

Distinguish between Facts and Opinion

In this chapter, we try to differentiate facts from opinions and also try to find out whether the given opinions follow the fact or not. Some examples are given below to explain how to distinguish between facts and opinion.

➤ **Example 1**

Three sentences are given below. You have to identify which sentence is/are fact/s and which is an opinion.

I: You may not be loyal to the boss but you can give him an apparent sense of loyalty.

II: Loyalty to the boss is considered important.

III: Some people can go to any extent to please their boss.

Select your 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-Fact, II-Opinion, III-Fact

(e) None of these

Ans. (a)

Loyalty to the boss is certainly very important. It increases your chance of promotion. You might not be loyal to him but you can show him loyalty which will be gainful to you. Hence statement I is fact and statements II and III are opinions.

➤ **Example 2**

In the question one fact (statement) followed by two opinions numbered I and II are given. Consider everything in the statement and also both the opinions to be true, then decide which of the two opinions logically follows the given statement.

Give your answer as:

(a) if only opinion I follows

(b) if only opinion II follows

(c) if neither I nor II follows

(d) if both I and II follows

(e) None of these

Fact: He stressed on the need to stop the present examination system and its replacement by other methods which would measure the real merit of the students.

Opinions:

I. Examinations should be abolished.

II. The present examination system does not measure the real merit of the student.

Ans. (b)

➤ **Example 3**

In this question one fact is followed by two opinions.

Fact: Books without knowledge of life are useless.

Opinions:

I: All books contain knowledge of life.

II: People should try to gain the knowledge of life.

- (a) if only opinion I is implicit from the given fact
- (b) if only opinion II is implicit from the given fact
- (c) if neither I nor II is implicit from the given fact
- (d) if either I or II is implicit from the given fact
- (e) None of these

Ans. (c)