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## CHAPTER

# Course of Action

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) :** In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered (A), (B) and (C). A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

(SBI PO 2010)

- Statement:** A heavy unseasonal downpour during the last two days has paralysed the normal life in the state in which five persons were killed but this has provided a huge relief to the problem of acute water crisis in the state.

**Courses of action :**

(A) The state government should set up a committee to review the alarming situation.  
(B) The state government should immediately remove all the restrictions on use of potable water in all the major cities in the state.  
(C) The state government should send relief supplies to all the affected areas in the state.  
(a) None (b) Only (A)  
(c) Only (B) and (C) (d) Only (C)  
(e) All (A), (B) and (C)
- Statement :** A large private bank has decided to retrench one-third of its employees in view of the huge losses incurred by it during the past three quarters.

**Courses of action :**

(A) The Government should issue a notification to general public to immediately stop all transactions with the bank.  
(B) The Government should direct the bank to refrain from retrenching its employees.  
(C) The Government should ask the central bank of the country to initiate an enquiry into the bank's activities and submit its report.  
(a) None (b) Only (A)  
(c) Only (B) (d) Only (C)  
(e) Only (A) and (C)
- Statement :** Many political activists have decided to stage demonstrations and block traffic movement in the city during peak hours to protest against the steep rise in prices of essential commodities.

**Courses of action:**

(A) The Government should immediately ban all forms of agitations in the country.  
(B) The police authority of the city should deploy additional forces all over the city to help traffic movement in the city.

- (C) The state administration should carry out preventive arrests of the known criminals staying in the city.  
(a) Only (A) (b) Only (B)  
(c) Only (C) (d) Only (A) and (B)  
(e) None of these
- Statement:** The school dropout rate in many districts in the state has increased sharply during the last few years as the parents of these children make them work in the fields owned by others to earn enough for them to get at least one meal a day.

**Courses of action :**

(A) The Government should put up a mechanism to provide food grains to the poor people in these districts through public distribution system to encourage the parents to send their wards to school.  
(B) The Government should close down some of these schools in the district and deploy the teachers of these schools to nearby schools and also ask remaining students to join these schools.  
(C) Government should issue arrest warrants for all the parents who force their children to work in fields instead of attending classes.  
(a) Only (A) (b) Only (B)  
(c) Only (C) (d) Only (A) and (B)  
(e) None of these
  - Statement :** One aspirant was killed due to stampede while participating in a recruitment drive of police constables.

**Courses of action :**

(A) The officials in charge of the recruitment process should immediately be suspended.  
(B) A team of officials should be asked to find out the circumstances which led to the death of the aspirant and submit its report within a week.  
(C) The Government should ask the home department to stagger the number of aspirants over more number of days to avoid such incidents in future.  
(a) Only (A) (b) Only (B)  
(c) Only (C) (d) Only (B) and (C)  
(e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6–10) :** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a practicable and feasible step or administrative decision to be taken for follow-up, improvement, or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow (s) far pursuing.

(RBI Assistant 2013)

**Give answer (a)** if only I follows.

**Give answer (b)** if only II follows.

**Give answer (c)** if either I or II follows.

**Give answer (d)** if neither I nor II follows.

**Give answer (e)** if both I and II follow.

6. **Statement:** The sales of ballpoint pens manufactured by company Lixus have gone down considerably ever since the same company introduced a gel-ink pen in the market.

**Courses of action**

I. Ball point pens should not be manufactured by Lixus any more.

II. Lixus should immediately withdraw all gel-ink pens from the market so as to force people to buy ballpoint pens.

7. **Statement:** Nearly 26 per cent of all engineering graduates have been left unemployed owing to severe recession worldwide.

**Courses of action**

I. All the unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs in foreign countries.

II. The unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs only after the recession is over.

8. **Statement :** The government airline has been making huge losses even as private airliners continue to prosper and make substantial profit.

**Courses of action**

I. All the private airlines should be banned from their operation in the country.

II. The government airline should be instructed to increase passenger fare significantly in order to increase its profit.

9. **Statement :** Many private schools have been violating government directives and have been charging more fees than the specified limits.

**Courses of action**

I. The government should identify such schools and take stringent actions against them.

II. The government should not limit school fees and keep it flexible for the schools to decide.

10. **Statement :** A large number of patients admitted in a particular hospital have been diagnosed with a serious contagious disease.

**Courses of action**

I. These patients should be immediately evicted from the hospital for fear of spread of the disease.

II. The hospital should make appropriate quarantine arrangements to control the spread of disease.

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) :** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

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(SBI PO 2014)

**Give answer (a)** if only course of action I follows.

**Give answer (b)** if only course of action II follows.

**Give answer (c)** if either course of action I or II follows.

**Give answer (d)** if neither course of action I nor II follows.

**Give answer (e)** if both courses of action I and II follow.

11. **Statement :** Drinking water supply to many parts of town is disrupted due to loss of water because of leakage in pipes supplying water.

**Courses of action :**

I. The government should order an enquiry into the matter.

II. The civic body should set up a fact-finding team to assess the damage and take effective step.

12. **Statement:** There is an alarming increase in the number of people suffering from malaria in many parts of the city.

**Courses of action :**

I. The municipal corporation has advised all the government hospitals to store adequate supply of malaria drugs.

II. The municipal corporation has urged people to use mosquito repellants and keep their premises clean.

13. **Statement :** Many people have encroached into the government property and built their houses and business establishments.

**Courses of action :**

I. The government should take immediate steps to remove all unauthorised constructions on government land.

II. All the encroachers should immediately be put behind bars and also be slapped with a hefty fine.

14. **Statement :** The meteorological department has predicted normal rainfall throughout the country during the current monsoon.

**Courses of action :**

I. The government should reduce the procurement price of foodgrains for the current year.

II. The government should reduce subsidy on fertilizers for the current year.

15. **Statement :** The number of dropouts in government schools has significantly increased in the urban areas over the past few years.

**Courses of action :**

I. The government should immediately close down all such schools in the urban areas where the dropout goes beyond 20 per cent.

II. The parents of all the students who dropped out of the government schools in urban areas should be punished.

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16- 20):** In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and III. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

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(IBPS SO 2014)

16. **Statement :** The major road connecting the two main parts of the city is inundated due to heavy rains during past two days.

**Courses of action :**

I. The government should immediately send a relief team to the affected area.

II. The municipal authority should make immediate effort to pump out water from the road.

- III. The municipal authority should advise the general public to stay indoors till the water is cleared.
- (a) Only I follows (b) Only I and II follow  
(c) Only I and III follow (d) Only II and III follow  
(e) All of these
17. **Statement:** The prices of essential commodities have gone up substantially during the past few weeks.  
Courses of action :
- I. The government should set up an expert committee to study the trend of prices.  
II. The government should immediately abolish taxes on essential commodities.  
III. The government should advise the general public to refrain from purchasing essential commodities for few days.
- (a) None follows (b) Only I follows  
(c) Only II follows (d) Only III follows  
(e) Only I and II follow
18. **Statement :** Large number of students of the local school fell ill after having their midday meal provided by the school.  
**Courses of action :**
- I. The government should immediately suspend the school Principal.  
II. The school authority should initiate an enquiry to find out the reason for students' sickness.  
III. The government should instruct all the schools to suspend their midday meal scheme till further order.
- (a) Only I follows (b) Only II follows  
(c) Only III follows (d) Only II and III follow  
(e) None of these
19. **Statement :** Many people living in the slums of western part of the town are diagnosed to be suffering from malaria.  
**Courses of action :**
- I. The municipal corporation should immediately make necessary arrangements to spray mosquito repellent in the affected area.  
II. The municipal authority should immediately make necessary arrangements to provide quick medical help to the affected people.  
III. The municipal authority should take steps to shift all the people staying in the slums of western part of the town to other areas.
- (a) Only I follows (b) Only II follows  
(c) Only I and II follow (d) All I, II and III follow  
(e) None of these
20. **Statement:** Many teachers of the local school have rendered their resignation to the Principal to protest the management's decision for not implementing revised pay scales.  
**Courses of action :**
- I. The school management should accept the resignations and appoint new teachers.  
II. The school management should persuade the teachers to continue with an assurance of considering the pay hike issue.  
III. The school management should approach the government for guidelines.
- (a) None follows (b) Only either I or II follows  
(c) Only III follows (d) Only I follows  
(e) Only II follows

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21 - 24) :** In each of the questions, below is given a statement followed by two courses of action. Course of action is a step for administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow up or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc. On the basis of the information given in statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the given suggested courses of action is/are logically worth pursuing.

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(IBPS SO 2015)

Give your answer as

- (a) if only I follows  
(b) if only II follows  
(c) if either I or II follows  
(d) if neither I nor II follows  
(e) if both I and II follow
21. **Statement** The central Bureau of Investigation receives the complaint of an officer taking bribe to do the duty he is supposed to.  
**Courses of Action**
- I. CBI should wait for some more complaints about the officer to be sure about the matter.  
II. CBI should try to catch the officer red-handed and then take a strict action against him
22. **Statement** There has been significant drop in the water level of all the lakes supplying water to the city.  
**Courses of Action**
- I. The water supply authority should impose a partial cut in supply to tackle the situation.  
II. The government should appeal to all residents through mass media for minimal use of water.
23. **Statement**  
It is reported that during the last fortnight there has been three cases of near miss situation involving two aircrafts over the busy city airport. In all these cases both the aircrafts came perilously close to each other and could avoid collision as the pilots acted just in time. (SBI PO 2015)  
**Courses of action**
- I. The pilots of all the six aircrafts involved in these incidents should immediately be derostered.  
II. Some flights should be diverted to other airports for the next few months to decongest the sky over the city airport.  
III. Air traffic controllers of the city airport should be sent for refresher courses in batches to prepare themselves to handle such pressure situation.
- (a) Only I follows (b) Only II follows  
(c) Only III follows (d) II and III follows  
(e) None of these
24. **Statement:** Exporters in the capital are alleging that commercial banks are violating a Reserve Bank of India directive to operate a post shipment export credit denominated in foreign currency at international rates from January this year. (SBI PO 2015)  
**Courses of Action:**
- I. The officers concerned in the commercial banks are to be suspended.  
II. The RBI should be asked to stop giving such directives to commercial banks.

- (a) Only I follows                      (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Either I or II follows            (d) Neither I nor II follows  
 (e) Both I and II follow

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 25-29):** In each question given below a statement is followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and III. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc on the basis of the information given in the statement. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the three given/suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing and decide the answer.

(SBI PO Main Exam 2017)

25. **Statement:** Discount offers provided by organised retail chains are increasingly eating into the small retailers' pie, thus creating a problem for manufacturers in spite of the hype around the retail boom.

**Courses of action:**

- I. An effort should be made to dissuade customers from purchasing the products on discounts.  
 II. All such manufacturers should stop supplying products to organised retail chain.  
 III. Efforts should be made by the manufacturers for commercial dialogues with the retail chain.

- (a) Only I and II                      (b) Only II and III  
 (c) Only I and III                      (d) All I, II and III  
 (e) None of these

26. **Statement:** According to a report, 35-40 per cent of water supplied in city XYZ is lost due to transmission and distribution losses, pilferage and lack of accountability.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Efforts should be made to reduce such losses through proper check and balance system.  
 II. Efforts should be made to procure sophisticated equipment for better leak detection and also a comprehensive programme be launched to repair and replace old and worn-out pipe lines.  
 III. Disciplinary action should be taken against all those persons who are found guilty in pilferaging of water.

- (a) Only I and II                      (b) Only II  
 (c) Only I and III                      (d) All I, II and III  
 (e) None of these

27. **Statement:** Sugar mills have said that they will not be able to pay the minimum price fixed by the government for sugarcane for the next season.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should appoint a committee to look into the matter.  
 II. A notice should be sent to all sugar mills owners to abide by the decision made by the government.  
 III. Disciplinary action should be taken against all those sugar mill owners who are ready to violate the government's decision.

- (a) Only I                                      (b) Only II and III  
 (c) Only I and III                      (d) All I, II and III  
 (e) None of these

28. **Statement:** Agriculture sector is facing many problems and farming is becoming a non-viable activity.

**Course of action:**

- I. An enquiry should be made and the problems responsible for making agriculture non-viable should be identified.  
 II. The support systems have to be tuned to improve productivity and incomes of farmers with emphasis on small and marginal farmers and dry-land areas.  
 III. The government should make policies (related with agriculture) keeping in mind the increasing risk in agriculture.

- (a) Only I and II                      (b) Only II and III  
 (c) Only I and III                      (d) All I, II and III  
 (e) None of these

29. **Statement:** From a problem of plenty, public sector banks are now facing challenge of finding the right manpower to support their growth. In the next three years, the talent crunch is expected to worsen.

**Course of action:**

- I. A committee should be made to look into the matter and its recommendation should be sought to sort out the problem.  
 II. The concerned banks should make their own arrangement to impart training to their employees according to their requirement.  
 III. Efforts should be made to deploy manpower efficiently.

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

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 30-31):** In each questions below is given a statement following by three courses of action numbered I, II and III. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow up or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested course of action logically follow(s) for pursuing

(IBPS PO Mains 2017 Exam)

30. **Statements:** Many students of the local school fell ill for the fourth time in a row in the last six months after consuming food prepared by the school canteen.

**Course of action**

- I. The School management should immediately terminate the contract of the canteen and ask for compensation.  
 II. The school management should advice all the students not to eat food articles from the canteen.  
 III. The owner of the canteen should immediately be arrested for negligence.

- (a) None follows                      (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows                      (d) I and II follow  
 (e) II and II follow

31. **Statements:** Many school buses have fitted CNG kit without observing the safety guidelines properly. This results into some instances of these buses catching fire due to short circuit and endangering the lives of the school children.

**Course of action**

- I. The regional transport authority should immediately carry out checks of all the school buses fitted with CNG kit.  
II. The management of all the schools should stop hiring buses fitted with CNG kit.  
III. The government should issue a notification banning school buses for use of CNG kit.
- (a) Only I follows                      (b) Only II follows  
(c) Only III follows                    (d) I and III follow  
(e) None of these

32. **Statement-**The Indian Council of Medical Research issued a warning two years ago, based on studies conducted in hospitals that resistance to antibiotics was found in 50% of patients. A large number of infants were dying due to infections that did not respond to treatment.

**Courses of action-**

- I. The revision of antibiotics classes by the World Health Organisation in its list of essential medicines is a welcome step in the global initiative to push back against antimicrobial resistance, the phenomenon of bacteria becoming resistant even to the most potent drugs.  
II. Close scrutiny of these by national stewardship programmes such as those initiated by the ICMR is needed. **(IBPS PO Mains 2018)**

Which of the following will be the course of action?

- (a) Only I                                      (b) Both I and II  
(c) Either I or II                            (d) Only II  
(e) None of these
33. **Statement-** Thousands of farmers in drought-hit western Madhya Pradesh have been protesting for over a week demanding that authorities increase the minimum price for their crops and waive their bank loans. Madhya Pradesh is one of several states that have suffered droughts and crop failures in recent years. Which of the following courses of action will help to improve the current scenario?
- (i) Government should punish those involved in the protests.  
(ii) Cloud seeding should be used in such situations.  
(iii) Government should constitute a team to assess the severity of drought and convince that appropriate compensation will be paid. **(IBPS PO Mains 2018)**
- (a) Only (i)                                      (b) Both (i) and (ii)  
(c) Only (iii)                                    (d) Both (ii) and (iii)  
(e) None of these

**DIRECTION (Q. 34):** In the question below, are given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

**(SBI Clerk Main 2018)**

Give answer:

- (a) if only I follows.  
(b) if only II follows.  
(c) if either I or II follows.  
(d) if neither I nor II follows.  
(e) if both I and II follow.
34. **Statement:** A number of school children in the local schools have fallen ill after the consumption of their subsidized tiffin provided by the school authority.
- Course of action**
- I. The tiffin facility of all schools should be discontinued with immediate effect.  
II. The government should implement a system to certify the quality of tiffin provided by the school.

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 35-36):** In the following question, a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and III are given. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

**(IBPS PO Main-2019)**

35. **Statement:** Sugar mills have said that they will not be able to pay the minimum price fixed by the government for sugarcane for the next season.
- Courses of Action:**
- I. The government should appoint a committee to look into the matter.  
II. A notice should be sent to all sugar mill owners to abide by the decision made by the government.  
III. Disciplinary action should be taken against all those sugar mill owners who are ready to violate the government's decision.
- (a) Only I  
(b) Only II and III follow  
(c) Only II follows  
(d) Only I and II follow  
(e) All the three follow
36. **Statement:** 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.
- Courses of Action:** Which of the following can be an effective step to reverse the trend?
- I. The Government should immediately completely ban use of scanners/ sonography on expectant mothers at all health centers.  
II. The Government should announce a substantial incentive scheme for couples who have at least one girl child.  
III. The Government should launch a nationwide campaign to create awareness against female foeticide.
- (a) Only I                                      (b) Only II and III follow  
(c) Only II follows                            (d) Only I and II follow  
(e) All the three follow

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 37-38):** In the question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested course of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

(SBI PO Main-2019)

37. **Statement:** A very large number of students have failed in the final high school examination due to faulty questions in one of the subjects.

**Course of action:**

- (I) All the students who have failed in the subject should be allowed to take supplementary examination.  
 (II) All those who are responsible for the error should be suspended and an enquiry should be initiated to find out the facts.  
 (a) Only I follows (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Either I or II follows (d) Neither I nor II follows  
 (e) Both I and II follow

38. **Statement:** There have been many instances of derailment of trains due to landslide in the hilly areas which caused loss of many lives.

**Course of action:**

- (I) The railway authority should arrange to depot pilot engines before the movement of passenger trains in the hilly areas to alert the trains in case of any landslide.

(II) The railway authority should strengthen the hill slopes by putting iron meshes so that the loose boulders do not fall on the track.

- (a) Only I follows (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Either I or II follows (d) Neither I nor II follows  
 (e) Both I and II follow

39. To provide proper knowledge to the student-in the education sector, we need to enhance our education system. To get better education system, we need good teachers. To provide good teachers, we again need good education.

In India there are some good institutes too but most of the students go for a 9:00 to 5:00 job rather than trying the career in teaching field which requires post-graduation as minimum eligibility criteria because they do not get a satisfied salary there. (SBI Clerk Main-2019)

**Course of Action-**

- (I) The salary of the teachers should be raised to boost up them for opting teaching as career.  
 (II) The minimum eligibility criterion to be a teacher should be graduate rather than post-graduation and PhD to become a teacher as students can get a job even after graduation.  
 (a) Only II follows (b) Only I follows  
 (c) Either I or II follows (d) Neither I nor II follows  
 (e) Both I and II follows

## Answers & Explanations

- (d) Immediate course of action to avert the difficult situation is to send relief rupplics in affected areas course of action I is a long term action plan which is time consuming and course of action II is not feasible practically.
- (a) None of course of action is feasible because the government cannot interfere in bank's internal matter but the government can compsante the huge lossers incurred by bank.
- (b) The course of action (A) and (C) are not feasible because in a democratic country the government cannot impose ban on these things.
- (a) Course of action (A) is only feasible solution because the government can neither close these schools nor issue arrest warrants for all the parents.
- (d) Clearly course of action (B) and (C) should be followed because terminating official in charge of recruitment procers is not a solution to the problem.
- (d) Both of the course of action are not suitable because the company lixus does not a manufacture ball point pens it would be an opportunity to some other company. Similarly, close competitor would introduce gel-into pens in the market.
- (e) Both the course of action should be followed because recession in whole world would affect the job market of foreign countries also adversely.
- (d) Both of the course of action are not feasible because private airlines; if banned, would create further problems and government airlines cannot increase passenger fare beyond certain limits.

- (a) II course of action is not feasible because government cannot limit school fees.
- (b) Only II course of action should be followed because appropriate arrangements can only control spread of disease.
- (d) Both of the course of action are not necessary because ordering an enquiry into the leakage matter would not solve any purpose and secondly no need of setting up fact-finding team when cause of leakage is known to us.
- (e) Both the course of action I and II should be followed because sufficient supply of malaria drugs is necessary to avoid malaria. Secondly use of mosquito repellent and cleanliness are necessary to avoid mosquito breeding.
- (a) Only I course of action is suitable to follow because the government should check all unauthorised construction on government land. II course of action is too harsh to be suitable.
- (d) Both the courses of action are not suitable because when there is no problem, no action is required.
- (d) Both the course of action are not practically possible because government cannot close down all such schools and also parents of such children cannot be punished because there may be genuine reason for dropouts.
- (e) All 3 courses of action should be followed because sending relief team to the effected area, pumping out water from the road and advising general public to stay indoor all would help to tackle the problem.

17. (e) I and II course of action should be followed because course of action III opposes the need for essential commodities.
18. (b) Only course of action II can be pursued because suspending principal is not a solution of any problem and suspending midday meal would create further problems.
19. (d) All three courses of action can be followed to overcome malaria problem.
20. (e) Only II course of action can be followed because school management cannot terminate all teachers and cannot approach the government for guidelines because management has to follow its own guidelines.
21. (b) Only II follows because one complaint is enough for a wrong doing. This should be confirmed by catching the officer red-handed and then strict action taken against him.
22. (e) The situation can be tackled by periodic cuts in supply and urging people to conserve water. So, both the courses follow.
23. (c) The air traffic controllers of the city should be sent to refresher courses so that they can improve themselves in handling such situation is the most suitable course of action.
24. (d) The statement mentions that the commercial banks violate a directive issued by the RBI. The remedy is only to make the banks implement the Act. So, none of the courses follows.

**Sol. (25-29):**

25. (b) I. is an absurd course of action. Hence I. is not advisable. II is advisable because the move will compel the organised retailers to be involved in a dialogue to sort out the problem. III is the right way to eliminate the problem. Hence, III is advisable.
26. (d)
27. (a) I is necessary to solve the problem. II and III are not advisable because the matter is very sensitive. The problem is not of one or two sugar mills. All sugar mill owners are opposing the decision of the government.
28. (d) 29. (e)

**Sol. (30-31):**

30. (d) **Explanation:** As the incident is repeated again and again, so the contract of the canteen should be terminated and compensation should be asked. Students should be advised not to eat food articles from the canteen. So, courses of action I and II follow. Course of action III is too harsh, so it does not follow.
31. (a) **Explanation:** As safety guidelines are not observed by many school buses, so regional transport authority should carry out checks of all the buses fitted with CNG Kit. So, course of action I follows. CNG is a pollution free fuel and its sources are more than petrol and diesel So, it should be encouraged but with safety norms. So, course of action II and III do not follow.
32. (b) Course of action I follows because with a graded approach to the use of antibiotics, under which some medicines are reserved for the most resistant microbes, the WHO list can stop their misuse as broad-spectrum treatments. Course of action II also follows because a close inspection is also needed of

the national supervisory programmes to help people to get rid out of it.

33. (c) (i) is not an appropriate course of action as it not known from the statement whether the protest are violent or peaceful. (ii) is preventive measure not a corrective action. As it is mentioned in the statement that the given state has faced several drought like situations over the recent years, so (iii) is an appropriate course of action.
34. (b) Course of action I does not follow due to the words 'all' and 'immediate'. Course of action II follows because a system should be implemented to certify the quality of tiffin provided by the school.

**Sol. (35-36):**

35. (a) Only I  
Action I is necessary to solve the problem. Actions II and III are not advisable because the matter is very sensitive. The problem is not of one or two sugar mills. All sugar mill owners are opposing the decision of the government.
36. (b) II and III only  
I. The Government should immediately completely ban use of scanners/ sonography on expectant mothers at all health centers  
→This will help eliminate the pre-natal sex determination technique used by parents to avoid girl child, but this cannot be done as doing sonography is important to know fetus' health.  
II. The Government should announce a substantial incentive scheme for couples who have at least one girl child.  
→This will provide a good incentive for couples to have a daughter as they would receive benefits from government because financial weakness is also a reason of female foeticide.  
III. The Government should launch a nationwide campaign to create awareness against female foeticide.  
→This is an intelligent step and will help eradicate foeticide problem in the long run by changing the attitude of parents towards the girl child.  
Hence, only II and III are effective steps to reverse the trend.

**Sol. (37-38):**

37. (e) There being faulty questions in the examination paper is a blunder on the part of school management and students should not be made to suffer on account of this. Thus, a re-test should be organized for the students and those responsible for the error be penalized to prevent reoccurrence of such mistake in the future. Hence, both the courses of action follow.
38. (e) Clearly, something should be done to alert the trains well in advance in case of a landslide and also some means should be adopted to prevent blockage of tracks during landslides. Thus, both I and II follow.
39. (e) Both I and II follow as salary is an important factor for encouraging students to opt teaching as a career option rather than job and changing the eligibility criterion to graduation for being a teacher as generally the students choose their career option after graduation.