



IBPS PO Prelims English Question Bank

Directions (1-5) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below them.

Traditional thinking suggests increasing better training of the pilots so that it makes them less prone to committing errors. But training is not a foolproof method of ensuring human errors don't get repeated. That's because as long as humans need to rely on their memory to ensure something as fundamental as turning on the cabin pressure switch, errors are bound to happen. Sure, checklists work. But that's still a manual method of ensuring that the switch is turned on. And after repeatedly performing the tasks on the checklists over multiple flights, checklists themselves become routine, habitual tasks done without much thinking. Also, given that there are multiple tasks pilots need to perform in the 3-4 minutes after taking off, the chances of errors happening during those critical moments increase.

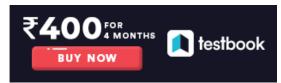
So, instead of the pilot having to rely on their memory or routine checklists, the answer to avoid such human errors lies in implementing simple behavioural design nudges. For example, if there was a continuous audio-visual reminder that the bleed switch had not been turned on, it would have drawn the pilot's attention and it would be much likelier that they would have turned it on. Such an audiovisual reminder was not present in this kind of an older generation aircraft, thus amplifying the chance for human errors. The Japanese have a term for such error-proofing—poka yoke. This Japanese word means mistake-proofing of equipment or processes to make them safe and reliable. These are simple yet effective behavioural design features that make it almost impossible for errors to occur. The aim of error-proofing is to











remove the need for people to think about the products or processes they are using. Some examples of behaviourallydesigned products used in everyday life are the washing machines that start only when the door is shut and remain shut till the cycle is over. Elevator doors now have sensors that cause them to not close when there is an obstruction. This prevents injury to the people trying to enter as the doors are closing. Humans cannot be trusted to be as precise as machines. In fact, human behaviour is far from perfect. Yes, the people who operate expensive and complicated machinery may be the best trained, but human errors in the form of simple error, lapse of judgment, or failure to exercise due diligence are inevitable. According to Boeing, in the early days of flight, approximately 80% of accidents were caused by the machine and 20% were caused by human error. Today, that statistic has reversed. Approximately 80% of flight accidents are due to human error (pilots, air traffic controllers, mechanics etc.) and 20% are due to machine (equipment) failures.

be relied upon more than human judgment.

Another instance of how systems could be made safe by applying behavioural design is of flight emergency evacuations. During the emergency landing of the Emirates flight EK521 at the Dubai airport in 2016, passengers ran to get their bags from the overhead cabins instead of evacuating the plane. Only when the cabin crew yelled at them to leave their bags and run did the passengers finally pay heed to their calls and evacuate. Just a few minutes after the evacuation, the plane caught fire. Had even a few passengers waited to get their bags from the overhead cabins, many of them would have gotten engulfed in the fire. Again, the natural instinct to correct such a situation would be to train people to evacuate and get them to listen to the flight's safety instructions. But behavioural science studies have proven that such efforts are time-consuming, unscalable and most importantly, ineffective at changing human behaviour. In such an emergency situation, if the overhead cabins were automatically locked, with a label





That's why behavioural design needs to







"Locked due to emergency", passengers would not waste time trying to open them. That would in turn get passengers to behave in the desired manner and evacuate faster.

Sometimes, behavioural design nudges are intuitive. Other times, they are counter-intuitive. In a fire-drill experiment by behavioural scientist Daniel Pink, he found that placing an obstacle-like pillar in the middle of a doorway got people to exit a hall 18% faster than without the pillar. The pillar was an obstacle, but it split up people into two streams at the exit. That got people to use each side of the door, which in turn made the flow of people exiting the hall a lot smoother and faster. When the pillar wasn't there to separate them at the exit, people bottlenecked at the door making the exit slower. Likewise, behavioural design could go a long way towards designing safer buildings, machines and systems, reducing human errors.

Q.1 According to passage what is Pokayoke?

- a) It is a Chinese method to deal with emergency.
- b) A Japanese method to make equipment mistake proof.
- c) A method of airplane designing
- d) Behavioral methods by scientists to deal with passengers
- e) None of these

Q.2 Which of the following is not correct statement according to passage?

- a) There is a need of continuous audiovisual reminder
- b) Most of the flight accidents are due to machine failure.
- c) Behavioral design nudges are intuitive
- d) Sensors in elevators helps human from injuries
- e) All are correct

Q.3 what is the synonym of Evacuate?

- a) Stay
- b) Expel
- c) Admit
- d) Reinstate
- e) None of these









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Q.4 Which of the following sentence is the correct usage of word Lapse?

- a) Radha was a genius and because of it you could accept lapses of taste.
- b) At party Vikas showed neither decency nor dignity. It was an uncommon lapse.
- c) Both a) and b)
- d) None of these
- e) The novel lapse interest and eventually students felt bore.
- Q.5 What is the passage all about?
- a) Passengers experience
- b) How the airplanes made
- c) How and why accidents happened in flights
- d) None of these
- e) Both a) and b)

Directions (6-7) Below are prepositions given find out the correct usage of prepositions from the given options.

Q.6 Besides

I. Radha is sitting besides her friend.

II. The newly launched mobile is not up to the customers requirement besides its look and display looks rich.

This shop sells cloths on heavy discount beside the loss

- a) Only I
- b) I and II
- c) Only II
- d) II and III
- e) All are correct

Q.7 Beneath

She felt tired and on the way to her home she took a break and sat beneath the tree.

When Radha was at a ceremony, she met few of her cousin's friend and treated them as if they are beneath her. During winters, she shivers a lot and prefers to stay beneath the blanket.

- a) I and III
- b) II and III
- c) III only
- d) II only
- e) I only

Directions (8-9): Below are some words given find out the correct



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meaning of the word from the given options.

- Q.8 Foray
- a) Attack
- b) Aquite
- c) Persuade
- d) Fugitive
- e) None of these
- Q.9 Valiantly
- a) Determination
- b) Coward
- c) Discourage
- d) Oafishly
- e) None of these

Directions (10-15): Read each statement to find out whether there is any grammatical error or spelling error in it.

Q.10 Although some countries have been blocking(1)/ the entrance of Chinese payments into its financial system, (2)/the widespread use of these payment platforms piggybacking on (3)/Chinese tourists and trade might

force such reluctant doors open(4)/none of these(5)

- a) the entrance of Chinese payments into its financial system
- b) the widespread use of these payment platforms piggybacking on
- c) Although some countries have been blocking
- d) Chinese tourists and trade might force such reluctant doors open
- e) No error

Q.11 Higher prices of crude in global markets(1)/ reflect strengthening economies (2)/around the world and geopolitical tensions (3)/that could depress oil production from Iran(4) none of these(5)

- a) Higher prices of crude in global markets
- b) that could depress oil production from Iran
- c) reflect strengthening economies
- d) around the world and geopolitical tensions
- e) No error









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Q.12 If governments had not stepped in to (1)/bail out banks and insurance companies and(2)/ even big non-financial companies, the financial(3) crisis is far more destructive than it was.(4) No error (5)

- a) bail out banks and insurance companies and
- b) If governments had not stepped in to
- c) crisis is far more destructive than it was
- d) even big non-financial companies, the financial
- e) No error
- Q.13 Banks hold more capital, regulation is more sound,(1)/ and the world would appear to have crawling (2)/out of what economists had begun(3)/ to call secular stagnation. (4)No error (5)
- a) Banks hold more capital, regulation is more sound
- b) to call secular stagnation
- c) out of what economists had begun
- d) and the world would appear to have crawling
- e) No error

- Q.14 When emotions get triggered, (1)/our first response is to act on impulse; (2)/we find it difficult to exercise control over(3)/ these impulses, causing irreparably damage to relationships (4)/ No error (5)
- a) our first response is to act on impulse
- b) these impulses, causing irreparably damage to relationships
- c) When emotions get triggered
- d) we find it difficult to exercise control over
- e) No error
- Q.15 China understands that the nascent(1)/ nature of 5G technology is an opportunity (2)/for popularize the adoption of Chinese (3)/standards in this technology domain. (4)/No error (5) a) nature of 5G technology is an opportunity
- b) China understands that the nascent
- c) for popularize the adoption of Chinese
- d) standards in this technology domain
- e) No error

Directions (16-20) In each of the following questions a short passage is given with one of the





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lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five alternatives gives, to make the passage complete and coherent.

Q.16

in response to a spike in geopolitical tension, rise in interest rates in the US or a currency plunge like that of the Turkish lira makes exchange rates volatile. Trade wars and departures from a rules-based world order, such as America's whimsical exit from the Iran nuclear deal or torrid romance with North Korea, exacerbate uncertainty. a) The world is awash in liquidity created to combat recession and its movement across borders b) inflation control and a current account deficit below 3% of GDP accompanied by regulation c) Ten years down the road, many of the factors that had characterized the runup to the crisis d) US government debt on an upward climb for a decade

e) None of these

Q.17 There were allegations that both Sarveswara Rao and Soma owned some benami quarries at Godda in Hukumpeta Mandal and at Araku and as they

were contaminating water sources. The Girijans had been in the agitation mode for the past three months and the Maoists had openly warned the duo.

- a) According to sources, Sarveswara Rao called Soma on Saturday night and asked the latter to accompany him
- b) Both the leaders were taken about 50 paces ahead and after a discussion
- c) there were a lot of issues with the Girijans, who were demanding the closure of the mines
- d) To keep the security forces at bay, the Maoists placed two landmines on the road
- e) None of these
- Q.18 Unfortunate nations have heard such rhetoric before, from regimes which present a minority as the foe within, which must be eliminated.











Politically, _______,

by constructing the minority as less than human. Conveniently, vermin do not have human rights. A consensus for their elimination can be developed with an easy conscience.

- a) The literature on this process is immense
- b) Even if after the event and discourage its leadership's appetite for such classical exercises in dehumanisation.
- c) Such dangerous precedents should urge the president of the ruling party to temper his speech
- d) The challenge is to neutralise the most powerful taboo, against the taking of human life
- e) None of these

Q.19 Aruna had come to live with her on her own volition on August 13, the petitioner said. The petitioner

_____that his daughter was missing. She was later produced before the Neyyattinaka Judicial First Class Magistrate who set her at liberty. However, while Aruna was coming out of the court, her father and his associates had forcibly taken her away.

- a) also pointed out that Aruna's father had then lodged a complaint with the police alleging
- b) then realised that she was admitted to a mental hospital
- c) said that as per the recent Supreme Court verdict, the adult persons of the same gender
- d) complaining about the illegal detention of her female lover
- e) none of these

Q.20 There was a time when the voices of both Pakistan and India mattered on the world stage. Pakistan was a key member of the Western alliance system in Asia. Islamabad rightly saw

the Middle East and acting as a bridge between America and China, which did not have diplomatic relations with each other.

in

- a) unfortunate casualty of this war of words has been
- b) itself as a pragmatic Islamic nation capable of exercising influence
- c) India's political voice mattered a lot at the UN, many moons ago, when its economic weight

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- d) question of sovereignty and multilateralism
- e) None of these

Directions (21-25) Each question below has two blanks,, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits the meaning of sentence as whole.

Q.21 An act may constitute an/a _____
civil wrong but may be serious enough
to invite punishment as a criminal
_____too.

- a) Hearing, charge
- b) Actionable, offence
- c) Bench, offence
- d) Provision, charge
- e) None of these

Q.22 Now that the military seems to be _____ the civilians, the same people ask what the point is of talking to an elected leader in Pakistan___ speaks the same language as the boots.

- a) Backing, when
- b) Hurting truly

- c) Backing, who
- d) Interested, which
- e) None of these

Q.23 India was	_ to welcome the	
provisional results and	d to congratulate	
others, the Maldiv	vian Democratic	
Party, and the Jumho	oree Party — to	
which the Vice-President-elect Faisal		
Naseem belongs.		

- a) Keen, to
- b) Quick, among
- c) Happy, with
- d) Last, to
- e) None of these

Q.24 It is disturbing that instead, even		
as the	of the NRC is on the	
register, it is becoming a pretext for		
political	based on xenophobia	
and demographic messaging.		

- a) Popularity, instability
- b) Completion, parties
- c) finalization, outreach
- d) Cancellation, agenda
- e) None of these



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Q.25 NBFCs were growing _____ and if their ability to refinance gets impacted, then growth will _____ be impacted.

- a) Fastly, not
- b) Slowly, surely
- c) Rapidly, ultimately
- d) Fast, definitely

Directions (26-30) Rearrange the following five sentences I, II, III, IV and V in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and answer the questions below.

spaceship, taking the race to commercialise space travel to new heights.

IV. Most famous outside Japan for his record-breaking \$110-million purchase of an untitled 1982 Jean-Michel Basquiat painting, Mr. Maezawa said he would invite six-to-eight artists to join him on the lunar fly-by.

V. Only 24 astronauts have flown beyond earth's protective magnetic shield, in missions spanning a four-year period from December 1968 to December 1972.

I. SpaceX, Elon Musk's space transportation company, has announced that its first private passenger on a voyage around the moon will be Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa, the founder and chief executive of online fashion retailer Zozo.

II. Mr. Maezawa's name was revealed at an event recently at the company's headquarters and rocket factory in the Los Angeles suburb of Hawthorne.

III. A former drummer in a punk band, Maezawa is tentatively planning to make his moon flight in 2023 aboard SpaceX's forthcoming Big Falcon Rocket Q.26 Which of the following is the first statement?

- a) I
- b) II
- c) III
- d) IV
- e) None of these

Q.27 Which of the following is second last statement?

- a) I
- b) III
- c) IV
- d) II

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e) IV

Q.28 Which of the following is last statement?

- a) II
- b) V
- c) IV
- d) III
- e) None of these

Q.29 Which of the following is third statement after rearrangement?

- a) V
- b) I
- c) II
- d) III
- e) None of these

Q.30 Which of the following is second statement?

- a) I
- b) III
- c) IV
- d) V
- e) None of these

Directions (31-34) Read the following sentence and make it a

complete sentence with the option given below

Q.31 Britain staying in the common market(A)/ a controversial idea in the July white paper(B)/only for trade in goods and agriculture(C)/is for a hybrid arrangement with(D)/ alternative proposal to avoid the return of checkpoints(E)

- a) ADBE
- b) BDAE
- c) ACDE
- d) BACD
- e) None of these

Q.32 The leaders are keen that the anti-EU parties(A)/would still amount to an unacceptable division of the EU's four freedoms(B)/ see the economic and political perils of quitting the bloc(C)/ Brexit uncertainty will linger, meanwhile(D) With elections to the European Parliament due next May(E)

- a) ACED
- b) ACBD
- c) EACD
- d) EBCD

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e) No arrangement required

Q.33 A merger as significant as this one ought to(A)/ dominant shareholder in the form of the government (B)/ first discussed and approved in the board rooms of the banks concerned(C)/ that there are too many public sector banks in India(D)/ the merger sends out rather poor signals(E)

- a) ACBE
- b) CDAE
- c) AEBD
- d) ACDB
- e) None of these

Q.34 Equality, non-discrimination and avoidance of(A)/ that favour a uniform civil code (B)/ within every community's set of laws(C)/a just code is one in which universal principles(D)/ taboos and social assumptions are applicable in equal measure(E)

- a) ADBC
- b) AEDB
- c) DEBA
- d) DAEC
- e) No arrangement required

Directions (35-40) In the following questions two columns are given containing three sentences/phrases each. In first column, sentences/phrases are A, B and C and in the second column the sentences/phrases are D, E and F. A sentence/phrase from the first column may or may not connect with another sentence/phrase from the second column to make a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. Each question has five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the sentences/phrases can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, mark (e), i.e. "None of these" as your answer

Q.35

A. Social security measures undertaken by the central and











D. possible without addressing environmental degradation and climate change

B. Sustaining progress in human development is not

E. adopting sustainable production and consumption practices.

C. Political agency is key to the advance of other

F. women in achieving their full potential.

- a) A-F
- b) B-D
- c) C-F
- d) C-E
- e) None of these

Q.36

A. A radical restructuring to bring corporate tax rate

D. with cesses that it does not have to share with the states

B. A large fiscal deficit creates excess demand that reflects itself as price rise and widening

E. worth a few thousand crore rupees yet to be refunded

C. Exporters have outstanding input tax credits

F. has done well to try and address concerns on the rupee

- a) A-F
- b) B-F
- c) C-E
- d) A-D
- e) None of these

Q.37

A. While Russia remains a pre-eminent military power

D. emerged as the world's secondlargest economy, and counting.

B. This shows the benefit of opening

E. Set to be initiated against power producers and others

C. The Supreme Court has stayed bankruptcy proceedings

F. in most cases, forensic audits

- a) C-E
- b) B-D
- c) A-E
- d) A-D
- e) None of these

Q.38







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A. The behavioural dynamics of the bureaucracy and

- D. their damage-potential is rather high.
- B. They have to roll up their sleeves and ensure
- E. that means casting the net wider for advisors who generate big ideas
- C. The crisis of 2008 has not left

America

- F. that implementation is loyal to the spirit and vision of the policies.
- a) C-F
- b) A-E
- c) B-F
- d) A-E
- e) None of these

Q.39

- A. The good news is that access to such health insurance schemes
- D. to announce measures to attract dollars to India
- B. Political leaders have to grasp this reality
- E. appears to have reduced health costs for the poorest quintile (or bottom 20%) significantly.
- C. several government-sponsored health insurance schemes have been launched

F. that access to a government health insurance scheme may have had uneven effects across income classes and regions.

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

Q.40

- A. The government must start work now to create
- D. instruction and commencement of communication
- B. Latency, in computing jargon, is the gap between
- E. Ultra-reliable, low-latency communications form one part
- C. the huge data generated by the Internet of
- F. communications rendered in a very reliable fashion
- a) A-F
- b) C-E
- c) B-F
- d) B-D
- e) None of these

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Directions (41-50) In the following passage there are blanks, Each of which has numbered. There are few words against this number. Fill the appropriate word in the blanks.

The Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd.'s continuing (41) on its various liabilities also shook investors. The 29% fall in shares of Yes Bank, after the RBI refused to extend the term of its chief executive officer (42) January, further added to the panic. But Friday's fall was not simply limited to financials, as (43) across the board witnessed panic-selling. The market's (44) recovery from the day's lows, which was fuelled by strong institutional buying, has offered some reason for (45) to investors, who believe the fall was simply a temporary correction in a bull market. Such optimism may be warranted, at least partially, after looking at how (46) the Sensex and the Nifty have recovered since their previous deep sell-off in February. That said, market breadth continues to remain a

major concern since the last (47).

Midcap and smallcap indices have failed to replicate the recovery that has been witnessed in the Sensex and the Nifty since February. The panic sell-off also raises the alarm about (48) valuations and other risks faced by the Indian markets. The depreciating rupee and the likely increase in the fiscal deficit in the run-up to the general election are the most immediate concerns. The need for corporate earnings to (49) with current valuations is another. The systemic risks (50) by rising interest rates to corporate debt and various lenders also cannot be ignored. Investors, as well as financial market regulators, will do well to understand and act against these risks.

Q.41

- a) Failing
- b) Default
- c) Rising
- d) Repay
- e) None of these

Q.42

a) Beyond











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- b) Before
- c) On
- d) At
- e) In
- Q.43
- a) Documents
- b) paper
- c) Scrips
- d) Title
- e) None of these
- Q.44
- a) aggressive
- b) worst
- c) absolute
- d) native
- e) Impressive
- Q.45
- a) Optimism
- b) Pessimism
- c) Nature
- d) Curiosity
- e) None of these
- Q.46
- a) either
- b) among

- c) two
- d) Both
- e) None of these
- Q.47
- a) Higher
- b) Sell-off
- c) Discounted
- d) Negotiation
- e) None of these
- Q.48
- a) Streaming
- b) widened
- c) Stretched
- d) Rising
- e) None of these
- Q.49
- a) continue
- b) fixe with
- c) Catch up
- d) Join
- e) None of these
- Q.50
- a) created
- b) absorption
- c) increases

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- d) Posed
- e) None of these

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