

IBPS PO Mains Reasoning MBT paper (Held on 4 October 2026)

Q1. Statement: Financial advisors argue that online shopping platforms inherently lead to overspending because the ease of "one-click" purchasing bypasses the brain's natural hesitation. E-commerce companies counter that they actually save consumers money by offering easy price comparisons across hundreds of sellers.

Which of the following, if true, most weakens the e-commerce companies' counter-argument?

- (a) E-commerce platforms frequently offer free overnight shipping on orders that fall above a certain price threshold.
- (b) The money saved by price comparisons is entirely offset by users impulsively buying multiple unnecessary items recommended by the site's algorithm.
- (c) One-click purchasing was specifically patented to make the checkout process faster and more user-friendly.
- (d) Many people leave items in their digital carts for days before deciding whether to actually finalize the purchase.
- (e) Physical retail stores also use psychological tricks, like strategic store layout, to encourage impulse buying.

Ans.(b)

Directions (2-4): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

The symbols ♦, ♣, ♠ and ♥ are used with the following meanings:

In a certain code language:

A ♦ 6 B means A is 8 metres East of B

A ♣ 15 B means A is 13 metres West of B

A ♠ 25 B means A is 22 metres North of B

A ♥ 8 B means A is 11 metres South of B

Given Conditions: C ♠ 17 B, D ♣ 11C, E ♥ 14 D, B ♦ 4 A, F ♦ 7 E, F ♠ 18 G, G ♣ 18 H, H ♥ 25 I, I ♦ 13 J, J ♠ 13 K

Q2. Distance between which two points is the sum of the distances between Point D and Point C + Point A and Point B?

- (a) J and K
- (b) G and H
- (c) E and D
- (d) B and C
- (e) I and J

Ans.(e)

Q3. If a person moves north from Point H to a point U, then turns left and stops at a point which is to the north of Point K and to the east of Point C, what is the distance between the point where he stops and Point D? (Consider shorter distance)

- (a) 6 metres
- (b) 8 metres
- (c) 10 metres
- (d) 11 metres
- (e) 12 metres



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Ans.(c)

Q4. Four of the following five are similar in a certain manner and related to a group, which among the following is not related to the group?

- (a) E and B
- (b) F and K
- (c) G and I
- (d) G and D
- (e) A and J

Ans.(d)

Q5. Statement: A prominent children's educational toy company recently introduced a smart, modular gaming console that features a monthly firmware and content upgrade service. Parent A supports the purchase, arguing that receiving monthly feature upgrades and new digital content eliminates the recurring expense of buying entirely new physical toys throughout the year. Parent B opposes the purchase, contending that children require a wide physical variety of distinct, tactile toys with diverse shapes, textures, and sensory mechanics for proper cognitive and fine motor development, which a single upgradable console cannot provide.

Which of the following, if true, most seriously strengthens Parent A's argument over Parent B's objection?

- (a) The initial purchase price of the smart gaming console is higher than the average cost of purchasing five standard non-electronic physical toys.
- (b) The monthly software updates dynamically alter the physical surface configuration and tactile feedback triggers of the console's modular controls, delivering varied physical touch experiences alongside new games.
- (c) Many parents report that their children tend to lose interest in physical toys within two weeks of receiving them.
- (d) The toy company plans to offer a discount on annual subscription packages for families with more than one child.
- (e) Excessive screen time and digital interaction have been linked to reduced attention spans in early childhood development.

Ans.(b)

Q6. Statement: Environmentalists are advocating for a complete ban on artificial watering holes (boreholes and water troughs) in national parks, arguing that concentrating wildlife around permanent water sources leads to local overgrazing, disease transmission, and artificial population explosions of dominant species. Wildlife conservation managers counter that removing these artificial water sources will trigger catastrophic die-offs during drought seasons, threatening the survival of vulnerable species. Which of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the wildlife conservation managers' argument?

- (a) Tourism revenue in national parks significantly drops during dry seasons when wildlife sightings around water holes decrease.
- (b) Native wildlife species in the region have evolved natural nomadic migration patterns that allow them to reach natural rivers and wetlands that remain accessible during extreme droughts.

- (c) Constructing and maintaining solar-powered boreholes requires substantial annual funding from private conservation sponsors.
- (d) Several predator species, such as lions and hyenas, frequently use artificial watering holes as primary hunting grounds.
- (e) Local farming communities near the park borders have occasionally reported wild animals raiding their crops for moisture.

Ans.(b)

Directions (7-11): A number arrangement machine when given an input line of numbers rearranges them following a particular rule in each step. The example of input and its rearrangement is given below:

Input: 8471 3269 5738 2956 6134

Step I: 8471 6134 5738 3269 2956

Step II: 1478 1346 3578 2369 2569

Step III: 0456 0324 1556 0654 1054

Step IV: 15 9 17 15 10

Step V: 210 72 272 210 90

Step V is the last step of the given example. Illustrate the above input arrangement and obtain the steps for the asked input given below:

Input: 4721 6824 6951 9742 8351

Q7. If the numbers in Step V are arranged in ascending order, what will be the sum of the numbers which occupy the second and fourth positions from the left end?

- (a) 414
- (b) 455
- (c) 514
- (d) 404
- (e) 324

Ans.(d)

Q8. What is the difference between the third number of Step V from left end and the second number from left end of Step IV?

- (a) 170
- (b) 175
- (c) 182
- (d) 189
- (e) 196

Ans.(b)

Q9. If 2 is added to each number of Step III, what will be the difference between the largest and smallest resulting numbers?

- (a) 620
- (b) 625
- (c) 630
- (d) 635
- (e) 640

Ans.(d)

Q10. If the first two numbers of Step I and the last two numbers of Step II are added together, what will be the resultant value?

- (a) 21708
- (b) 22108
- (c) 21908
- (d) 22008
- (e) 21808

Ans.(e)

Q11. Which of the following combinations correctly represents the numbers obtained in Step IV?

- (a) 17, 8, 14, 19, 12
- (b) 16, 7, 14, 20, 12
- (c) 17, 7, 14, 20, 12
- (d) 17, 7, 13, 20, 11
- (e) 18, 7, 15, 20, 12

Ans.(c)

Q12. Conclusions:

I. Some safari is not paint.

II. All paper being lamp is a possibility.

Statements:

- 1. No paint is paper. Some paper is star. All star is safari. Only a few safari is lamp.
- 2. Only paint is paper. Some star is paint. No star is safari. All safari is lamp.
- 3. Some paint is not paper. Only a few paper is star. Some star is safari. Only safari is lamp.

Here, two conclusions followed by three set of statements are given. You have to choose the correct set of statements that logically satisfies given conclusions. Assume the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts.

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 3
- (c) Both 2 and 3
- (d) Both 1 and 3
- (e) Both 1 and 2

Ans.(a)

Q13. Conclusions:

I. Some flower can be white.

II. No sheet being brown is a possibility.

Statements:

- 1. Some sheet is white. Only a few white is mouse. All mouse is brown. Only brown is flower.
- 2. All sheet is white. All white is mouse. Only a few mouse is flower. No brown is flower.
- 3. No sheet is white. No white is mouse. Only a few mouse is brown. Only a few flower is brown.

Here, two conclusions followed by three set of statements are given. You have to choose the correct set of statements that logically satisfies given conclusions. Assume the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts.

- (a) Both 1 and 2
- (b) Both 2 and 3
- (c) Only 1
- (d) Only 3
- (e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(b)

Q14. There are 5 family members who live on five different floors of the building lowermost floor is numbered as 1 and the topmost floor is numbered as 5 F is the grandfather of D lives two floors above C. Only two persons live between F and D's father. C is the wife of E. D's mother lives immediately above D's father. B who is the sister of D's father lives below C's floor and D lives above B. How many floors are there between F's son and C's child?

- (a) Two
- (b) None
- (c) One
- (d) Three
- (e) Four

Ans.(c)

Directions (15-19): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below. Eight persons—A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H—sit around a square-shaped table in such a way that four persons sit at the four corners and four persons sit at the middle of each side of the table. The persons sitting at the corners face inside, while those sitting at the middle of the sides face outside. Each person likes a different car model— Swift, Indigo, Verna, Creta, Jeep Baleno, Ciaz Amaze, but not necessarily in the same order. Note: Vowel named persons face only outside.

G sits third to the right of the one who likes Swift. One person sits between the one who likes Swift and Jeep. The one who likes Jeep is not the immediate neighbour of G. The one who likes Indigo sits third to the right of E. E and G are not neighbours. The one who sits second to the right of E likes Creta. The ones who like Creta and Amaze are immediate neighbours. D sits third to the left of the one who likes Amaze. F sits third to the left of the one who likes Verna. F and B doesn't like Amaze and Indigo. One person sit between B and H. H is neither A's immediate neighbour nor likes Indigo. The one who sits fifth to the left of B likes Ciaz. C doesn't like Baleno.

Q15. Who sits second to the right of C?

- (a) The one who likes Jeep
- (b) H
- (c) The one who sits immediate left of A
- (d) E
- (e) F

Ans.(b)

Q16. What is the position of A with respect to the one who likes Amaze?

- (a) Second to the left
- (b) Fifth to the right
- (c) Third to the right
- (d) Fourth to the left
- (e) Third to the left

Ans.(c)

Q17. Which of the following combinations is correct?

- (a) A – Swift
- (b) H – Indigo
- (c) D – Ciaz
- (d) F – Verna
- (e) H – Creta

Ans.(c)

Q18. How many persons sit between G and the person who likes Indigo, when counted anticlockwise from G?

- (a) Five
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four
- (e) More than five

Ans.(e)

Q19. Which of the following statements is/are false?

- I. F and C have exactly one person between them when counted clockwise from F.
- II. B likes Jeep.
- III. F sits third to the right of E.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both I and III
- (e) Both II and III

Ans.(d)

Q20. In a certain code language, how is the word "food" coded?

Statements: I. In that language, "food delivery order" is coded as "bg sk mi", and "order brings taste" is coded as "mi tu xe".

II. In that language, "special delivery fresh" is coded as "pt bg rw", and "special spicy dish" is coded as "pt hc hk".

This question consists of two statements numbered I and II given below it. You have to decide whether the data provided in the statement is sufficient to answer the question.

- (a) Only statement I is sufficient
- (b) Both statements I and II together are sufficient
- (c) Either statement I or statement II is sufficient
- (d) Only statement II is sufficient
- (e) Both statements I and II, even together are not sufficient

Ans.(b)

Q21. Six boxes A, B, C, D, E and F are placed one above the other in a vertical stack. They are numbered as 1 to 6 from bottom to top respectively. Each box is of different color.

Find what is the position of box C with respect to green box?

Statements: I. Box C is placed three places below white box. Red box is placed immediately below box C. More than two boxes are placed between red box and box B. Box B and Box F are placed adjacent to each other. Green box is placed immediately below box F but on odd numbered position.

II. Box A is placed on prime numbered position. Two boxes are placed between red box and Box A. Equal number of boxes are placed below box C and above red box respectively. Blue box is placed immediately above box B. Box D is of green color and it is placed below box B.

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- (d) Only statement II is sufficient
- (e) Both statements I and II, even together are not sufficient

Ans.(c)

Q22. If each of the following words is read partially from the left end (continuously, at least 3 letters, and not the complete word), in which word will the maximum number of meaningful English words be formed?

- (a) Carpet
- (b) Hearing
- (c) Basket
- (d) Capital
- (e) Output

Ans.(a)

Q23. Statement: A major city plans to replace its entire public bus fleet with fully autonomous electric buses. Municipal planners argue that this will reduce traffic delays, optimize transit schedules, and substantially cut citywide carbon emissions. Transport union representatives and cybersecurity analysts counter that a fully automated, interconnected transit system is dangerously exposed to systemic failures, large-scale gridlock, and public safety hazards caused by software glitches, sensor degradation, or cyberattacks.

Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the municipal planners' argument against the concerns raised by the critics?

- (a) The long-term cost of purchasing and maintaining autonomous electric buses has fallen by nearly 15% over the past three years due to advances in local battery manufacturing.
- (b) Municipal traffic records show that human driver fatigue, errors, and slow reaction times account for over 80% of peak-hour transit disruptions and traffic collisions.
- (c) The autonomous bus network uses a decentralized architecture with hardened cybersecurity safeguards and redundant fail-safe hardware, so that during a software or network anomaly each bus automatically switches to a self-navigating safety mode without disrupting overall traffic flow.
- (d) Several neighboring municipalities have expressed interest in adopting similar smart-city transport frameworks within the next decade if the city's rollout proves successful.
- (e) Building the high-capacity fast-charging depots needed to power the autonomous fleet will take approximately two to three years.

Ans.(c)

Q24. Statement: A corporate annual review examined three logistics enterprises operating in India during FY 2025-26: FastTrack Logistics recorded a 24% net profit margin attributed to automated warehousing; CargoConnect achieved a 16% net profit margin through fleet electrification; whereas SpeedExpress reported a 6% net operational loss caused by unhedged fuel cost spikes and delayed highway corridor clearances. Analysts noted that operational automation and fuel cost management were the primary differentiators of profitability.

Which of the following can be logically inferred from the statement?

- (a) Fuel price volatility and infrastructure delays negatively impacted the financial balance sheet of SpeedExpress.
- (b) FastTrack Logistics generated lower profit margins than SpeedExpress during FY 2025-26.
- (c) CargoConnect suffered a net operational loss during the financial year review.
- (d) SpeedExpress maintained a higher profit margin than CargoConnect despite highway delays.
- (e) All three logistics companies operated with identical cost structures and automation levels.

Ans.(a)

Q25. Five persons—A, B, C, D and E—are sitting in a linear row facing north. There are six seats, and one seat is vacant. C sits third to the left of E. Three persons sit between E and A. The seats at the extreme ends are not vacant. B sits third to the right of A. D sits to the left of B. How many persons sit between D and E?

- (a) One
- (b) Three
- (c) Four
- (d) None
- (e) Two

Ans.(e)

Directions (26-30): Read the given information and answer the related question.

Eight persons were born in eight different years (considering base year 2024). Their age should not be less than 5 years and not more than 75 years. No one is of same age.

Note: A person's age could be equal to the last two digits of another person's birth year, or to the reverse of those digits. Ex – If P was born in 1975, then Q's age could be 75 or 57.

E was born in 2010. C is five years younger than E. Three years gap between the birth of C and A. D's age is either 25 years or 52 years. G's age is equal to the sum of D's age and last two digits of A's birth year. B's age is half of the reverse of two digits of G's age. More than five years age gap between A and F. F was born in a leap year and he is younger than the one who is 14 years old. H's age is equal to the average age of G, B and F.

Q26. Who among the following was born in 2000?

- (a) B
- (b) D
- (c) F
- (d) H
- (e) None of these

Ans.(d)

Q27. What is the difference between the ages of G and D?

- (a) 16 years
- (b) 17 years
- (c) 18 years
- (d) 19 years
- (e) 20 years

Ans.(c)

Q28. Which of the following combinations is correct?

- (a) A – 2012 – 6
- (b) B – 2007 – 17
- (c) F – 2016 – 12
- (d) D – 1999 – 52
- (e) H – 2000 – 42

Ans.(b)

Q29. How many persons are younger than F?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four
- (e) More than four

Ans.(b)

Q30. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (a) G is the oldest person
- (b) A is the youngest person
- (c) B was born before E
- (d) D is two years older than H
- (e) F was born in a leap year

Ans.(d)

Q31. In which of the following words is the number of pairs of letters the maximum, where each pair has as many letters between them in the word as there are between them in the English alphabetical series (in both forward and backward directions)?

- (a) Rainbow
- (b) Chapter
- (c) Market
- (d) Storage
- (e) Horizon

Ans.(e)

Q32. Statement: The Central Government launched the national AI Skill Mission to train over two million young graduates across engineering, science, and vocational streams in advanced artificial intelligence domains. The curriculum covers specialized modules including machine learning architecture, deep learning algorithms, natural language processing, and prompt engineering. By establishing specialized AI innovation labs across technical universities, the mission seeks to address the acute talent deficit currently faced by Indian IT service exporters and deep-tech startups.

Which of the following inferences directly contradicts the statement?

- (a) A talent deficit currently exists in machine learning and emerging deep-tech domains within India.
- (b) Government authorities are actively discouraging technical universities from integrating artificial intelligence skillsets into graduate curricula.
- (c) Prompt engineering and natural language processing are recognized as key components of modern technical training.
- (d) The mission aims to enhance employment readiness among young graduates entering the technology sector.
- (e) Technical universities are being equipped with specialized laboratories to deliver practical AI training.

Ans.(b)

Q33. Statement: Urban rooftop farming utilizes unused building space to grow local produce, thereby reducing transportation emissions associated with food delivery, though structural reinforcement is often required to bear the soil weight.

Conclusions:

- I. Rooftop farming can contribute to lowering urban carbon emissions.
- II. All building roofs are naturally capable of supporting massive agricultural farms.
- III. Localized food production shortens the supply chain.
- IV. Rooftop vegetables are poisonous due to city smog.

Which of the following can be concluded from the above given statements?

- (a) Only I and II follow
- (b) Only II and IV follow
- (c) Only I and III follow
- (d) Only III and IV follow
- (e) Only II and III follow

Ans.(c)

Q34. If you pick the third even digit, the second odd digit and the fifth even digit from the left end of each of the following numbers, the sum of which of the following numbers will be the maximum?

- (a) 4276384
- (b) 6385248
- (c) 2856942
- (d) 3842564
- (e) 5624836

Ans.(c)

Q35. Statement: The hospital administration has decided to promote its most skilled and highly decorated neurosurgeon to the position of Chief of Surgery, a role that involves zero patient care and is strictly focused on budget allocation, staff scheduling, and hospital logistics. The board is confident this move will solve the surgical department's administrative chaos.

Which of the following is an assumption implicit in the board's decision?

- (a) The neurosurgeon requested the promotion because they were experiencing burnout from performing complex surgeries.
- (b) Excellence in highly technical medical procedures naturally translates into effective administrative and management skills.
- (c) The surgical department's administrative chaos was caused by a lack of funding from the hospital administration.
- (d) Other surgeons in the department will be resentful of the neurosurgeon's promotion to Chief of Surgery.
- (e) None of the above.

Ans.(b)

Directions (36-40): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Seven persons – A, B, C, D, E, F and G – work in three different companies, i.e., Microsoft, Deloitte and Capgemini. Not less than two and not more than three persons work in the same company. Each person likes a different fruit among – Apple, Cherry, Grapes, Banana, Litchi, Jamun and Mango.

F and A work in different companies, but neither of them works in Deloitte. D and the one who likes Litchi work in the same company, but not with F and A. D doesn't like Litchi. E likes Apple and works in the same company as A. C only works with the one who likes Cherry. C works only with the one who likes Cherry. F likes Banana. B and E work in different companies. The ones who like Jamun and Mango work in the same company. G works in Microsoft. A and G don't like Mango. The one who likes Jamun doesn't work in Capgemini.

Q36. Who among the following works in Deloitte?

- (a) B
- (b) D
- (c) The one who likes Apple
- (d) The one who likes Grapes
- (e) None of these

Ans.(b)

Q37. Which among the following combination is correct?

- (a) B – Microsoft – Jamun
- (b) A – Capgemini – Grapes
- (c) B – Deloitte – Cherry
- (d) G – Microsoft – Litchi
- (e) D – Deloitte – Jamun

Ans.(b)

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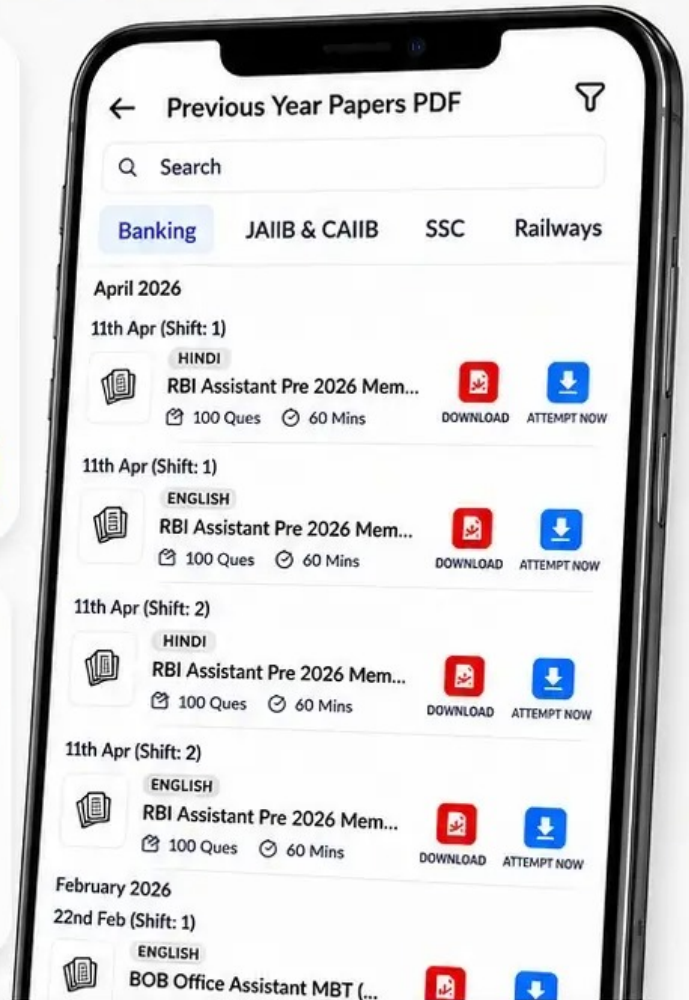
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Q38. Which fruit is liked by the person who works in the same company as E?

- (a) Jamun
- (b) Mango
- (c) Banana
- (d) Litchi
- (e) Grapes

Ans.(e)

Q39. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (a) The one who likes Cherry works in Deloitte
- (b) A works in Capgemini
- (c) B and D work in the same company
- (d) A likes Grapes
- (e) The one who likes Mango works in Microsoft

Ans.(c)

Q40. Which of the following groups of persons definitely belong to the same company?

- (a) C, D and the one who likes Grapes
- (b) A, E and the one who likes Litchi
- (c) D and A
- (d) F, B and the one who likes Jamun
- (e) C and G

Ans.(d)

