

IBPS Clerk Mains Memory Based English Section - 29 Nov 2025 Shift 1

Q1. Identify the odd one out.

- (a) Siblings often push each other to study harder and aim higher.
- (b) A husband and wife slowly turn into bitter rivals because each wants to win every argument at home.
- (c) Healthy competition between siblings can build confidence and resilience.
- (d) An elder brother can guide his younger sister through difficult phases in life.
- (e) When one sibling succeeds, it can inspire the others to improve themselves.

Q2. Match the sentences from the two columns that are both grammatically correct and convey the same meaning.

Column I	Column II
A. The conditions outside were cold and snowy, making it difficult to drive on the roads.	D. Driving on the roads became difficult because of the cold, snowy conditions outside.
B. The rental agreement includes a clause outlining the conditions under which the tenant can be evicted.	E. A clause specifying the conditions for the tenant's eviction is included in the rental agreement.
C. The organisation conducted training sessions to enhance employees' professional skill sets.	F. Training sessions were organised to help employees improve his professional skill sets.

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-E
- (c) C-F
- (d) A-D and B-E
- (e) B-E and C-F

Q3. Two columns are given, match the sentences that are grammatically correct and contextually mean the same.

Column I	Column II
A. Rising inflation have affected household budgets across many cities this year.	D. Household budgets in many cities have come under pressure this year due to rising inflation.
B. The manager reviewed the reports before approving the final project timeline.	E. Before approving the final project timeline, the manager went through all the reports.
C. Effective communication help resolve misunderstandings and builds stronger workplace relationships.	F. Misunderstandings are resolved and stronger workplace relationships are built when communication is effective.

- (a) A-D
- (b) B-E
- (c) C-F
- (d) A-D and B-E
- (e) A-D and C-F

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Q4. In the following question, two sentences are provided which are divided into parts. Identify the parts that are grammatically incorrect.

Were it not for online banking, (A)/ many rural customer (B)/ would remain (C)/ financially excluded. (D)

Should any (P)/ discrepancy in cash balances persist, (Q)/ the manager is to initiate (R)/ an immediate internal reconciliation. (S)

- (a) A-S
- (b) B-R
- (c) B-Q
- (d) C-D
- (e) D-R

Q5. In the following question, two sentences are provided which are divided into parts. Identify the parts that are grammatically incorrect.

Hardly the audit had concluded (A)/ when several serious irregularities (B)/ in previous (C)/ financial statements suddenly emerged. (D)

Had it not been (P)/ for scholarships, (Q)/ several students would have (R)/ discontinued his education. (S)

- (a) A-S
- (b) B-R
- (c) B-P
- (d) C-D
- (e) D-R

Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. (b) is the odd one out because:

- (a), (c), (d), and (e) all describe **siblings** and mostly show **positive or supportive** aspects of their relationship.
- (b) talks about a **husband and wife** and shows a **negative, hostile** dynamic, not sibling bonding or support.

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct option: **(d) A-D and B-E**

- **A-D:** Both say that cold, snowy conditions outside made driving on the roads difficult. Both are grammatically correct and have the same meaning.
- **B-E:** Both say the rental agreement has a clause mentioning conditions for the tenant's eviction. Both are grammatically correct and mean the same.
- **C-F:** F is grammatically wrong because "employees" (plural) does not match "his" (singular); it should be "their." So C-F cannot be a correct pair.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct answer: **(b) B-E**

Brief explanation:

- **B-E:** Both are grammatically correct and say the same thing – the manager checked the reports before approving the final project timeline.
- **A-D:** A is wrong because it should be **“Rising inflation has affected...”**, not “have.”
- **C-F:** C is wrong because it should be **“Effective communication helps resolve misunderstandings and builds / help build ...”** (subject-verb agreement and parallelism).

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sentence 1

many rural customer (B)

- “many” requires a **plural noun** → it should be **customers**.
- So **B is incorrect**.

Sentence 2

Should any (P)/ discrepancy in cash balances persist (Q)...

Since **“discrepancy” is singular**, the verb should be **persists**.

- Therefore **Q is incorrect** in your intended rule.

Incorrect parts: B and Q

Correct Answer: (c) B-Q

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Brief explanation:

1. Hardly the audit had concluded (A)/ when several serious irregularities (B)/ in previous (C)/ financial statements suddenly emerged. (D)
 - The correct inversion is: **“Hardly had the audit concluded...”**
 - So **A is incorrect** (word order wrong).
 - B, C, D are grammatically fine.
2. Had it not been (P)/ for scholarships, (Q)/ several students would have (R)/ discontinued his education. (S)
 - Subject = **“several students”** (plural).
 - Pronoun should be **“their”**, not **“his”**.
 - So **S is incorrect**; P, Q, R are fine.

Thus, the incorrect parts are **A and S** → **option (a)**.