(c)

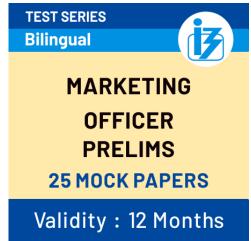
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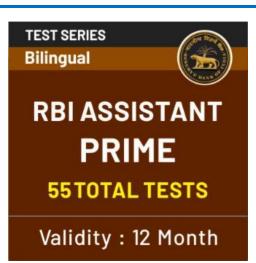
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#### S25. Ans.(a)

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