

## BOB Office Assistant Mains English Memory Based Paper 22 March 2026

**Q.1** The engine of the vintage car was much louder than the modern sedan.

In the given question a part of the sentence is given in bold, which may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the correct alternative for the highlighted phrase to make the sentence grammatically and logically correct.

- A. that of the modern sedan
- B. those of a modern sedan
- C. the modern sedans
- D. than the modern sedan's
- E. No replacement required

**Answer:** A

**Sol:**

**Correct Answer:**

(a) that of the modern sedan

**Rule involved: Proper comparison**

When comparing **parts of two things**, we must avoid illogical comparison.

· Here: **engine of vintage car** should be compared with **engine of modern sedan**, not the whole car

Use "that of" to refer to a singular noun (engine).

**Error in given sentence:**

"louder than the modern sedan"

· Incorrect comparison: engine vs whole car

**Correct sentence:**

The engine of the vintage car was much louder than that of the modern sedan.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

(b) those of a modern sedan

· "those" is plural; engine is singular

(c) the modern sedans

· Compares engine with cars → illogical

(d) than the modern sedan's

· Incomplete and awkward structure

(e) No replacement required

· Incorrect because error exists

**Conclusion:**

Use "that of" for correct comparison → **option (a)** is correct.

**Q.2** The supervisor requested that every staff member is present at the meeting on Monday morning.

In the given question a part of the sentence is given in bold, which may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the correct alternative for the highlighted phrase to make the sentence grammatically and logically correct.

- A. be present at the meeting
- B. are present at the meeting
- C. was present at the meeting
- D. is being present at the meeting
- E. No replacement required

**Answer:** A

**Sol:**

**Correct Answer:**

(a) be present at the meeting

**Rule involved: Subjunctive Mood**

When verbs like **request, suggest, demand, recommend** are used, the clause after them takes the **base form of the verb (subjunctive)**.

**Structure:**

· Subject + requested that + subject + **base verb**

**Error in given sentence:**

"is present" is incorrect after "requested that"

**Correct sentence:**

The supervisor requested that every staff member be present at the meeting on Monday morning.

**Why other options are incorrect:**

(b) are present

· Wrong verb form and incorrect agreement

(c) was present

· Past tense not used in subjunctive

(d) is being present

- Incorrect structure
- (e) No replacement required
- Incorrect because error exists

**Conclusion:**

Subjunctive requires base form → “be present”, hence option (a) is correct.

**Q.3** The watchmaker disassembled the antique timepiece delicately, replaced the worn components and reassembled it with extraordinary skill. In the question below four words are highlighted in the sentence. One of these four words printed in bold may be either wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark option ‘All are correct’ as the answer choice.

- A. disassembled
- B. delicately
- C. components
- D. extraordinary
- E. All are correct

**Answer:** A

**Sol:**

Let’s analyze each highlighted word:

(a) **disassembled**

**Meaning (English):**

- Intended: “disassembled” → taken apart

**Meaning (Hindi):**

- अलग किया / खोल दिया

**Example in English:**

- The mechanic disassembled the engine.

**Why correct/incorrect:**

- Incorrect spelling
- Correct form is “disassembled”

(b) **delicately**

**Meaning (English):**

- In a careful and gentle manner

**Meaning (Hindi):**

- सावधानी से

**Example in English:**

- She handled the glass delicately.

**Why correct/incorrect:**

- Correct and appropriate

(c) **components**

**Meaning (English):**

- Parts of a whole

**Meaning (Hindi):**

- घटक / भाग

**Example in English:**

- The machine has many components.

**Why correct/incorrect:**

- Correct and fits context

(d) **extraordinary**

**Meaning (English):**

- Very unusual or remarkable

**Meaning (Hindi):**

- असाधारण

**Example in English:**

- She showed extraordinary talent.

**Why correct/incorrect:**

- Correct and appropriate

**Final Answer:**

- (a) disassembled

**Q.4** After **studying** (A)for several hours, she **decided** (B)to **take** (C)a break and go for a walk in the park to **clear** (D)her mind.

**In each of the questions four words are given in bold which are not arranged in the correct order. Choose the replacement needed to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**

- A. Only (A)-(B)
- B. Only (C)-(D)

- C. Both (A)-(C) and (B)-(D)
- D. Both (A)-(D) and (B)-(C)
- E. No replacement needed

**Answer:** E

**Sol:** Correct Answer: **E (No replacement needed)**

The sentence is already grammatically and contextually correct. No interchange is required.

#### **Why the sentence is correct**

Structure:

Introductory participial clause + Main clause + Infinitive phrase

- "After studying for several hours" → participial phrase showing time
- "she decided" → main clause
- "to take a break" → infinitive phrase (object of decided)
- "to clear her mind" → infinitive phrase showing purpose

All verb forms and collocations are correct.

#### **Meanings of Highlighted Words**

##### **(A) Studying**

Meaning in English:

Engaging in learning or academic work.

Meaning in Hindi:

पढ़ाई करना / अध्ययन करना

Example:

She is studying for her exams.

Why correct in its position:

"After studying for several hours" correctly shows an action completed before another action. The participial phrase is grammatically correct.

##### **(B) Decided**

Meaning in English:

Made a choice or came to a conclusion.

Meaning in Hindi:

निर्णय लिया

Example:

He decided to change his career.

Why correct in its position:

"Decided to" is a standard verb + infinitive structure. It correctly introduces the action she chose to do.

##### **(C) Take**

Meaning in English:

To accept or perform an action (here: take a break).

Meaning in Hindi:

लेना

Example:

I will take a short break.

Why correct in its position:

"Take a break" is a correct and fixed expression. The infinitive "to take" properly follows "decided."

#### (D) Clear

Meaning in English:

To remove confusion or stress.

Meaning in Hindi:

साफ करना / मन शांत करना

Example:

He went for a walk to clear his mind.

Why correct in its position:

"To clear her mind" correctly expresses purpose. The infinitive structure is grammatically correct.

#### Why No Replacement Is Needed

- Verb–preposition combinations are correct.
- Infinitive structures are correctly placed.
- Logical flow is natural: study → decide → take break → clear mind.

If any words were swapped, the sentence would become grammatically incorrect.

Final Answer: **E (No replacement needed)**

**Q.5** Between you and I, the new schedule is going to be much more difficult to manage.

In the given question a part of the sentence is given in bold, which may or may not be grammatically correct. Choose the correct alternative for the highlighted phrase to make the sentence grammatically and logically correct.

- A. I, the new schedules
- B. me, the new schedule
- C. us, the newer schedules
- D. I, a new schedule
- E. No replacement required

**Answer:** B

**Sol:**

Correct Answer:

(b) me, the new schedule

Rule involved: Pronoun after preposition

After a preposition like "between", we must use an object pronoun.

- Correct: between you and me
- Incorrect: between you and I

Error in the sentence:

"Between you and I" → incorrect

Correct sentence:

Between you and me, the new schedule is going to be much more difficult to manage.

Why other options are incorrect:

(a) I, the new schedules

- "I" incorrect after preposition
- Unnecessary plural change

(b) me, the new schedule

- Correct pronoun and maintains meaning

(c) us, the newer schedules

- "us" incorrect here (should be "you and me")

· Changes meaning

(d) I, a new schedule

· "I" incorrect

(e) No replacement required

· Incorrect because error exists

**Conclusion:**

After "between", use object pronoun → **me**, so option (b) is correct.

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