

Distinguish between Facts and Opinion**Practice Exercise**

Direction (1 - 5): Three sentences are given below. You have to identify which sentence is a fact and which is Opinion.

1. **I:** Electronic typewriters are now freely permitted for import.
II: Electronic typewriters are now made indigenously
III: Now you do not need an import licence to own an electronic typewriter

Select the answer from the given choices:

- (a) I-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Opinion
- (b) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Fact
- (c) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (d) I-Opinion, II-Opinion, III-Fact
- (e) None of these

2. **I:** Judgements are not according to appearances.
II: Appearance may be deceptive.
III: Everyone makes a judgement.

Select the answer from the given choices:

- (a) I-Fact, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (b) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Fact
- (c) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (d) I-Opinion, II-Opinion, III-Fact
- (e) None of these

3. **I:** Camels are the only cheapest mode of transport available in deserts.
II: In desert camels are indispensable mode of travel.
III: There are plenty of camels in the desert.

Select the answer from the given choices:

- (a) I-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Opinion
- (b) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Fact
- (c) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (d) I-Opinion, II-Opinion, III-Fact
- (e) None of these

4. **I:** In India greater emphasis should be given to agriculture, engineering and technology than on the fundamental and pure sciences.
II: India has made sufficient progress in fundamental and pure sciences.
III: Productive sector of the economy was neglected in the past.

Select the answer from the given choices:

- (a) I-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Opinion
- (b) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Fact
- (c) I-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Fact
- (d) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (e) None of these

5. **I:** Nation 'X' faced growing international opposition for its decision to explode eight nuclear weapons at its test site.
II: Some powerful countries do not want other nations to become as powerful as they are.
III: The citizens of the nation favoured the decision.

Select the answer from the given choices:

- (a) I-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Opinion
- (b) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Fact
- (c) I-Fact, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (d) I-Opinion, II-Fact, III-Opinion
- (e) None of these

Direction (6 - 10): In these questions fact is followed by four opinions. Choose the best appropriate option which supports the fact among them.

6. **Fact:** 'Some college-teachers are not football players.'

Opinions:

- (a) No football player is a college-teacher
- (b) Some college-teachers may be football players.
- (c) Some players may be college-teachers.
- (d) Gary Kasparov, who is a chess player, cannot be a college-teacher.
- (e) None of these

7. **Fact:** 'Most of the students are of outstanding merit.'

Opinions:

- (a) Some of the students are of outstanding merit.
- (b) There are no students who are not of outstanding merit.
- (c) There are some students who are below par.
- (d) All students are of outstanding merit.
- (e) None of these

8. **Fact:** 'Most of the pens in that shop are expensive.'

Opinions:

- (a) There are no cheap pens in that shop.

- (b) Some of the pens in that shop are expensive.
 (c) There are some cheap pens in that shop.
 (d) Camlin pens in that shop are expensive.
 (e) None of these

9. **Fact:** 'If a person is rich, he has a lot of influence.'

Opinions:

- (a) John has a lot of influence, so he is rich.
 (b) If a person is not rich, he does not have a lot of influence.
 (c) Bill Gates is rich, and so he has a lot of influence.
 (d) Poor people cannot have influence.
 (e) None of these

10. **Fact:** 'Many smokers get cancer.'

Opinions:

- (a) Most cancer patients are smokers.
 (b) Smoking may lead to cancer.
 (c) Most smokers get cancer.
 (d) Smoking always leads to cancer.
 (e) None of these

Direction (11 - 14): In these questions a fact is given followed by two opinions. You have to find which opinion follows the given fact. Give your answer as:

- (a) if only opinion I follows
 (b) if only opinion II follows
 (c) if neither opinion I nor II follows
 (d) if both the opinion I and II follow
 (e) None of these

11. **Fact:** Any student who does not behave properly while in the school brings bad name to himself and also to the school.

Opinions:

I. Such a student should be removed from the school.

II. Strict discipline does not improve behaviour of the students.

12. **Fact:** It is possible that the interview panel may select such persons who neither possess essential level of qualifications nor have values or concepts.

Opinions:

I. The inclusion of experts in the interview panel does not ensure that the selection will be suitable.

II. As an instrument for selection, interview has some limitations.

13. **Fact:** State Government has agreed in principle to sanction more number of posts of primary school teachers in rural and urban areas to reduce the teacher-student ratio.

Opinions:

I. Student-teacher ratio in urban areas is higher than that of rural areas.

II. Student-teacher ratio in rural areas is higher than that of urban areas.

14. **Fact:** Big hearted people liberally donate money Duryodhan donated large sum of money. It was Duryodhan who insisted not to give even a single inch of land to the Pandavas which led to the battle of Mahabharata.

Opinions:

I. Duryodhan was a big hearted man.

II. Had Duryodhan been big hearted perhaps the battle of Mahabharata could be avoided.

Answer

1. B	2. A	3. D	4. D	5. C
6. B	7. C	8. C	9. C	10. B
11. B	12. D	13. C	14. B	