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CHAPTER

Cause & Effects

- Effect:** Majority of the employees of the ailing organization opted for voluntary retirement scheme and left the organization with all their retirement benefits within a fortnight of launching the scheme. **(SBI PO 2010)**
Which of the following can be a **probable** cause of the above effect ?

 - The company has been making huge losses for the past five years and is unable to pay salary to its employees in time.
 - The management of the company made huge personal gains through unlawful activities.
 - One of the competitors of the company went bankrupt last year.
 - The company owns large tracts of land in the state which will fetch huge sum to its owners.
 - None of these
- Statement:** Most of the companies in IT and ITES sectors in India have started hiring from engineering college campuses this year and are likely to recruit much more than yearly recruitment of the earlier years. **(SBI PO 2010)**
Which of the following **substantiates** the facts stated in the above statement ?

 - IT and ITES are the only sectors in India which are hiring from engineering college campuses.
 - Government has stepped up recruitment activities after a gap of five years.
 - The IT and ITES companies have now decided to visit the engineering college campuses for tier II cities in India as well.
 - Availability of qualified engineers will substantially increase in the near future.
 - None of these
- Cause :** The Government has recently increased its taxes on petrol and diesel by about 10 percent. **(SBI PO 2010)**
Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above cause ?

 - The petroleum companies will reduce the prices of petrol and diesel by about 10 percent.
 - The petroleum companies will increase the prices of petrol and diesel by about 10 percent.
 - The petroleum companies will increase the prices of petrol and diesel by about 5 percent.
 - The petrol pumps will stop selling petrol and diesel till the taxes are rolled back by the government.
 - None of these
- Statement :** The Government has decided to instruct the banks to open new branches in such a way that there is one

branch of any of the banks in every 'village of population 1000 and above or a cluster of villages with population less than 1000 to provide banking services to all the citizens. Which of the following will weaken the step taken by the Government ? **(SBI PO 2010)**

- The private sector banks in India have stepped up their branch expansion activities in rural India.
- Many Government owned banks have surplus manpower in its urban branches.
- All the banks including those in private sector will follow the government directive.
- Large number of branches of many government owned banks in the rural areas are making huge losses every year due to lack of adequate business activities.
- None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 5-9) : Below in each questions are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

(SBI PO 2011)

Mark answer (a) if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.

Mark answer (b) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

Mark answer (c) if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

Mark answer (d) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.

Mark answer (e) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

- The local traders' association urged all its members to shut their establishments for two days and participate in the protest march.
 - Government has recently cancelled licenses of many traders in the locality as they did not pay their taxes in time.
- Government has increased the procurement price of kharif crops by about ten per cent for the current year.
 - Inadequate monsoon rainfall has created a drought like situation in many parts of the country.
- The Government has recently lifted ban on import of sugar for selling in the retail market.
 - The prices of sugar in the retail market have stabilized after a considerable gap.

8. (A) Many vehicles met with accidents during the last fortnight at the major junction on the main arterial road in the city.
(B) The automatic signaling system at the major junction of the arterial road of the city was not working well.
9. (A) The English medium school in the locality has decided to admit only those students who reside in area. Where the school is located from the next academic session.
(B) Many schools in the city admit students residing anywhere within the city limit.
10. There has been a spate of rail accidents in India in the recent months killing large numbers of passengers and injuring many more. This has raised serious doubts about the railway's capability of providing safety to travellers. Which of the following statements substantiates the views expressed in the above statement? **(IBPS PO 2011)**
(a) Indian Railways has come to be known to provide best passenger comfort in the recent years.
(b) People have no option other than travelling by rail over long distances.
(c) The railway tracks at many places have been found to be stressed due to wear and tear in the recent times.
(d) Local residents are always the first to provide a helping hand to the passengers in the event of such disasters.
(e) None of these
11. It has been reported in many leading newspapers that the current year's monsoon may be below the expected level as many parts of the country are still not getting adequate rainfall. **(IBPS PO 2011)** Which of the following can be a possible fall out of the above situation?
(a) People from those affected areas with less rainfall may migrate to urban areas.
(b) Govt. may announce ex-gratia payment to all the farmers affected in these areas.
(c) Govt. may declare these areas as drought affected areas.
(d) People may blame the govt. and agitate for not getting adequate water for cultivation.
(e) None of these
12. The condition of the roads in the city has deteriorated considerably during the first two months of monsoon and most of the roads have developed big potholes. **(IBPS PO 2011)** Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above cause?
(a) The municipal corporation had repaired all the roads in the city before onset of monsoon with good quality material.
(b) A large number of people have developed spine related injuries after regularly commuting long distances by road within the city.
(c) The municipal corporation has been careful in choosing the contractors for repairing roads in the past.
(d) People always complain about potholed roads during the monsoon months.
(e) None of these
13. It has been reported in recent years that a very large number of seats in the engineering colleges in the country remain vacant at the end of the admission session. **(IBPS PO 2011)** Which of the following may be the probable cause of the above effect?
(a) There has been a considerable decrease in hiring of engineering graduates due to economic slowdown in the recent years.
(b) Students have always preferred to complete graduation in three years time instead of four years for engineering.
(c) The Govt. has recently decided to provide post qualification professional training to all engineering graduates at its own cost.
(d) There has always been a very poor success rate among the engineering students.
(e) None of these
14. Majority of the students who appeared in the final examination of post graduate course in management in the local college have secured first class which is comparatively higher than the performance of students of other management colleges in the state. **(IBPS PO 2011)** Which of the following may indicate that the results are not in line with the general trend?
(a) The students of the local college are qualitatively better than those of other colleges
(b) The authorities of the other management colleges in the state are stricter in their standard of evaluation for their students.
(c) The students of other management colleges in the state performed better than the students of the local college in all the previous examinations.
(d) The local management college recently retrenched many of its regular faculty members.
(e) None of these
15. A very large number of technically qualified young Indians are coming out of colleges every year, though there are not enough opportunities for them to get gainful employment. Which of the following contradicts the views expressed in the above statement? **(IBPS PO 2011)**
(a) Technically qualified persons are far superior to those with standard degrees like B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. etc.
(b) The Govt. has not done effective perspective planning for engaging technically qualified personnel while authorising the setting up of technical colleges.
(c) A huge gap exists between the level of competence of technically qualified graduates and requirement of the industry.
(d) Majority of the technically qualified persons are migrating from India to developed countries for better opportunities.
(e) None of these
16. The govt. has appealed to all citizens to use potable water judiciously as there is an acute shortage in supply. Excessive use may lead to huge scarcity in future months.

Which of the assumptions is implicit in the above statement?
(An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted) **(IBPS PO 2011)**

- (a) People may ignore the appeal and continue using water as per their consideration.
(b) Govt. may be able to tap those who do not respond to the appeal.
(c) Govt. may be able to put in place alternate sources of water in the event of a crisis situation.
(d) Large number of people may positively respond to the govt.'s appeal and help tide over the crisis.
(e) Only poor are going to suffer from this shortage of water supply.
17. A few travellers were severely beaten up by villagers recently in a remote rural part of the state as the villagers found the movement of the travellers suspicious. The district authority has sent a police team to nab the culprits.
Which of the following inferences can be drawn from the above statement? **(IBPS PO 2011)**
(An inference is something which is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given facts)
(a) The villagers dislike presence of strangers in their vicinity.
(b) Villagers are generally suspicious in nature.
(c) Travellers prefer to visit countryside.
(d) The Govt. generally provides protection to travellers across the country.
(e) None of these
18. There has been a considerable drop in sales of four wheelers during the past six months when compared to the number of four wheelers sold during this period last year.
Which of the following can the probable cause of the above phenomenon? **(IBPS PO 2011)**
(A) The govt. has imposed higher excise duty on four wheelers at the beginning of this year.
(B) The petrol prices have risen considerably during the past eight months.
(C) The rate of interest on home and car loans have been rising for the past seven months.
(a) All (A), (B) and (C) (b) (A) and (C) Only
(c) (B) and (C) Only (d) (B) Only
(e) (A) Only
19. There is an alarming trend of skewed sex ratio against women in India during the past decade and situation may get out of hand if adequate steps are not taken to stop female foeticide.
Which of the following can be an effective step to reverse the trend? **(IBPS PO 2011)**
(A) The Govt. should immediately completely ban the use of scanners / sonography on expectant mothers at all health centres.
(B) The Govt. should announce a substantial incentive scheme for couples who have at least one girl child.
(C) The Govt. should launch a nationwide campaign to create awareness against female foeticide.

- (a) (A) only (b) (A) and (B) Only
(c) (B) and (C) Only (d) All (A), (B) and (C)
(e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 20-26) : In each of the questions below is given a statement, followed by a question. Read the statement carefully and answer the question that follows.

(IBPS SO 2012)

20. **Statement :** The State Government granted special status to the seminar on the importance of protecting the environment around us organised by the local academic body to create awareness among the citizens.
Which of the following may be a **probable reason** for the Statement Government's decision?
(a) The Central Government has accorded highest priority to issues related to protection of environment, over all other issues.
(b) In the past the State Government had granted special status to such seminars.
(c) The State Government has failed to implement measures for protecting the environment.
(d) The local academic body made a fervent appeal for the special status.
(e) None of these
21. **Statement :** Most car manufacturers have marginally reduced the price of their products despite higher input costs and increased Government duties and have promised to keep the prices at the present level for at least the next couple of months.
Which of the following can be a **best possible reason** for the above step by car manufactures?
(a) Car manufactures have not been able to meet their sales target for the current year so far.
(b) The Government is planning to review taxes on the raw materials for manufacturing cars.
(c) The car sales market is going through a jubilant phase as the volume of sales has picked up considerably in the recent past and profit per car has also gone up.
(d) Car buyers are still hesitant to make their purchases and may postpone for another few months.
(e) Oil marketing companies are contemplating reviewing the petrol and diesel prices in order to decide future market prices.
22. **Statements :** The prices of vegetables and other food articles have decreased in the recent months raising hope among policy planners that the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) tight grip on supply of liquid money in the market for controlling inflation may be eased.
Which of the following may be a **possible action** of the above situation?
(a) The Reserve Bank of India may not reduce its key interest rates in near future.
(b) The Government may step in and make certain concessions to the common people on various issues.

- (c) The Reserve Bank of India may consider lowering certain rates to bring in more liquidity in the market.
- (d) The RBI may wait for at least another year before taking any step.
- (e) The RBI may collect more data from the market and wait for another four months to ensure they take the correct step.
23. **Statement :** A severe cyclonic storm hit the Eastern coastline last month resulting in huge loss of life and property on the entire east coast and the Government had to disburse a considerable amount for relief activities through the district administration machineries.
Which of the following may possibly be a follow up measure to be taken up by the Government?
- (a) The Government may set up a task force to review the post relief scenario in all districts and also to confirm proper end user receipt of the relief supplies.
- (b) The Government may set up a committee for proper disbursement of relief supplies in future.
- (c) The Government may empower the District Magistrates to make all future disbursements of relief.
- (d) The Government may send relief supplies to the affected people in future only after proper assessment of the damage caused by such calamities.
- (e) The Government may not need to activate any follow up measure.
24. **Statement :** It has been reported in a recent study that intake of moderate quantity of milk chocolate reduces the risk of suffering from central nervous system related illnesses.
Which of the following would **weaken** the findings of the study reported in the above statement?
- (a) People generally prefer to eat chocolate when they are young.
- (b) Majority of those not diagnosed with diseases related to central nervous system have stayed away from eating chocolates in their lives.
- (c) Chocolates contain certain elements which strengthen the functions of the central nervous system.
- (d) Majority of those suffering from central nervous system related diseases are middle aged.
- (e) Many of those who suffer from diabetes also suffer from other major ailments.
25. Read the following information carefully and answer the given question:
Many manufacturing companies are now shifting base to the rural areas of the country as there is a scarcity of space in urban areas. Analysts say that this shift will not have a huge impact on the prices of the products manufactured by these companies as only about 30% consumers live in urban areas.
Which of the following may be **consequence** of the given information? **(SBI PO 2013)**
- (a) The prices of such products will decrease drastically in the urban areas.
- (b) People living in urban areas will not be allowed to work in such manufacturing companies.
- (c) These manufacturing companies has set-ups in the urban areas before shifting base.
- (d) Those who had already migrated to the urban areas will not shift back to rural areas.
- (e) The number of people migrated from rural to urban areas in search of jobs may reduce.
26. **Effect:** The temple at the religious site wears a deserted look with the number of devotees trickling down.
Which of the following can be a possible causes of the above effect? **(IBPS SO 2013)**
- (a) A structural engineer had visited the temple a month back and had declared the structure unsafe.
- (b) The temple is facing drastic depletion of its funds which had accumulated over the years due to offerings made by devotees.
- (c) The local corporation decided to donate a huge amount of money to the temple for its renovation.
- (d) The village housing the religious site has qualified priests to perform religious ceremonies.
- (e) A famous actor recently visited the temple and paid his respects to the deity.
27. **Statements:** The Income Tax authorities carried out raids at three different business houses in the city last week.
Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above statement? **(IBPS SO 2013)**
- (a) The three business houses are regular defaulters in payment of their income tax.
- (b) The Income Tax department had received a tip off about the illegal activities going on in the three business houses.
- (c) The Government decided to look into the matter and has appointed an inquiry committee
- (d) Other business houses took immediate action to clear off all their income tax dues in order to avoid a raid on their establishments.
- (e) The authorities intend to conduct raids in several other business houses in the vicinity.
28. **Effect:** As a step to regulate private hospitals, the static health department is framing rules to ensure all such hospitals are registered with it. **(IBPS SO 2013)**
Which of the following can be a possible cause of the above statement?
- (a) The department realised the private hospitals charge much less for treatment as compared to government hospitals.
- (b) Government run hospitals do not maintain the same standards as private hospitals.
- (c) The department realised that several hospitals were rejecting cases stating lack of infrastructure.
- (d) Apart from the number of doctors, nurses and beds, the kind of procedure a hospital can carry out based on its infrastructure will also be registered and detailed.
- (e) Private hospitals nor registering with the department shall be forced to do so and will have to pay hefty penalties.

29. **Statement:** The college has finally received accreditation and has gained the status of a deemed university. Which of the following can be a possible **effect** of the above statement? **(IBPS SO 2013)**
- The principal of the college will now have to be retired government official.
 - Number of students seeking admission to this college in the next academic year would drop significantly.
 - The college will charge lesser fees from all the students despite not getting a grant from the government
 - The college will reduce the number of courses that it runs by a significant margin.
 - The reputation of the college amongst the student population in general has improved.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 30-32) : Read the given statements carefully and answer the questions which follow.

(IBPS SO 2013)

30. After the government announced a compensatory policy for farmers in return for the acquisition of their land, the farmers demanded a written proof of the policy. Which of the following could possibly be a **Cause** for demanding the written proof?
- The farmers were unable to contest the inadequate compensation for their land in earlier such policies.
 - The compensation promised in the policy was grossly inadequate.
 - The farmers were unwilling to surrender their lands to the government.
 - The farmers demand a certain percentage of share out of the revenue generated by the government off their lands.
 - The only option to enforce the government officials to frame a compensatory policy for the farmers was to demand a proof.
31. The number of cases concerning a non-contagious chemical poisoning is on the rise among the local villagers. Which of the following could possibly be a **Cause** of the statement given above?
- The government has ordered an immediate enquiry into the matter.
 - Unless timely treatment is provided to the patients, the poisoning can prove to be fatal.
 - Many factories surrounding the village do not dispose off their wastes appropriately.
 - The only hospital in the area is not equipped to treat chemical poisoning related ailments
 - A study done a couple of years ago had reported that a large number of farmers had stopped using chemical fertilizers owing to their ill-effects on health.
32. Small grocery shop owners have gone on a day's strike in order to protest against the entry of a foreign retail store chain in the city. Which of the following statements can be an **Effect** of the statement given above?
- The small grocery shop owners perceive the big retail giants as sharks, trying to dominate the available market space.

- Foreign investment in retail has shown a tremendous growth in India since a couple of years.
- There have been several countries in which retail chain giants have totally wiped out small scale grocery shop.
- The government agreed to take all political steps required to safeguard the interests of small scale retailers.
- A recent survey indicated that a large number of people prefer to buy their daily grocery stores rather than big retail chain stores.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 33-37) : Below in each question are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

(SBI PO 2014)

- Mark answer (a)** if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.
- Mark answer (b)** if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.
- Mark answer (c)** if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.
- Mark answer (d)** if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
- Mark answer (e)** if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.
33. (A) A substantial increase in the unhealthy competition has been observed among the students.
(B) A rise of 23% is reported every year in the cases of suicides after declaration of grade 10th and 12th examination results.
34. (A) The glaciers at the poles of the earth are melting at a fast rate.
(B) In recent times there has been a substantial increase in the incidents of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.
35. (A) Most of the shopkeepers in the locality closed their shops for the second continuous day.
(B) Two groups of people living in the locality have been fighting with each other with bricks and stones forcing people to stay indoors.
36. (A) The Government has decided to increase the prices of LPG gas cylinders with immediate effect.
(B) The Government has decided to increase the prices of kerosene with immediate effect.
37. (A) The country 'X' has banned the import of fruit.
(B) The intake of that fruit causes disease.
38. **Cause:** Govt has recently decided to hike the procurement price of paddy for the rabi crops. **(IBPS SO 2014)**
Which of the following will be a possible effect of the above cause?
- The farmers may be encouraged to cultivate paddy for the rabi season.
 - The farmers may switch over to other cash crops in their paddy fields.

- (c) There was a drop in production of paddy during Kharif season
- (d) Govt may not increase the procurement price of paddy during the next Kharif season.
- (e) Govt. will buy paddy from the open market during next few months.

39. **Cause** : A severe cyclonic storm swept away most part of the state during the last two days. **(IBPS SO 2014)**

Which of the following cannot be a possible effect of the above cause ?

- (a) Heavy rainfall was reported in most part of the state during the last two days.
- (b) Many people were rendered homeless as their houses were blown away.
- (c) The communication system of the state was severely affected and continues to be out of gear.
- (d) Government has ordered that all the offices and schools should be kept open.
- (e) All are possible effects.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 40-41) : In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as

(IBPS Clerk Mains 2016)

- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
- (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes; and
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

40. **Statements:**

- I. The prices of petrol and diesel in the domestic market have remained unchanged for the past few months.
- II. The crude oil prices in the international market have gone up substantially in the last few months.

- (a) Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- (b) Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- (c) Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- (d) Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- (e) Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

41. **Statements:**

- I. The government has recently fixed the fees for professional courses offered by the unaided institutions which are much lower than the fees charged last year.
- II. The parents of the aspiring students launched a severe agitation last year protesting against the high fees charged by the unaided institutions.

- (a) Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- (b) Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- (c) Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- (d) Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- (e) Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

DIRECTIONS (42 - 43) : In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. These may to cause and effect relationship between the two statements.

(IBPS PO 2016)

These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements maybe independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as:

- (a) If statement I is the cause and II is its effect.
- (b) If statement II is the cause and I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

42. **Statements :**

- I. The university has instructed all the colleges under its jurisdiction to ban use of mobile phones inside the college premises.
- II. Majority of the teachers of the colleges signed a joint petition to the university complaining the disturbances.

43. **Statements :**

- I. Most of the steel producing companies in the country have made considerable profit during the last financial year.
- II. Many Asian countries have been importing huge quantities of steel from India.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 44-48) : Below in each question are given two statements (i) and (ii). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statements. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

(SBI PO Main Exam 2017)

- (a) if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.
 - (b) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is the effect.
 - (c) if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.
 - (d) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
 - (e) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.
44. I. Govt. has decided to distribute part of the food grain stock through Public Distribution System to people below poverty line.
- II. There has been bumper kharif crop for the last two seasons.
45. I. Most of the students enrolled themselves for the educational tour scheduled for next month.

- II. The school authority cancelled the educational tour scheduled for next month.
46. I. The prices of fruits have dropped substantially during the last few days.
II. The prices of food grains have increased substantially during the last few days.
47. I. The road traffic between the two towns in the state has been disrupted since last week.
II. The rail traffic between the two towns in the state has been disrupted since last week.
48. I. Heavy showers are expected in the city area during the next forty-eight hours.
II. The inter-club cricket tournament scheduled for the week was called off.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 49-51): Each of the questions below consists of two statements labeled I and II. These statements may be effects of independent causes or of a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements:

(IBPS PO Mains 2017 Exam)

- (a) If statement I is the cause and the statement II is its effect.
(b) If statement II is the cause and the statement I is its effect.
(c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
(d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
(e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.
49. I. Computer education has been made compulsory for all the classes by many schools.
II. The current job market prefers computer literate workforce.
50. I. The standard of education in evening colleges of the State has been deteriorating.
II. The standard of school education has been fast deteriorating in the State.
51. I. All domestic airlines increased the fare of all its classes with immediate effect.
II. Railways increased the fare of all its classes with immediate effect.

52. **Direction:** In each of the following question, two statements are given. They may either be independent causes, independent effects or bear a cause and effect relationship that is unique to each other. Read both the statements carefully and mark: **(IBPS SO IT Officer Pre. 2018)**

Statements:

- I. Rural household have more surplus money than semi urban household even though the monthly income is the same.
II. Semi urban households have to spend more money for basic accommodation, water electricity etc.

- (a) Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
(b) Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect.

- (c) Both the statements I and II are independent causes.
(d) Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
(e) Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

53. It has been reported in recent years that a very large number of seats in the engineering colleges in the country remain vacant at the end of the admission session.

Which of the following may be the probable cause of the above effect? **(SBI PO Mains 2018)**

- (a) There has been a considerable decrease in hiring of engineering graduates due to economic slowdown in the recent years
(b) Students have always preferred to complete graduation in three years time instead of four years for engineering
(c) The Government has recently decided to provide post qualification professional training to all engineering graduates at its own cost
(d) There has always been a very poor success rate among the engineering students
(e) None of the above

54. The condition of the roads in the city has deteriorated considerably during the first two months of monsoon and most of the roads have developed big pot holes.

Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above cause? **(SBI PO Mains 2018)**

- (a) The municipal corporation had repaired all the roads in the city before onset of monsoon with good quality material
(b) A large number of people have developed spine related injuries after regularly commuting long distances by road within the city
(c) The municipal corporation has been careful in choosing the contractors for repairing roads in the past
(d) People always complain about potholed roads during the monsoon months
(e) None of the above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 55-56): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given.

(SBI PO Main 2018)

There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-

- (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
(b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
(c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
(d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
(e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

55. **Statement I-** TCS, among India's largest software services companies, said it plans to hire 10,000 European workers over the next two years.

Statement II- In filling these jobs, TCS will hire experienced technology professionals and recent graduates from major universities, and local and community colleges, and the talent pools will be created in the future.

56. **Statement I-** Voter card has become mandatory for filing income tax returns with PAN card.

Statement II- PAN has become more and more susceptible to duplicity and fraud.

DIRECTION (Qs. 57): Study the following information and answer the given questions.

(IBPS RRB PO Main-2019)

India and the UK have signed three Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) in order to have a smooth tax regime between the two and reduce litigation arising out of transfer pricing issues.

Which of the following will be an immediate effect of the Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) ?

- (a) To have a smooth tax regime between the two countries
- (b) To reduce litigation arising out of transfer pricing issues.
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Neither (a) or (b)
- (e) Either (a) or (b)

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 58-59): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer.

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- (a) Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
- (b) Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
- (c) Both the statements I and II are independent causes
- (d) Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- (e) Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause

58. **Statements:**

I. The university authority has instructed all the colleges under its jurisdiction to ban use of all phones inside the college premises.

II. Majority of the teachers of the colleges signed a joint petition to the university complaining the disturbances caused by cell phone ring-tones inside the classrooms.

59. **Statements:**

I. There is considerable reduction in the number of people affected by water-borne diseases in City A during this rainy season.

II. The government has opened four new civil hospitals in City A in the beginning of the year.

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 60-61): Given below are pairs of events 'A' and 'B'. You have to read both the events 'A' and 'B' and decide their nature of relationship. You have to assume that the information given in 'A' and 'B' is true and you will not assume anything beyond the given information in deciding the answer. Mark answer

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- (a) If 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate and principal cause.
 - (b) If 'A' is the immediate and principal cause and 'B' is its effect.
 - (c) If 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate and principal cause.
 - (d) If 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate and principal cause.
 - (e) None of these
60. **Statement (A):** The government has decided to roll back the hike in the prices of LPG cooking gas and Petrol.
Statement (B): Some ministers had resigned in protest against the hike in prices of LPG cooking gas and other petroleum products.
61. **Statement (A):** A traveler found cockroaches in the crevices of his seat and also in the toilets of India's most prestigious train, the Rajdhani Express.
Statement (B): He drew the attention of catering manager, Western Railway, to the insects.

Answers & Explanations

1. (a)
2. (c) The IT and ITES companies have now decided to visit the engineering college campuses for tier II cities in India as well.
3. (b) The petroleum companies will increase the prices of petrol and diesel by about 10 percent.
4. (d) Large number of branches of many government owned banks in the rural areas are making huge losses every year due to lack of adequate business activities.
5. (b) It is clear that statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.
6. (b) It is clear that statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.
7. (a) It is clear that statement (A) is cause and statement (B) is its effect. If there is adequate supply in the retail market, the price would stabilise.
8. (b) It is clear that accidents occurred due to faulty automatic signaling system. B is the cause and A is the effect.
9. (d) It is clear that both the statement (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
10. (c) Only statement in option (c) provides reason of spate of rail accident in India in the recent month.
11. (e) Possible fallout may be drought affected area which is not given in any options.
12. (b) Option (a), (c), and (d) does not explain the effect of given cause. Only option (b) can be effect of damaged roads.
13. (a) Due to lack of job, it is possible that students don't want to take admission in engineering colleges. Hence option (a) may be probable cause of the above effect.
14. (c) Only statement (c) says that in previous years, the performance of other management colleges was better than the performance of local colleges.
15. (d) People are going abroad for better opportunities.
16. (d) Assumption (d) is implicit in the given statement. If people don't show respect then there is no meaning of this kind of appeal.
17. (d) From given fact it can be inferred that the government generally provides protection to travellers across the country.
18. (a) All the three causes will effect the sales of four wheelers.
19. (c) (A) would not be effective step as it will create a lots of problems to others. Steps (B) and (C) will encourage in favour of the girl child.
20. (a) Option (1) may be a probable reason for the State Government's decision because control government is giving top priority to environment related issues.
21. (a) Option (a) may be a best possible reason because it is necessary to meet sales target.
22. (c) Option (c) may be only possible action because other options are not feasible for RBI and reduction in certain rates would control inflation in market.
23. (b) Option (b) is the only follow up measure because committee can only assess considerable amount for relief activities.
24. (e) Option (e) would weaken the findings of the study because the person suffering from diabetes cannot intake milk chocolate and cannot avail its benefits.
25. (e) The number of people migrating from rural to urban areas in search of jobs may reduce.
26. (a) Clearly option (a) is the cause.
27. (d) Clearly option (d) is the effect.
28. (c) Clearly option (c) is the cause.
29. (e) Obviously option (e) is the effect.
30. (a) Obviously option (a) is the cause.
31. (c) Obviously option (c) is the cause.
32. (d) Option (d) may be and effect.
33. (a) Clearly statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.
34. (d) Clearly, both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.
35. (b) Clearly statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.
36. (e) Both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.
37. (b) Clearly statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.
38. (a) The very purpose of hiking the procurement price of a crop is encouraging the farmers to cultivate it.
39. (e) All 4 are possible effects because heavy rainfall after cyclonic storm is obvious and next 3 statements are the natural after affects of cyclonic storm.
40. (d) The prices of petrol and diesel being stagnant in the domestic market and the increase in the same in the international market must be backed by independent causes.
41. (b) The parents' protest against high fees being charged by the institutions led the government to interfere and fix the fees at a more affordable level.

42. (b)
43. (b)
44. (b) The bumper crop has led to the large distribution of food grain by the government.
45. (c) Both the statement (I) and (II) are independent causes because
 (I) happened so that students could see more of the world.
 (II) happened so that the school may attend to other important tasks. There may be different reasons for them.
46. (d) Statement (I) has happened because of increased supply of fruits.
 Statement (II) has happened because of decreased supply of food grains.
 Both are the effects of independent causes
47. (e) Both the statements seem to have a common cause - agitation on a large scale. Both are the effect of some common cause.
48. (a) (I) is the cause and (II) is the effect. the fear of rain has led to the tournament being called off.
49. (b) Job market is an important consideration in determining the curriculum of schools.
50. (e) There seems to be some common cause that is leading to both kinds of education.
51. (e) Hike in fuel price seems to be because of some common cause.
52. (e) The amount of disposable income is higher in rural household than semi urban even though they get same monthly income is because semi urban household have to pay more rent and maintenance expenses for their basic amenities. The services are costlier in semi urban so they need to spend more and will have lesser disposable cash than rural households.
53. (a) Option (a) may be the cause of vacant seat in the engineering colleges because due to the recession,

the number of jobs available are decreasing day by day, hence the unemployment is increasing in the engineering sector. So (a) is the correct option.

54. (b) Option (b) may be a possible effect of big pig holes developed on the roads.
55. (a) It is clear from the above that statement I is the cause and II is it's effect as this will be the cause that TCS is planning to hire workers and for that it will hire graduates and will create talent pools will be it's effect.
56. (b) It is clear from the above statement that II is cause and I is it's effect because the PAN has become more vulnerable that is why Voter card has become mandatory for filing Income Tax.
57. (c) Both (a) and (b)
 India and the UK have signed three Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) in order to have a smooth tax regime between the two and reduce litigation arising out of transfer pricing issues.
- Sol. (58-59):**
58. (b) Clearly, the university's decision came as a sequel to the complaint received by it from the college teachers against use of mobile phones in the college premises.
59. (c) The given statements are self-sufficient and depict independent events.
60. (a) Because of the statement (B), government has decided to roll back the hike in the prices of cooking gas and kerosene.
61. (b) As he found cockroaches in the crevices, he immediately drew the attention of the catering manager. So, statement (B) is the effect of statement (A).