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CHAPTER

Critical Reasoning

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-3): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

(SBI PO 2010)

The centre reportedly wants to continue providing subsidy to consumers for cooking gas and kerosene for five more years. This is not good news from the point of view of reining in the fiscal deficit. Mounting subventions for subsidies means diversion of savings by the government from investment to consumption, raising the cost of capital in the process. The government must cut expenditure on subsidies to create more fiscal space for investments in both physical and social infrastructure. It should outline a plan for comprehensive reform in major subsidies including petroleum, food and fertilizers and set goal posts.

- 1. Which of the following is a **conclusion** which can be drawn from the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) Subsidy provided by the government under various heads to the citizen increases the cost of capital
 - (b) Government is unable to withdraw subsidies provided to various items.
 - Government subsidy on kerosene is purely a political decision
 - (d) Govt. does not have enough resources to continue providing subsidy on petroleum products.
 - (e) None of these
- 2. Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) India's fiscal deficit is negligible in comparison to other emerging economies in the world.
 - (b) Subsidy on food and fertilizers are essential for growth of Indian economy.
 - (c) Reform in financial sector will weaken India's position in the international arena.
 - (d) Gradual withdrawal of subsidy is essential for effectively managing fiscal deficit in India.
 - (e) None of these
- 3. Which of the following is an **assumption** which is implicit in the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) People in India may not be able to pay more for petroleum products.
 - (b) Many people in India are rich enough to buy petroleum products at market cost.
 - (c) Government may not be able to create more infrastructural facilities if the present level of subsidy continues for a longer time.
 - (d) Government of India has sought assistance from international financial organizations for its infrastructural projects
 - (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 4-6): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

(SBI PO 2010)

Poverty measurement is an unsettled issue, both conceptually and methodologically. Since poverty is a process as well as an outcome; many come out of it while others may be falling into it. The net effect of these two parallel processes is a proportion commonly identified as the 'head count ratio', but these ratios hide the fundamental dynamism that characterises poverty in practice. The most recent poverty reestimates by an expert group has also missed the crucial dynamism. In a study conducted on 13,000 households which represented the entire country in 1993-94 and again on 2004-05, it was found that in the ten-year period 18.2% rural population moved out of poverty whereas another 22.1% fell into it over this period. This net increase of about four percentage points was seen to have a considerable variation across states and regions.

- 4. Which of the following is a **conclusion** which can be drawn from the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) Accurate estimates of number of people living below poverty line in India is possible to be made.
 - (b) Many expert groups in India are not interested to measure poverty objectively.
 - (c) Process of poverty measurement needs to take into account various factors to tackle its dynamic nature.
 - (d) People living below poverty line remain in that position for a very long time.
 - (e) None of these
- 5. Which of the following is an **assumption** which is **implicit** in the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) It may not be possible to have an accurate poverty measurement in India.
 - (b) Level of poverty in India is static over the years.
 - (c) Researchers avoid making conclusions on poverty measurement data in India.
 - (d) Government of India has a mechanism to measure level of poverty effectively and accurately.
 - (e) None of these
- 6. Which of the following is an **inference** which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?
 - (a) Poverty measurement tools in India are outdated.
 - (b) Increase in number of persons falling into poverty varies considerably across the country over a period of time.
 - (c) Government of India has stopped measuring poverty related studies.
 - (d) People living in rural areas are more susceptible to fall into poverty over the time
 - (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 7-10): Read the following information and the sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) given below it carefully and answer the questions which follow:

(SBI PO 2011)

A host of foreign companies are in talks with the Indian government for selling B 150, a tough, short-haul plane ideal for connectivity of smaller towns which is lacking in India at present.

- (A) B 150 planes have not only low operating costs than competing planes like Cezana but also a much better track record in terms of safety and efficiency.
- (B) The profit margin of road transport operators in the smaller towns connected by B 150 planes has been reduced substantially as a majority of people prefer air transport over other means of transport.
- (C) Smaller towns, at present, are better connected by roads and railways as compared to flight services.
- (D) B 150 planes are capable of operating in sectors where large airlines cannot fly due to challenging conditions such as mist, short runways, etc. Such planes can also double up as cargo planes and charter flights for the rich and the elite.
- (E) B 150 planes need to operate in the existing airports which are situated in bigger cities only and are poorly connected to the smaller cities.
- 7. Which of the statements (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) can be inferred from the facts/information given in the statement? (An inference is something which is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given facts.)
 - (a) Only A
- (b) Only B

- (C) Supermarkets help the smaller brands to break into newer markets without investing substantially in distribution.
- (D) Supermarkets charge the smaller brands 10% higher than the amount charged to the bigger brands.
- (E) Being outnumbered by the bigger brands, visibility of the smaller brands at local grocery stores is much lower as compared to the supermarkets.
- (F) Smaller brands are currently making substantial losses in their businesses.
- 11. Which of the statements numbered (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) can be assumed from the facts/ information given in the statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)
 - (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only(B)
- (c) Both (B) and (C)
- (d) Both (D) and (E)
- (e) Only (F)
- 12. Which of the statements numbered (A), (B), (C), (E) and (F) represents a disadvantage of the small grocery stores over the Supermarkets from the perspective of a smaller brand?
 - (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (C)
- (c) Only (E)
- (d) Only (F)
- (e) Both (B) and (C)
- 13. Which of the statements (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) mentioned above represents a reason for the shift from local grocery stores to supermarkets by the smaller brands?
 - (a) Only(A)
- (b) Only(B)
- (c) Only(D)
- (d) Both (A) and (D)
- (e) Both (C) and (E)
- 14. Which of the statements numbered (A), (B), (C), (E) and (F) mentioned above would prove that the step taken by the

- (d) A famous toothpaste brand used to add a new ingredient with the existing one time to time without changing its packaging so that it remains popular among people.
- (e) All are similar types of marketing.
- 61. **Statement-** A car company 'Aristo' was famous car manufacturing company 7 years ago but company's production has been declining from past 5 years. So, after all these mis happenings the company is forced to shut down now.

Which of the following could be the most possible reason for the above-mentioned statement?

(IBPS PO Mains 2018)

- (a) The company did not have enough funds to buy raw material which was required for the product.
- (b) The employees of the company are not satisfied in their job.
- (c) The machinery was too old and was not in proper working condition.
- (d) The demand of the product has been declining from past 5 years.
- (e) The rival company's car are fully automatic and is composed with all new features.
- 62. **Statement-** As the festive season is round the corner, the country is on high alert due to rise in the level of pollution. So, Government has given the orders to use green crackers in place of conventional crackers just few days before Diwali. These green crackers are environment friendly and cost effective fire-crackers and produces 20-30% less pollution over conventional one.

Which of the following is incorrect with respect to the given statement?

- (I) Fire crackers release pollutant which in turn mixed with air and cause pollution.
- (II) In festive season the level of pollution gets increased.
- (III) The government is taking various steps to decline the level of pollution.
- (IV) The green fire crackers are quite expensive, so the shopkeepers will have to bear loss.

(IBPS PO Mains 2018)

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and IV
- (d) only IV
- (e) only III
- 63. Statement- There is a company in which there are three different groups of employees in which each of the employee gets salary in three different ways. In the first group, each employee gets complete salary in an envelope. In second group, each of the employee gets salary in two equal parts in two envelops. In third group, each employee gets salary in an envelop having their child's name on it. All the employees of third group spend least among all and employees of second group spend less than the first one.

What may be the thought process of the company behind this step?

- (I) It is a policy of the company as the employees are categorized in three groups based on their performance.
- (II) It is human psychology as those who get salary in two parts spend less. Because they would think before spending the second envelop. And third group spend least as it contained their child's name which itself has some emotional quotient. So, it will promote the saving habits among employees.
- (III) Company divided the employees in three groups according to their saving habits as those who are in second group are more saving oriented as compared to the first one.

What could be the reason behind the less spending of second group as compared to the first one?

(IBPS PO Mains 2018)

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and III
- (d) only II
- (e) only III
- 54. Delhi metro commuters may face tough time from Saturday as Metro's 9,000-odd non-executive employees have threatened to go on a strike from June 30 after little headway during talks between the management and the workers. The non-executive workforce including train operators, station controllers, technicians, operations staff, maintenance staff, have been protesting since June 19 at various depots and control rooms of the Delhi Metro for revision of salaries and other issues.

The workforce play a critical role in running the Metro network and the strike may totally cripple the services. Last year too, Metro services had come to the brink of a shutdown when the non-executive staff had threatened to go on strike on similar demands. The crisis was, however, averted at the last moment after the DMRC management and staff council came to an agreement following a series of meetings. The employees are demanding pay hike, payment of arrears, right to form a union and fixed guidelines for sacking an employee only in extreme conditions. (IBPS PO Mains 2018)

- (a) Both Bold statement and Underlined statement are cause and Italic is the effect
- (b) Bold statement is the effect while Italic statement is cause
- (c) Underlined statement is effect while Bold statement is cause
- (d) Italic Statement is effect while Underlined statement is cause.
- (e) Both Bold statement and Underlined statement are effect while Italic is cause
- 65. Disaster management systems can safeguard India's heritage from climate changes. India is a signatory to the 2015 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which recognizes that the State has the primary role in reducing disaster risk, terrorism related issues and identifies heritage as a priority area.

Which of the following negates the given statement?

- (I) The authority's report also has detailed guidelines for museums on the systems that need to be put in place to tackle different kinds of threats.
- (II) The first-of-its-kind analysis by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) of the threats shows that India's museums face lists terrorism; climaterelated events such as floods, earthquakes and tsunamis; and vandalism.
- (III) Climate-related issues such as floods, earthquakes are not a matter of concern for Indian Heritage.

(SBI PO Mains 2018)

(a) Only (III)

(b) Only(II)

(c) Only(I)

(d) Both (II) and (III)

(e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 66-67): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

(IBPS Clerk Main 2019)

The principal of The Nirmal school organized extra classes for week students of V class and the concerned teachers are getting paid extra amount for the classes. But the average salary of teachers more or less remains the same.

- 66. Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?
 - The students of class V of Indian school will score more marks than students of The Nirmal school.
 - (II) Students of class V are not serious about exams.
 - (III) Extra classes arranged by the principal for students of class V will help the students to score well in exams.
 - (a) Both I and II
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Only III
- (e) None of these
- 67. What can be the reason behind the average of the salary remain same of teachers?
 - Student of class V attend the extra class two or three days in a week although the teachers provide the class regularly.
 - II. Teachers started taking more holidays after the commencement of the extra classes.
 - III. Teachers are already working overtime for checking and preparing homework for students on daily basis.
 - (a) Both I and II

(b) Both II and III

(c) Only II

(d) Only III

(e) None of these

DIRECTION (Q. 68): The Rock Mile company is the third largest producer of steel with 1.5 lakh employees.

The company is going to start a new unit by hiring 35% of its current employees. After its commencement the company will become the largest steel producer with 32.5 billion turnover.

(IBPS Clerk Main 2019)

68. Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- The app. turnover of new unit of Rock Mile company will be 1.5 million.
- II. The company is required to hire 52000 employees.
- III. With 52500 new employees of the new unit, the company will be able to reach the 32.5 million turnover.
- V. The turnover of the Rock Mile company is now below 32.5 million
- (a) Both I and II

(b) Both II and III

(c) Only IV

(d) Only III

(e) Both III and IV

69. Study the paragraph given below and answer the question that follows. (IBPS PO Main-2019)

It is perhaps no surprise that political parties are deeply divided over the idea of holding simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies. During consultations initiated by the Law Commission of India, nine parties opposed it, arguing that it went against the constitutional fabric and that it would be impractical. Four parties backed the concept.

Which of the following strengthens the case for simultaneous elections?

- I. A simultaneous poll, particularly in this era where news is easily and widely disseminated, will privilege national issues over regional ones even if, arguably, the reverse may happen too.
- II. Assemblies can be bunched into two categories based on whether their terms end close to the 2019 or the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and then elections could be held for one group in 2019, and for another in 2024 so that subsequent elections could be synchronised.
- III. Election expenditure will be drastically cut and ruling dispensations will be able to focus on legislation and governance rather than having to be in campaign mode forever.

(a) Only II

(b) Only III

(c) Only I and II

(d) Only II and III

(e) All of the above

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 70-71): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(IBPS PO Main-2019)

The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was passed. Women working in the organised sector will now be entitled to paid maternity leave of 26 weeks, up from 12 weeks. The Bill also provides for maternity leave of 12 weeks to mothers adopting a child below the age of three months as well as to commissioning mothers (defined as a biological mother) who uses her egg to have a surrogate child. In such cases, 12-week period of maternity leave will be calculated from the date the child is handed over to the adoptive or commissioning mother.

- 70. Which of the following can be hypothesized from the Maternity Benefit Bill?
 - (I) Amendment to maternity bill will fortify to surrogacy.
 - (II) Commissioning mother will demand for 26 weeks leave same as normal mothers will get.
 - (III) Mothers will prefer to adopt a baby which is less than 3 months to other older babies.

- (a) Only III
- (b) All of the above
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only I
- (e) None of these
- 71. Which of the following abrogate the contribution of surrogate mother?
 - (I) Generally surrogate mother demands a heavy amount for surrogacy.
 - (II) Surrogate mother gives a chance to fill the gap of happiness for commissioning couple.
 - (III) Society shows disrespect towards surrogate mother.
 - (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 72-76): Below are given a passages followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and then decide upon its degree of truth and falsity.

(SBI PO Main-2019)

The country has taken a major initiative by introducing convertibility of the Rupee on the current account. It has also been declared that the ultimate goal is to make the Rupee fully convertible. These are signs of the country's achieving economic maturity. India is now ready to welcome foreign capital. It is preparing to reduce import tariffs to levels which are currently the norm in other developing countries. All these measures show that India is today mature and strong enough to face international competition and to integrate itself successfully with the global economy. The country is ready to shed its ideological inhibitions and ready to evaluate the international economic environment in a pragmatic spirit.

- 72. Convertibility has not been introduced on the capital account.
 - (a) If the inference is definitely true.
 - (b) If the inference is probably true.
 - (c) If the data is inadequate.
 - (d) If the inference is probably false.
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false.
- 73. Current account convertibility means full convertibility.
 - (a) If the inference is definitely true.
 - (b) If the inference is probably true.
 - (c) If the data is inadequate.
 - (d) If the inference is probably false.
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false.
- An economically immature country does not have any convertibility of currency.
 - (a) If the inference is definitely true.
 - (b) I54grf the inference is probably true.
 - (c) If the data is inadequate.
 - (d) If the inference is probably false.
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false.
- 75. Import tariffs in India are lower than those in other developing countries.
 - (a) If the inference is definitely true.
 - (b) If the inference is probably true.
 - (c) If the data is inadequate.
 - (d) If the inference is probably false.
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false.

- 76. Socialistic ideals prevented India from evaluating the international economic environment in a pragmatic spirit.
 - (a) If the inference is definitely true.
 - (b) If the inference is probably true.
 - (c) If the data is inadequate.
 - (d) If the inference is probably false.
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false.

DIRECTION (Qs. 77): Study the following information and answer the given questions.

(IBPS RRB PO Main-2019)

Releasing the 'Road Accidents in India - 2019' report, the Road Transport and Highways Minister said more than 400 people lost their lives daily on roads in road accidents at night.

- 77. Which of the following could be the appropriate cause of the death in road accidents at night?
 - (a) Increase in population lead to more number of accidents.
 - (b) Many people prefer to travel in night rather than in day.
 - (c) Lack of proper lightning arrangement and undignified installation of traffic signals at many places.
 - (d) Traffic rules are stricter in day-time to avoid traffic congestion problem.
 - (e) Traffic violation is not a punishable offence in India.
- 78. Prompted by a proposal to convert a shipyard into a complex of condominiums with a full-service marina and boat repair centre and by concern about the proposal from local residents, baymen, and environmentalists, the town is considering a one-year building moratorium for the waterfront area. (IBPS Clerk Main-2020)

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken opposition to the complex?

- (a) Condominiums would sell for \$350,000 each.
- (b) There is large demand for boat repair services.
- (c) A growing population results in the closure of shellfish.
- (d) There are already 1200 moorings on the waterfront.
- (e) The shipyard may be sold for another commercial use. Before the arrival of Joe, a new partner, sales output in Bill's company, Midas in Revere Ltd., had been rising by 10% per year on average. Innovations by Joe included computerization of technical processes and reductions in the work force, but annual sales output has only risen by 5% per year. It appears that Joe's innovations have caused the reduction in the annual growth rate.

(IBPS Clerk Main-2020)

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusions above?

- (a) The investment in new machinery entails a provision for depreciation of the cost of the fixed assets, which causes a reduction in profit.
- (b) Midas in Reverse Ltd. Does not base increase in the selling price of its products with costs.
- (c) Joe's innovations were intended as long-term investment and not made for short-term profit growth.
- (d) General demand for the product manufactured by the company has declined.
- (e) Workers laid off by Midas in Reverse Ltd. have been hired by a competitor who is taking an increasing share of the market.

Answers & Explanations

- 1. (a) Consider the following line of the passage:
 - "Mounting subventions for subsidies means diversion of savings by the government from investment of consumption, raising the coast of Capital in the process".
- 2. (d) Consider the following lines of the passage:
 - "The government must cut expenditure on subsidies to create more fiscal space for investments in both physical and social infrastructure".
- 3. (c) The government must reduce expenditure on subsidies so that to create more infrastructural facilities otherwise present level of subsidy cannot continue for a long time.
- 4. (c) According to passage, the most recent poverty restumates by an expert group has missed the crucial dynamism so we can conclude procers of poverty measurement needs to take into account various factors to tackle its dynamic nature.
- 5. (a) As per passage, the net increase of about percentage points was seen to have a considerable variation across states and regions so it is obvious that it may not be possible to have an accurate poverty measurement in India.
- 6. (b) From the facts and data given in passage, we can make inference that increase in number of persons falling into poverty varies considerably across the country over a period of time.
- 7. (c) Even (C) can be inferred only probably.
- 8. (e) If the infrastructure does not exist, the deal will be a wastage of money.
- 9. (b) Getting connected by air is bound to have an impact on road traffic.
- 10. (d) Takes care of the compatibility factor and (A) states the advantage over other competing planes.
- 11. (e) The statement clearly implies that smaller brands are currently making substantial losses in their businesses.

 Consider the term "troubled waters".
- 12. (b) Statement (C) represents a dlisadvantage of the small grocery stores over the Supermarkets from the perspective of a smaller brand. Small grocery stores do not help in distribution of any brand.
- 13. (c) Statement (D) represents a reason for the shift from local grocery stores of supermarkets by the smaller brands.
- 14. (a) Statement (A) will prove that step taken by the smaller brands may not necessarily be correct.
- 15. (c) Process of poverty measurement needs to take into account various factors to tackle its dynamic nature.

- 16. (a) It may not be possible to have an accurate poverty measurement in India.
- 17. (b) Increase in number of persons falling into poverty varies considerably across the country over a period of time.
- 18. (e) In online shopping the customer may be deceived as he cannot touch the product he is paying for.
- (d) The customer whose view is presented has shopped at retail stores as well as online.

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A supports the given information as Mobile phones can aid in cheating so it has been banned in the examination hall.

B is an immediate course of action the invigilator should take as the 3 students have violated the rule. It does not matter whether they were using their mobile to cheat at that time or not.

C is a reason because of which students would not like to leave their mobile in their bag outside classroom.

D is again a reason as C.

E can be a possible course of action for student's worry of their mobile being stolen while they are in the examination hall.

F is statement which supports the rule.

- 20. (c) Clearly C & D as stated above.
- 21. (d) Clearly A as mobiles used as cheating.
- 22. (a) B among the given statements is the only course of action for the invigilator.
- 23. (b) Option (b) strengthens the statement.
- 24. (a) Obviously option (a) can be inferred from the given information.
- 25. (e) From the given information we cannot infer option (e)
- 26. (a) Obviously option (a) is correct.
- 27. (a) In the light of the passage only assumption A is implicit. Hence option (a) is the correct option.
- 28. (d) Assumption (d) weakens the argument.
- 29. (c) Clearly assumption (c) is in support of the argument given in the passage.
- 30. (a) At least some people who visits the park have pets.
- 31. (c) Increase in material and labour cost is the main reason for slump in the real estate business which has affected net margin severly and higher interest rates have affected cost of funds adversly.
- 32. (a) The middle classes expect from the government more accountability, responsibility and effectiveness in policy implementation so that country as a whole may progress more and more.

- 33. (d)
- 34. (b) Only statement II can be inferred from the given statement because proper resources like good equipment and good teachers would ensure proper results in imparting education.
- 35. (c) Statement III best support the premise because job satisfaction and performance of an individual are directly related with growth.
- 36. (c) Statement (B), (E) and (F) are the possible consequences because common admission test would save the money and time of the aspirants. Institutes have to consider multiple factors for allotment of seats so statement (F) is also correct.
- 37. (a) Clearly statement (A) and (B) can be the probable cause of the decision because common admission test is the most suitable method for selection process.
- 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (c)
- 41. (e) Statement (e) weakens the argument in the passage because heavy compromise on quality and standards of their back office jobs. contradicts the argument.
- 42. (c) Outsourcing from the West would sender thousands of Indians unemployed.
- 43. (c) Statement (c) can be easily inferred from the facts given is passage.
- 44. (e) The performance of the individual has to be tested over a span of time as the statement mentions. So, I is implicit. The statement mentions that the individual's worth shall be reviewed (during probation period) before confirmation. So, II is also implicit.
- 45. (a) Since the statement talks of putting the child in school at the age of 5, it means that the child is mentally prepared for the same at this age. So, I is implicit. But nothing about admission after 6 years of age is mentioned in the statement. So, II is not implicit.
- 46. (b) Assumption I goes against the statement. So, it is not implicit. The allowance will serve as a reward to the employees and shall provoke them to come on time. So, II is implicit.
- 47. (a) I directly follows from the statement and so is implicit.

 Also, the statement is a suggestion and does not tell about a government policy or its position of funds.

 So, II is not implicit.
- 48. (c) Only option (c) This can be hypothesized from the given statement as it is mentioned in the given statement that youngsters spend most of their time on mobile phones.
- 49. (d) Only option (d) can be assumed from the given statement as it is mentioned in the given statement that Protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes during travelling. so it can be assumed that there are more chances to get infected from mosquitoes while travelling.

- 50. (b) Option (b) It will be the best suited option as it is necessary to change the thinking of people but most important thing is to make dowry system as illegal and make it as punishable offence.
- 51. (a) Option II-This statement is not in line with the given statement as it states about Narendra Modi's visit to Sri lanka whereas the given statement describes Modi's first meeting with Trump.
- 52. (c) 53. (e) 54. (c) 55. (d) 56. (b)
- 57. (c) Statement (i) and (ii) states a fact that supports this buying frenzy being carried out by aviation companies. Whereas (iii) clearly mentions that lack of infrastructure will be a major challenge that aviation companies might have to face in future.
- 58. (e) (i) states a fact that this test will determine the future career of the students and thus have a significant importance for them. The fact that parents are spending a lot of money to ensure the comfort of their children and the students spending money on supplements signifies the importance of this test, So (ii) and (iii) substantiates the statement.
- 59. (a) (i) "However a new study" implies that there might have been some studies regarding this in the past and "proven to be healthy". So, (i) is definitely true. (ii) cannot be deduced as smoking is not mentioned in the statement. (iii) is vague and not in context with the statement.
- 60. (e) All the given statements are the examples of Promos Marketing as all examples clearly support the fact that people prefer those products they are more familiar with as they built a trust in it so they used to buy it again.
- 61. (d) For (a), Raw material plays an important role in production of a product and adequate funds are also required for it but there are alternatives available for it such as loans to fulfill the requirement so (a) is not the most possible reason. Employee satisfaction and proper machinery plays a vital role in growth of the company but again both of these can be replaced or modified. So, (b) and (c) do not follow. Statement (e) is vague. So, the most possible reason is (d) as the demand has been declined from past 5 years hence the production also declined.
- 62. (d) Only IV, is incorrect as it is mentioned in above statement that green crackers are cost effective whereas the (IV) statement states that green fire crackers are quite expensive.
- 63. (d) Statement (II) is true as the psychological and emotional quotient of human beings can only be the reason of less spending of second group as compared to the first one.
- 64. (b) The statement which is bold is the effect and the one which is italic is cause. As the demands of the employees of Delhi metro is the cause and the strike is the effect.

65. (a) For I- This statement supports the given statement as it describes that the authority's report also has detailed guidelines for museums to tackle different kinds of threats as given in the statement that Disaster management systems can safeguard India's heritage.

For II- This statement supports the given statement as it describes that analysis of NDMA shows that India's museums face lists terrorism and climaterelated events which is also mentioned in the given statement.

For III- This statement does not support or negates the given statement as it describes that Climaterelated issues are not a matter of concern for Indian Heritage whereas the given statement states that India's Disaster management systems can safeguard its' heritage from climate changes.

- 66. (d) Only Statement III is assumed from the given statement. As from given statement it can be assumed that the extra class will help the students to score well.
- 67. (b) Both II and III can be the reason for the average salary remain same.
- 68. (e) Both III and IV can be inferred from the given statement as it is clear that the turnover is below 32.5 million currently and 35% of 1.5 lakh i.e. 52500 newly hired employee in new unit the turnover will reach to 32.5 million.
- 69. (b) Statement I is incorrect as this weakens the argument for simultaneous elections.

Statement II is incorrect as it does not impact the argument and is merely a suggestion.

Statement III is correct as it shows the advantages of simultaneous elections and thus strengthens the argument.

Hence, option (b) is correct.

Sol. (70-71):

70. (d) According to maternity benefit leave, leave of 26 weeks is getting. So, the mother who is ready for

surrogacy will not bother about it. And this amendment will support surrogacy. Commissioning mother will not face the delivery process. So, 12 weeks maternity leave is enough and they will not demand for more leaves. Adopting a child of any age is a call from adopting mother and father. For 12 weeks paid leave adopting mother will not kill their feelings, emotion and independencies to adopt child.

- 71. (c) Only I and III nullify the contribution of surrogate mother. Both the statement are talking about are demanding money and disrespect towards the surrogate mother, both these two statements negates the contribution of surrogate mother.
- 72. (a) 73. (e) 74. (b) 75. (e) 76. (b)
- 77. (c)
 - (a) This can't be the reason behind more number of accidents at night as population increase could not lead to more number of accidents during night.
 - (b) This could not be the appropriate reason as preference does not matter too much for the reason of death during night time.
 - (c) This could be the major cause behind more number of accidents at night as improper installation of traffic signal and lightning arrangement is the major reason behind it.
 - (d) This could not be the major cause of the given statement as the traffic rules are same in both day and night time also.
 - (e) This could not be the major cause behind more number of accidents at night as Traffic violation is a punishable offence in India.
- 78. (e) If the shipyard is not covered into the proposed complex, it might be sold for another use, which could be more detrimental to the opposition's interests than the current plan.
- 79. (d) In order to shift the blame for the reduction in the annual rate of growth of sales output away from Joe's new regime, we must find reason for the lack of sales. (d) provides us with this alternative.