

Errors for SBI Clerk Mains 2025

Directions (1-4): Each of the following questions consists of a paragraph, which may contain one or more grammatical errors. Read the given paragraphs carefully, and then decide how many errors each paragraph contains.

Q1. Russia's geopolitical pivot too Asia, particularly in light of global shifts, marks a strategic realignment with key regional players, especially India. Strengthen ties with India offers Russia opportunities for economic collaboration, technology transfer, and energy partnerships. This pivot comes as Russia seeks to diversify it's international relations amid growing tensions with the West. India, on the other hand, views this partnership as a means to enhance its regional influence and secure vital resources. The evolving dynamics among the two nations underscore the importance of their role in shaping Asia's geopolitical landscape.

- (a) Only one error
- (b) Two errors
- (c) Three errors
- (d) Four errors
- (e) No errors

Q2. India's evolving security challenges, both internal as well as external, necessitate a comprehensive 'National Security Strategy.' As regional dynamics shift and new threats such as cyber warfare, terrorism, and border tensions emerge, a cohesive strategy would helps streamline the country's defense, intelligence, and diplomatic efforts. This framework would guide decision-making, ensuring that national interests are protected across military, economic, and technological domains. Additionally, it would enable India to proactively address security risks, enhance preparedness, and strengthen collaborations with global allies, ultimately safeguarding its sovereignty and promoting regional stability.

- (a) Only one error
- (b) Two errors
- (c) Three errors
- (d) Five errors
- (e) No error

Q3. NITI Aayog recent unveiled the "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry" (GROW) report, highlighting the potential of agroforestry to rejuvenate India's vast wastelands. The report emphasizes the role of agroforestry in enhancing biodiversity, improve soil health, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for rural communities. It propose a multi-sectoral approach, involving government agencies, private sector, and local communities, to transform barren lands into productive ecosystems. The GROW initiative is part of India's broader strategy to combat climate change, increase carbon sequestration, and meet its land restoration commitments under international environmental agreements.

- (a) Only one error
- (b) Two errors
- (c) Three errors
- (d) Five errors
- (e) No error

Q4. Learning languages offers numerous cognitive, cultural, and social benefits, making it a vital skill in today's interconnected world. It enhances problem-solving abilities, improves memory, and boosts multitasking skills by engaging different parts of the brain. Beyond cognitive development, mastering a new language fosters cross-cultural understanding, promoting global cooperation and empathy. In professional settings, language proficiency opens doors to new markets, enhances communication, and provides a competitive edge. Ultimate, learning languages broadens perspectives, empowering individuals to connect with diverse communities and navigate the global landscape more effectively.

- (a) Only one error
- (b) Two errors
- (c) Three errors
- (d) Five errors
- (e) No error

Directions (5-9): Each question is divided into four parts where one of the parts may or may not contain an error. Choose the part that has the error as your answer. If all the parts are correct choose “No Error”.

Q5. Both the students as well as the teacher (A)/ were excited about the upcoming (B)/ science fair, eagerly preparing (C)/ their exhibits and presentations. (D)

- (a) A
(b) B
(c) C
(d) D
(e) No error

Q6. I am looking forward (A)/ to examine the results of the research (B)/ study in detail next week to explore (C)/ potential improvements and applications. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q7. The professor provided new (A)/ insights into the complex theories (B)/ related to the data had we been (C)/ analyzing in the last part of the course. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

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Q8. The library had a vast collection of (A)/ ancient manuscripts, but many of it (B)/ was in need of restoration due (C)/ to damage from age and neglect. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q9. The recovery from the economic (A)/ downturn happened as slowly (B)/ as it does due to insufficient government (C)/ intervention and delayed policy reforms. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Directions (10-12): In the following question, a sentence with two highlighted phrases are given which may or may not be grammatically correct. From the given alternatives, choose the most suitable pair of phrases that are grammatically and contextually correct to replace the incorrect phrases.

Q10. The ongoing effort to combat neglected tropical diseases, which disproportionately affect vulnerable populations in low-income countries, have highlighted the critical need for global collaboration.

- (i) efforts for fighting neglected/ had highlighted the critical need
- (ii) recent effort to combat neglected/ has highlighted the critical need
- (iii) ongoing efforts to combat neglected/ have highlighted the critical need
- (a) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) Only (ii)
- (e) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

Q11. The unexpected delay on releasing the much-anticipated book had left fans disappointed, yet eager to explore the story once it becomes available.

- (i) unexpected delay in releasing / left fans disappointed yet eager
- (ii) unexpected delay in releasing / has left fans disappointed yet eager
- (iii) unexpected delay releasing / had left fans disappointed yet eager
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (ii)
- (e) All (i), (ii), and (iii)

Q12. The **detailed analysis of** financial trends by the economists **did provide valuable insights**, allowing investors to make informed decisions in a volatile market.

- (i) detailed analysis about / has provided valuable insights
- (ii) detailed analysis of / have provided valuable insights
- (iii) detailed analysis of / has provided valuable insights
- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) All (i), (ii), and (iii)

Directions (13-19): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into several parts. One of the parts is grammatically correct, while the others contain errors. Identify the incorrect part(s) from the sentence. If all parts are correct, select "no error" as the answer.

Q13. To understand personal finance, (A)/ **including budgeting and investing**,/ empower individuals to make (B)/ informed decisions and (C) /achieve long-term financial security. (D)

- (a) A
- (b) A-B
- (c) C-D
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q14. Not only the team achieved (A)/ **remarkable success in the project**, / but never before they had encountered (B) / such challenges that tested their (C)/ skills and determination to this extent. (D)

- (a) A-D
- (b) A-B
- (c) C-D
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q15. The rapidly growth in urban populations (A) / have led to increased demand (B) / for housing, infrastructure, and (C) / public services in many (D) / **developing countries**.

- (a) A-B
- (b) B-C
- (c) C-D
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q16. Q64. If we would have known (A) / about the new policy changes, (B) / we had prepared (C) / **more effectively**/ for the upcoming challenges. (D)

- (a) A-B
- (b) B-C
- (c) A-C
- (d) D
- (e) No error

Q17. Neither the employees nor (A) / the manager were aware (B) / of the technical issue that (C) / cause the system to (D) / **shut down unexpectedly.**

- (a) A-B
- (b) B-C
- (c) A-D
- (d) B-D
- (e) No error

Q18. Every year, (A) / thousands of students applies (B) / for admission to prestigious (C) / universities around the world, (D) / **hoping to secure a place in top programs.**

- (a) A-B
- (b) B-C
- (c) A-D
- (d) B
- (e) No error

Q19. **Each of the participants** / were asked to provide (A) / feedback on the event, (B) / including their suggestions for improvement (C) / and their overall satisfaction with the experience. (D)

- (a) A-B
- (b) B-C
- (c) A
- (d) D-E
- (e) No error

Directions (20-21): In the following question, identify the statement which is grammatically and contextually correct.

Q20. (i) The books on the shelves in the library are organized by genre, making them easier to locate.
(ii) The proposal was submitted by email to the supervisor, who reviewed it carefully before giving feedback.

(iii) Hardly the meeting had begun when the fire alarm sounded, causing everyone to evacuate the building.

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

Q21. (i) She is working tirelessly though the night to finish the project by the deadline on Friday.
(ii) Seldom have we witnessed such an incredible performance, captivating the audience from beginning to end.

(ii) The list of items for the event, including decorations and food, has been finalized by the team.



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

Directions (22-23): In the following questions, identify the statement that is grammatically incorrect.

- Q22.** (i) Each of the participants brought his/her own materials, ensuring that the workshop ran smoothly and without interruptions.
(ii) Neither of the candidates have revealed his/her full agenda, but both promise significant reforms if elected.
(iii) Either the teacher or the students is responsible for ensuring the room is left clean after class.
- (a) only (i)
 - (b) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (e) All are incorrect

- Q23.** (i) Not only the team completed the task ahead of time, but they also exceeded expectations.
(ii) The quality of the products and the level of customer service have greatly improved since the new management.
(iii) Anybody who wants to participate must submit his/her application by Friday, as late entries will not be accepted.
- (a) only (i)
 - (b) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (e) All are incorrect

Solutions

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Let's break down the paragraph sentence by sentence and identify grammatical errors.

Detailed Analysis:

1. **"Russia's geopolitical pivot too Asia, particularly in light of global shifts, marks a strategic realignment with key regional players, especially India."**
 - **Error:** "too" should be "to" because "to" is a preposition indicating direction or relation, while "too" means "also."
 - **Correction:** "Russia's geopolitical pivot *to* Asia, particularly in light of global shifts, marks a strategic realignment with key regional players, especially India."
2. **"Strengthen ties with India offers Russia opportunities for economic collaboration, technology transfer, and energy partnerships."**
 - **Error:** "Strengthen" should be "Strengthening" to match the subject-verb agreement. A gerund ("Strengthening") should be used here because it acts as the subject of the sentence.
 - **Correction:** "*Strengthening* ties with India offers Russia opportunities for economic collaboration, technology transfer, and energy partnerships."

3. "This pivot comes as Russia seeks to diversify it's international relations amid growing tensions with the West."
- **Error:** "it's" is incorrect because "it's" is a contraction for "it is" or "it has." The possessive form "its" should be used here to indicate possession.
 - **Correction:** "This pivot comes as Russia seeks to diversify *its* international relations amid growing tensions with the West."
4. "The evolving dynamics among the two nations underscore the importance of their role in shaping Asia's geopolitical landscape."
- **Error:** "among" is incorrect because it is used for three or more entities. Since we are talking about two nations, "between" should be used instead.
 - **Correction:** "The evolving dynamics *between* the two nations underscore the importance of their role in shaping Asia's geopolitical landscape."

Final Answer:

There are **four errors** in the paragraph:

1. "too" → "to"
2. "Strengthen" → "Strengthening"
3. "it's" → "its"
4. "among" → "between"

Thus, the correct answer is **(d) Four errors**.

Grammar Explanation:

- **Preposition:** "to" is a preposition indicating direction, while "too" is an adverb meaning "also" or "excessively."
- **Gerund:** The gerund form ("-ing") is needed when the verb serves as the subject of the sentence.
- **Possessive vs Contraction:** "its" is the possessive form; "it's" is a contraction for "it is" or "it has."
- **Between vs Among:** "Between" is used for two entities, while "among" is used for more than two entities.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Let's analyze the paragraph sentence by sentence and identify any grammatical errors.

Detailed Analysis:

1. "India's evolving security challenges, both internal as well as external, necessitate a comprehensive 'National Security Strategy.'"
 - **Error:** "both internal as well as external" is redundant. The correct phrasing should be either "both internal and external" or "internal as well as external."
 - **Correction:** "India's evolving security challenges, *both internal and external*, necessitate a comprehensive 'National Security Strategy.'"
2. "As regional dynamics shift and new threats such as cyber warfare, terrorism, and border tensions emerge, a cohesive strategy would helps streamline the country's defense, intelligence, and diplomatic efforts."
 - **Error:** "helps" should be "help" to correctly match the modal verb "would." Modal verbs like "would" are followed by the base form of the verb.
 - **Correction:** "a cohesive strategy would *help* streamline the country's defense, intelligence, and diplomatic efforts."



3. "This framework would guide decision-making, ensuring that national interests are protected across military, economic, and technological domains."
 - No error in this sentence.
4. "Additionally, it would enable India to proactively address security risks, enhance preparedness, and strengthen collaborations with global allies, ultimately safeguarding its sovereignty and promoting regional stability."
 - No error in this sentence.

Final Answer:

There are **two errors** in the paragraph:

1. "both internal as well as external" → "both internal and external"
2. "helps" → "help"

Thus, the correct answer is **(b) Two errors**.

Grammar Explanation:

- **Redundancy:** "both internal as well as external" is redundant because "both" and "as well as" serve similar purposes in this context. It should be simplified to "both internal and external."
- **Base form of verb after modal:** After modal verbs like "would," the base form of the verb ("help") is used instead of "helps."

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Let's analyze the paragraph sentence by sentence and identify any grammatical errors.

Detailed Analysis:

1. "NITI Aayog recent unveiled the 'Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry' (GROW) report, highlighting the potential of agroforestry to rejuvenate India's vast wastelands."
 - **Error:** "recent" should be "recently" because the adverb "recently" modifies the verb "unveiled."
 - **Correction:** "NITI Aayog *recently* unveiled the 'Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry' (GROW) report, highlighting the potential of agroforestry to rejuvenate India's vast wastelands."
2. "The report emphasizes the role of agroforestry in enhancing biodiversity, improve soil health, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for rural communities."
 - **Error:** "improve" should be "improving" to maintain parallel structure with "enhancing" and "supporting." The list of activities should have consistent verb forms.
 - **Correction:** "The report emphasizes the role of agroforestry in enhancing biodiversity, *improving* soil health, and supporting sustainable livelihoods for rural communities."
3. "It propose a multi-sectoral approach, involving government agencies, private sector, and local communities, to transform barren lands into productive ecosystems."
 - **Error:** "propose" should be "proposes" because the subject "It" is singular and requires the third-person singular verb form.
 - **Correction:** "It *proposes* a multi-sectoral approach, involving government agencies, private sector, and local communities, to transform barren lands into productive ecosystems."
4. "The GROW initiative is part of India's broader strategy to combat climate change, increase carbon sequestration, and meet its land restoration commitments under international environmental agreements."
 - No error in this sentence.

Final Answer:

There are **three errors** in the paragraph:

1. "recent" → "recently"
2. "improve" → "improving"
3. "propose" → "proposes"

Thus, the correct answer is **(c) Three errors**.

Grammar Explanation:

- **Adverb vs Adjective:** "recently" is the correct adverb form to modify the verb "unveiled."
- **Parallel structure:** In a list of actions, all verbs should have the same form. Here, "improving" needs to match "enhancing" and "supporting."
- **Subject-verb agreement:** The singular subject "It" requires the singular verb "proposes," not the plural "propose."

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Let's analyze the paragraph sentence by sentence and identify any grammatical errors.

Detailed Analysis:

1. **"Learning languages offers numerous cognitive, cultural, and social benefits, making it a vital skill in today's interconnected world."**
 - **No error** in this sentence.
2. **"It enhances problem-solving abilities, improves memory, and boosts multitasking skills by engaging different parts of the brain."**
 - **No error** in this sentence.
3. **"Beyond cognitive development, mastering a new language fosters cross-cultural understanding, promoting global cooperation and empathy."**
 - **No error** in this sentence.
4. **"In professional settings, language proficiency opens doors to new markets, enhances communication, and provides a competitive edge."**
 - **No error** in this sentence.
5. **"Ultimate, learning languages broadens perspectives, empowering individuals to connect with diverse communities and navigate the global landscape more effectively."**
 - **Error:** "Ultimate" should be "Ultimately" because an adverb is needed to modify the whole sentence, not the adjective "ultimate."
 - **Correction:** "Ultimately, learning languages broadens perspectives, empowering individuals to connect with diverse communities and navigate the global landscape more effectively."

Final Answer:

There is **only one error** in the paragraph:

1. "Ultimate" → "Ultimately"

Thus, the correct answer is **(a) Only one error**.

Grammar Explanation:

- **Adverb vs Adjective:** "Ultimately" is the correct adverb form to modify the entire sentence. The adjective "ultimate" is incorrect in this context because it refers to something being the final or most important, while "ultimately" means "in the end" or "finally," which fits the intended meaning here.



S5. Ans.(a)

So. Correct Answer: (a) A

Explanation:

The error lies in **part A** due to the improper use of the correlative conjunction "both...as well as."

Grammatical Rule:

When using **correlative conjunctions** like "both...and," the **correct pair** should be "**both A and B.**"

Using "both A as well as B" is **incorrect** because it disrupts the parallel structure required for clarity.

Correct Structure:

- "**Both A and B**" ensures that the sentence maintains proper parallelism.

Corrected Sentence:

- "Both the students **and** the teacher were excited about the upcoming science fair, eagerly preparing their exhibits and presentations."

Thus, the correct sentence follows this rule, and the **error lies in part A** because the correct pair should be "both...and."

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) B

Explanation:

The error lies in **part B** due to the incorrect use of the verb "examine" after the phrase "looking forward to."

Grammatical Rule:

- "**Look forward to**" is a phrasal verb where the word "**to**" functions as a **preposition**.
- When a verb follows a preposition like "to," it must be in the **gerund form** (i.e., the -ing form).

Correct Structure:

- "**I am looking forward to examining...**" is the correct structure.

Corrected Sentence:

- "I am looking forward to examining the results of the research study in detail next week to explore potential improvements and applications."

Thus, the correct sentence follows the rule, and the **error lies in part B** because the verb should be "examining" instead of "examine."

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) C

Explanation:

The error lies in **part C** due to the incorrect use of the phrase "had we been" in the given context.

Grammatical Rule:

- The phrase "**had we been**" suggests a **conditional or hypothetical past perfect continuous** scenario, which is not appropriate here.
- Instead, since the sentence refers to **data analyzed during the course** (an action already completed or ongoing in the past), the correct form should be "**we had been analyzing.**"

Correct Structure:

- "**related to the data we had been analyzing...**" follows the correct past perfect continuous tense.

Corrected Sentence:

- "The professor provided new insights into the complex theories related to the data **we had been analyzing** in the last part of the course."

Thus, the **error lies in part C** because the correct order is "**we had been analyzing,**" not "**had we been analyzing.**"



S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) B

Explanation:

The error lies in **part B** due to the incorrect use of the pronoun "**it**."

Grammatical Rule:

- When referring to a **plural noun** like "**manuscripts**," the correct pronoun to use is "**them**," not "**it**."
- "**It**" is a singular pronoun, which creates a disagreement with the plural subject "**manuscripts**."

Correct Structure:

- "**but many of them**" should be used to refer to the plural noun "**manuscripts**."

Corrected Sentence:

- "The library had a vast collection of ancient manuscripts, but many of **them** were in need of restoration due to damage from age and neglect."

Thus, the **error lies in part B** because "**it**" should be replaced with "**them**" to ensure pronoun-antecedent agreement.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) C

Explanation:

The error lies in **part C** due to the incorrect use of the verb "**does**."

Grammatical Rule:

- The phrase "**as slowly as it does**" implies that the comparison is being made with an ongoing or repeated event. However, the sentence refers to **a past event (the economic recovery)**.
- In this context, the correct auxiliary verb should be "**did**" to match the past tense.

Correct Structure:

- "**as slowly as it did**" should replace "**as slowly as it does**."

Corrected Sentence:

- "The recovery from the economic downturn happened as slowly as it **did** due to insufficient government intervention and delayed policy reforms."

Thus, the **error lies in part C** because "**does**" should be replaced with "**did**" to maintain proper tense consistency.

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. The only fully correct options are (ii) and (iii).

Analysis of Options:

Option (i):

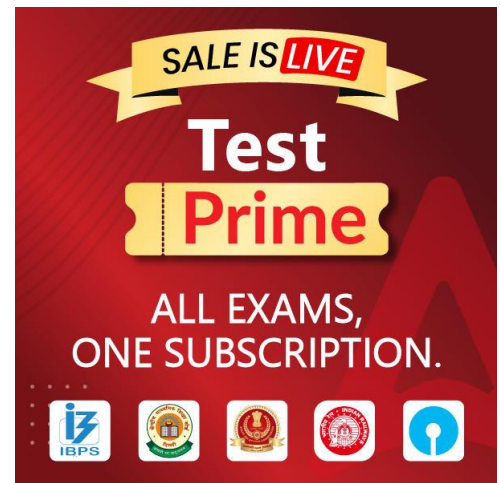
- "**efforts for fighting neglected**":
 - **Incorrect:** The phrase "efforts for fighting neglected" is awkward and non-standard. The standard usage is "efforts to combat neglected."
- "**had highlighted the critical need**":
 - **Incorrect:** The past perfect tense "had highlighted" is inappropriate since there is no reference to another past event. It also changes the intended meaning.
- **Overall:** Option (i) is incorrect.

Option (ii):

- **"recent effort to combat neglected":**
 - **Correct:** The singular subject "effort" aligns with the singular verb "has." The phrase is grammatically and contextually accurate.
- **"has highlighted the critical need":**
 - **Correct:** The present perfect tense "has highlighted" correctly emphasizes the ongoing impact and is grammatically consistent.
- **Overall:** Option (ii) is fully correct.

Option (iii):

- **"ongoing efforts to combat neglected":**
 - **Correct:** The plural subject "ongoing efforts" is grammatically accurate, and the phrase is clear and appropriate.
- **"have highlighted the critical need":**
 - **Correct:** The plural verb "have" agrees with the plural subject "efforts," making this part of the phrase grammatically accurate.
- **Overall:** Option (iii) is fully correct.



S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. The only fully correct options are **(i) and (ii)**.

Analysis of Options:

Original Sentence:

The unexpected delay in releasing the much-anticipated book left fans disappointed, yet eager to explore the story once it becomes available.

We need to evaluate each part of the given options for grammatical and contextual accuracy.

Option (i):

- **"unexpected delay in releasing":**
 - **Correct:** This is grammatically correct. The phrase is structured properly, and "delay in releasing" is a standard usage.
- **"left fans disappointed yet eager":**
 - **Correct:** The past simple tense "left" is consistent with the overall sentence structure and works well here.
- **Overall:** Option (i) is fully correct.

Option (ii):

- **"unexpected delay in releasing":**
 - **Correct:** Same as in (i), this phrase is concise and appropriate.
- **"has left fans disappointed yet eager":**
 - **Correct:** The present perfect "has left" is appropriate when emphasizing the ongoing impact of the delay on the fans' feelings.
- **Overall:** Option (ii) is fully correct.

Option (iii):

- **"unexpected delay releasing":**
 - **Incorrect:** The omission of "in" makes this phrase awkward and grammatically incorrect. The correct form is "unexpected delay in releasing."
- **"had left fans disappointed yet eager":**
 - **Conditionally Correct:** The past perfect "had left" would only work if another past event is referenced later in the context, indicating that the disappointment and eagerness occurred before that event. For example:
 - "The unexpected delay in releasing the book had left fans disappointed yet eager until the announcement of the revised release date."
 - In the absence of such a subsequent past event, the past perfect is unnecessary.
- **Overall: Option (iii) is partially correct.**

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. The only fully correct option is (iii).

Analysis of Options:

Option (i):

- **"detailed analysis about":**
 - **Incorrect:** The correct preposition is "of" when referring to the subject or object being analyzed. "About" is not idiomatic in this context.
- **"has provided valuable insights":**
 - **Correct:** The singular subject "analysis" agrees with the singular verb "has provided."
- **Overall: Option (i) is partially correct.**

Option (ii):

- **"detailed analysis of":**
 - **Correct:** The preposition "of" is appropriate and commonly used with "analysis."
- **"have provided valuable insights":**
 - **Incorrect:** The plural verb "have" does not agree with the singular subject "analysis." The correct verb is "has provided."
- **Overall: Option (ii) is partially correct.**

Option (iii):

- **"detailed analysis of":**
 - **Correct:** Same as in (ii), this phrase is grammatically correct and contextually accurate.
- **"has provided valuable insights":**
 - **Correct:** The singular subject "analysis" agrees with the singular verb "has provided."
- **Overall: Option (iii) is fully correct.**

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. The errors are in Parts A and B.

Part A:- Gerund vs. Infinitive Use:

- **Rule:** Gerunds (verb + -ing) can act as nouns, and using a gerund often provides better sentence flow, especially in this context.
- **Infinitive phrases** like "to understand" can act as subjects, but using **"understanding"** (a gerund) would fit better because it works as a noun and emphasizes the continuous nature of learning personal finance.
- **Correction:** Change **"to understand"** to **"understanding"** to make the subject smoother and more appropriate for the sentence.

Part B:- Subject-Verb Agreement:

- **Rule:** The verb must agree with the subject in number (singular/plural).
- **Subject in the original sentence:** "To understand personal finance" (an infinitive phrase) is singular.
- **Verb:** "Empower" is plural, which doesn't match the singular subject. This creates an error in subject-verb agreement.
- **Correction:** The verb should be **singular** to match the singular subject. So, "empower" should be changed to "**empowers**."

Corrected Sentence:

"Understanding personal finance, including budgeting and investing, empowers individuals to make informed decisions and achieve long-term financial security."

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Analysis:

Explanation of Errors:

1. Part (A): Subject-Verb Inversion

- o **Rule:** When using "not only... but also" at the beginning of a sentence, **subject-verb inversion** is required after "not only." This means the verb should come before the subject.
- o **Error:** "Not only the team achieved" should be "**Not only did the team achieve**" to correctly invert the subject and verb.
- o **Correction:** Change "the team achieved" to "**did the team achieve.**"

2. Part (B): Incorrect Tense Order

- **Rule:** When using past perfect tense, "had" should come before the subject when a negative or limiting adverb (like "never before") is used at the beginning of the sentence.
- **Error:** "but never before they had encountered" is incorrect. It should be "**but never before had they encountered.**"
- **Correction:** Change "they had" to "**had they.**"

Corrected Sentence:

"Not only did the team achieve remarkable success in the project, but never before had they encountered such challenges that tested their skills and determination to this extent."

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. There are two grammatical errors in the sentence:

1. Error in (A):

- "Rapidly growth" is incorrect. "Rapidly" is an adverb, but the correct word needed to modify "growth" (a noun) is an adjective. The correct form should be "**rapid growth.**"

Rules:

Adjective vs. Adverb Usage:

- o Adjectives are used to modify nouns, while adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. In this case, "growth" (a noun) needs an adjective ("rapid"), not an adverb ("rapidly").

3. Error in (B):

- "Have led" is incorrect because "the growth in urban populations" is a singular subject, which requires a singular verb. The correct verb should be "**has led.**"

Rules:

Subject-Verb Agreement:

- o When the subject is singular, the verb must also be singular. In this case, "the growth" is singular, so the correct verb form is "**has**" (not "have").

Thus, the errors in (A) and (B) need to be corrected, making (a) A-B the right choice.



S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. There are two grammatical errors in the sentence:

1. **Error in (A):**
2. "If we would have known" is incorrect. In third conditional sentences (used to talk about unreal situations in the past), the correct form is **"If we had known."** "Would have" should not be used in the "if" clause.

Rules:

- o **Third Conditional Sentences:**

- o In the "if" clause of a third conditional, we use "had" + past participle to express a past hypothetical situation. The correct form here is **"If we had known."**

3. **Error in (C):**

4. "We had prepared" is incorrect. After using the correct conditional form in the "if" clause, the second clause should follow with **"would have prepared"** to indicate the hypothetical result.

Rules:

- o **Third Conditional Sentences:**

- o In the result clause of a third conditional, we use "would have" + past participle. The correct form should be **"we would have prepared."**

Corrected Sentence:

"If we had known about the new policy changes, we would have prepared more effectively for the upcoming challenges."

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. There are two grammatical errors in the sentence:

1. **Error in (B):**
2. "The manager were aware" is incorrect. Since "the manager" is singular, the verb should be singular as well. The correct form should be **"the manager was aware."**

Rules:

- o **Subject-Verb Agreement:**

- o When using "Neither...nor" in a sentence, the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. In this case, the closest subject is "the manager," which is singular, so the verb should be **"was."**

3. **Error in (D):**

4. "Cause the system to" is incorrect. The verb "cause" should be in the past tense to match the past narrative of the sentence. The correct form should be **"caused the system to."**

Rules:

- o **Verb Tense Consistency:**

- o When describing a past event, all verbs in the sentence should be in the past tense. In this case, "cause" should be corrected to **"caused."**

Corrected Sentence:

"Neither the employees nor the manager was aware of the technical issue that caused the system to shut down unexpectedly."

Thus, the errors in **(B)** and **(D)** need to be corrected, making **(d) B-D** the right choice.



S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. There are two grammatical errors in the sentence:

1. **Error in (B):**
2. "Thousands of students applies" is incorrect. "Students" is plural, so the verb must agree in number. The correct form should be **"thousands of students apply."**

Rules:

- o **Subject-Verb Agreement:**

- o A plural subject requires a plural verb. In this case, "thousands of students" is plural, so the verb should be **"apply,"** not "applies."

3. **Error in (C):**

4. "For admission to prestigious" is incorrect. The correct preposition when referring to being accepted or enrolled is **"admission into"** rather than "to."

Rules:

- o **Correct Preposition Usage:**

- o "Admission into" is the correct phrase when talking about being accepted into a place or institution, rather than "admission to."

Corrected Sentence:

"Every year, thousands of students apply for admission into prestigious universities around the world, hoping to secure a place in top programs."

Thus, the errors are in **(B)** and **(C)**, making **(b) B-C** the right choice.

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. There is one grammatical error in the sentence:

1. **Error in (A):**
2. "Each of the participants were asked" is incorrect. "Each" is a singular subject, even when followed by a plural noun ("participants"), and thus requires a singular verb. The correct form should be **"Each of the participants was asked."**

Rules:

- o **Subject-Verb Agreement:**

- o When "each" is the subject, the verb should be singular. Therefore, the correct verb in this case is **"was,"** not "were."

Corrected Sentence:

"Each of the participants was asked to provide feedback on the event, including their suggestions for improvement and their overall satisfaction with the experience."

Thus, the error is in **(A)**, making **(c) A** the right choice.

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (b) Both (i) and (ii).

Explanation:

- Sentence (i) is grammatically correct. It correctly describes how the books are organized by genre in the library, making them easy to locate.
- Sentence (ii) is also correct. It properly conveys that the proposal was submitted via email to the supervisor, who reviewed it carefully.
- Sentence (iii) is incorrect. The phrase "Hardly the meeting had begun" is incorrect. The correct construction should be "Hardly had the meeting begun" to follow the correct inversion rule after words like "hardly," "scarcely," and "barely."



Corrected version of sentence (iii):

"Hardly had the meeting begun when the fire alarm sounded."

Thus, the answer is (b) Both (i) and (ii).

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. The statements (ii) and (iii) are grammatically and contextually correct, while (i) contains an error ("though" should be "through").

Analysis of each statement:

- (i) She is working tirelessly though the night to finish the project by the deadline on Friday.
 - This sentence has a grammatical error. The phrase "though the night" should be "through the night" as "though" is incorrect in this context.
 - Correct version: "She is working tirelessly through the night to finish the project by the deadline on Friday."
- (ii) Seldom have we witnessed such an incredible performance, captivating the audience from beginning to end.
 - This sentence is correct. It uses proper inversion ("Seldom have we witnessed...") after a negative adverb and is grammatically and contextually sound.
- (iii) The list of items for the event, including decorations and food, has been finalized by the team.
 - This sentence is grammatically correct. "The list" is the subject, and the singular verb "has been" correctly agrees with it.

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. Both (ii) and (iii) are grammatically incorrect.

Analysis of each statement:

- (i) Each of the participants brought his/her own materials, ensuring that the workshop ran smoothly and without interruptions.
 - This sentence is grammatically correct. "Each of the participants" is singular, so "his/her" and "brought" are appropriately used.
- (ii) Neither of the candidates have revealed his/her full agenda, but both promise significant reforms if elected.
 - This sentence is incorrect. "Neither" is singular, so the verb should be singular as well. It should be "has" instead of "have."
 - Correct version: "Neither of the candidates has revealed his/her full agenda..."
- (iii) Either the teacher or the students is responsible for ensuring the room is left clean after class.
 - This sentence is incorrect. When "either... or" is used with a singular and plural subject, the verb should agree with the closest subject (in this case, "students"). The verb should be "are," not "is."
 - Correct version: "Either the teacher or the students are responsible..."

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Only (a) is grammatically incorrect.

Analysis of each statement:

- (a) **Not only the team completed the task ahead of time, but they also exceeded expectations.**
 - This sentence is **incorrect** because the phrase "Not only" should be followed by an inverted sentence structure for it to be grammatically correct. It should be "Not only **did the team complete** the task ahead of time..." to maintain proper form.
 - Correct version:** "Not only **did the team complete** the task ahead of time, but they also exceeded expectations."



2. (b) The quality of the products and the level of customer service have greatly improved since the new management.
- o This sentence is **correct**. Both "quality" and "level" are singular, but the verb "have" correctly agrees because they are treated as a compound subject.
3. (c) Anybody who wants to participate must submit his/her application by Friday, as late entries will not be accepted.
- o This sentence is **correct**. "Anybody" is singular, and the use of "his/her" is appropriate for gender neutrality.
 - o This option is **incorrect** because option (a) contains an error.



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