

Statement & Assumptions

INTRODUCTION

Assumption are essential part of analytical reasoning. This is the reason why in various competitive examinations, examinees are asked to identify assumptions. Particularly, in examinations to be conducted for the recruitment of probationary officers in banks at least five such questions are surely given. In this chapter, we will see how to identify assumptions. Before we go ahead, we must have a look at a common format of the problem as it will give you a clear idea of the questions to be asked in the examination.

PROBLEM FORMAT (SAMPLE PROBLEM)

Directions: In every question given below a statement (or a passage) is followed by two assumptions number I & II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and then decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Mark answer:

- (1) If only assumption I is implicit.
- (2) If only assumption II is implicit.
- (3) If either assumption I or assumption II is implicit.
- (4) If neither of the assumption is implicit
- (5) If both the assumptions are implicit.

Statement: “A” television — the largest selling name with the largest range” — an advertisement.

Assumptions: I. There is a demand for televisions in the market.
II. ‘A’ television is the only one with wide variations.

The given statement in the problem format is an advertisement. This is the one form of statement. But the statement may be in different forms like it can be in the form of a passage; in the form of a single line; in the form of a notice; in the form of an appeal; in any other different forms.

WHAT DOES AN ASSUMPTION MEAN?

In the chapter “Argumentation: Basics of analytical reasoning,” it has all ready made clear that assumption is the hidden part of an argument. It does mean that an assumption is something which is assumed, supposed and taken for granted. In fact, when a person says something, he does not put everything into words and leaves some part unsaid as why does he ? so?

He does so because he takes this unsaid part for granted. In other words he thinks this unsaid part will be understood without saying and hence there is no need to put this (unsaid part) into

words. It does mean this unsaid part is hidden in the given statement and this hidden part is called assumption. Let us understand it another way. Just remember your childhood days when you were used to solve the given arithmetic problem without leaving any single step. But what you do today? Today your approach is totally different. Today you leave easier steps as you assume that the person who see your solution, is very much aware of these elementary operations. Therefore, this is an example of assumption. Suppose, we have given the following arithmetical problem:-

$$\frac{24}{8} + 5 + 9 \times 2 + 4 = ?$$

Childhood Approach (Case I)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{24}{8} + 5 + 9 \times 2 + 4 & \text{———— step I} \\ = 3 + 5 + 18 + 4 & \text{———— step II} \\ = (3 + 5) + (18 + 4) & \text{———— step III} \\ = 8 + 22 & \text{———— step IV} \\ = 30 & \text{———— step V} \end{aligned}$$

Today’s Approach (Case II)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{24}{8} + 5 + 9 \times 2 + 4 & \text{———— step I} \\ = 30 & \text{———— step II} \end{aligned}$$

What did you notice in the above two cases? In case I, there are five steps and in case II, there are only two steps. It does mean, in case II, three steps of case I (step II, step III & step IV) have been left. Hence, in case II these steps of case I (step II, step III & step IV) are hidden and thus come under the category of assumptions.

To get the concept of assumption more clearly just suppose a thrilling one day international cricket match is going on between India and Australia. The Australian team has scored 300 runs but while chasing the score India has made 280 runs in 48 overs and now, the situation is India has to score 21 runs to win the match in remaining two overs. As Yuvraj Singh is batting, you say your friend - “No need to worry as Yuvraj is a big hitter. India will win the match”. What you find in this statement. In fact this statement has two parts:-

- (i) No need to worry as Yuvraj is a big hitter.
- (ii) India will win the match.

Now, this is the time to think over these two parts. How do you relate them? Obviously, by assuming that a big hitter may score

21 runs in remaining two overs. Therefore, this is another example of assumption. The above statement can be written in three parts as follows:-

- (i) No need to worry as Yuvraj is a big hitter.
- (ii) A big hitter may score 21 runs in 2 overs (Hidden part/ Assumption)
- (iii) So, India will win the match.

Let's get more ideas about assumption with some simple examples given below:-

EXAMPLE 1.

Statement: Of all the mobile sets manufactured in India M brand has the largest sale.

Assumption: The sale of all the mobile sets manufactured in India is known.

Comment: The given assumption is valid. Here the statement makes a claim that of all the mobile sets manufactured in India, M brand has the largest sale. In fact, without knowing sale figures of all mobile brands manufactured in India, No such claim about M brand could be made. Hence, it must have been implicitly assumed in the given statement that sale figure of all brands is known.

EXAMPLE 2.

Statement: Tendulkar is in great form and therefore, India is going to beat Australia in upcoming test series.

Assumption: I. Tendulkar will give a good performance in upcoming series against Australia.
II. Tendulkar will score a triple century in the upcoming series against Australia.

Comment: Assumption I is valid as the statement says that Tendulkar is in great form and therefore, India is going to beat Australia in the upcoming test series. It does mean that it is assumed in the statement that Tendulkar will perform well in the upcoming test series against Australia and on the basis of that good performance India will beat Australia. But II is invalid because if Tendulkar is in great form, that does not mean he will surely hit a triple century. He may or may not do so. Hence, assumption II is not hidden in the statement.

EXAMPLE 3.

Statement: The next meeting of the governing body of the society X will be held after one year.

Assumption: Institute X will remain in function after one year.

Comment: The given assumption is valid as we know that the common practice is to hold meetings of only those bodies that are functional. Hence, if in the given statement, it is said that the next meeting of the governing body of the society X will be held after one year, it does mean that the announcer must be assuming that the society will remain functional after one year.

EXAMPLE 4.

Statement: The student is too clever to fail in the examination.

Assumption: Very clever students do not fail in the examination.

Comment: This is a valid assumption. As per the given statement the student will not fail (This is an effect) as he/she is very clever (This is a cause). Clearly, it has been assumed in the statement that very clever students do not fail.

HOW DOES A SINGLE WORD OR PHRASE MAKE DIFFERENCE?

A. Definitive Words Cases:

Just consider the words like 'all', 'only', 'best', 'strongest', 'certainly', 'definitely', etc. These are some words that put a greater degree of emphasis or more weight on the sentence than some others. In fact, these words impart a kind of exclusiveness to the sentence and thereby reduce the scope/range of the sentence. In fact, some kind of certainty are associated with all these words. Let us consider the following examples:-

EXAMPLE 5.

Statement: The crisis of onion has worsened and the government should make every effort to boost import of onion.

Assumption:

- I. Import are the best solution to avert the onion crisis.
- II. Import are a reasonably good solution to the onion crisis.
- III. Import are the only solution to overcome the onion crisis.
- IV. The onion crisis will definitely be averted by boosting import of onion.
- V. The onion crisis will probably be averted by boosting import of onion.

Comment: In the above mentioned example, the assumption II and V are valid. But I, III and IV are not valid. The reason is that there is use of definitive words (best, only and definitely) in case of I, III and IV. The given statement mentions a fact that crisis of onion has worsened and then makes a suggestion that imports of onion should be boosted. In fact the statement assumes that import should help to overcome onion crisis or that import is a good/reasonably good solution to the onion crisis. But, there is no any hint that import is the only solution/best solution/ a definitely effective solution.

Therefore, the example given above illustrates how a definitive word may give a different 'tone' to a sentence.

B. Cases of Conjunctions:

The words like 'because', 'therefore', 'in spite of', 'despite', 'so', 'after', 'even', 'although' 'as', 'as a result of' are some significant conjunctions. When a statement has two clauses and the clauses are connected by a conjunction, then the nature of conjunction helps in detecting the assumption that the author suggests in his statement. Suppose 'x' is one clause of a sentence that mention an event (or fact/suggestion) and 'y' is the another clause of the same sentence which mentions another event (or fact/suggestion), that depending upon the conjunction. We can conclude the following assumption.

- (i) x (because / as a result of) $y \Rightarrow$ It is assumed that 'y' leads to x.

EXAMPLE 6.

Statement: You will find improvement in your English after taking classes in institute M.

Valid Assumption: An institute may help in improving English.

- (ii) x (therefore/hence) $y \Rightarrow$ It is assumed that 'x' leads to 'y'.

EXAMPLE 7.

Statement: The Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar has become the 1st man to score 50th test century, therefore all Indians must be feeling very proud on his achievement.

Valid Assumption: An achievement by a fellow countryman makes other citizens proud.

- (iii) x (even after / despite / in spite of) $y \Rightarrow$ It is assumed that usually x does not occurs when y occurs.

EXAMPLE 8.

Statement: There was a theft in the city mall last night inspite of the maximum security arrangement made by the police.

Valid Assumption: Maximum security arrangement is usually sufficient to prevent theft.

- (iv) Not 'x' (even after / in spite of / despite) 'y' \Rightarrow It is assumed that usually x occurs when y does.

EXAMPLE 9.

Statement: There was no out break of any epidemic even after the continuous deposition of rain water for six days.

Valid Assumption: Deposition of rain water usually leads to epidemic.

C. Cases of Connotive Phrases:

Sometimes words used by the author is slightly indirect or unconventional. This is the reason you may miss the thing

what author want to say. Such indirect or unconventional words are called connotative or connotive phrases. For example "It is true that" can be put / written as.

- (i) It can be claimed with reasonable degree of truth that...
(ii) It would be correct to say that...
(iii) Even the most sceptic of men would agree that....

Similarly, "It is false" is put / written by the author as

- (i) It is baseless to say that ...
(ii) It would be highly misleading to say that....
(iii) Nothing could be farther from truth than...

Note:

These days, the role of connotative phrases is very limited in the questions asked because they are given so that they do not escape your eyes whenever one come across them.

Condition for Invalidity of Assumptions

(a) Restatement

If the given assumption is a restatement of the given statement, then the given statement will be invalid. In fact, in such case, same thing is put in different words.

EXAMPLE 10.

Statement: Of all the computer brands manufactured in India, brand M has the largest sale.

Invalid Assumption: No other brand of computer has as high a sale as brand M.

- (b) **Long-drawn Conclusion:** If an assumption makes too far fetched logic or long drawn conclusion, then it will be considered as invalid assumption.

Shortcut Approach	
Assumption will be implicit if	Assumption will not be implicit if
• it is in context of passage	• not in context of statement or passage
• it is not directly mentioned	• it is directly mentioned in the statement
• it is a mandatory factor condition for the statement to be correct.	• it is not an accepted fact or cannot be truly inferred
	• there is use of definitive words
Note : The assumption must follow all the above rules for it to be implicit.	• it is a restatement or a long-drawn conclusion or negative rephrasing or a converted syllogism form.

EXERCISE

Directions (Qs.1-80): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement. Give answer

- (a) if only assumption I is implicit.
 - (b) if only assumption II is implicit.
 - (c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.
 - (d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.
 - (e) if both the assumptions I and II are implicit.
1. **Statement:** The Union Government has decided to withdraw existing tax relief on various small savings schemes in a phased manner to augment its tax collection.
Assumptions:
I People may still continue to keep money in small savings schemes and also pay taxes.
II The total tax collection may increase substantially.
 2. **Statement:** The Government has decided to levy 2 per cent surcharge on the tax amount payable for funding drought relief programmes.
Assumptions:
I The Government does not have sufficient money to fund drought relief programmes.
II The amount collected by way of surcharge may be adequate to fund these drought relief programmes.
 3. **Statement:** The 'X' Housing Finance Company has offered its services to search a suitable home at no extra cost for those who avail housing loan from it.
Assumptions:
I The customers may prefer to take housing loan from 'X' Housing Finance Company as they can save a lot of their time and money spent in searching a suitable home.
II No other Housing Finance Company has offered any such extra services along with housing loan.
 4. **Statement:** World Health Organisation has decided to double its assistance to various health programmes in India as per capita expenditure on health in India is very low compared to many other countries.
Assumptions:
I The enhanced assistance may substantially increase the per capita expenditure on health in India and bring it on par with other countries.
II The Government funding is less than adequate to provide basic medical facilities in India.
 5. **Statement:** The managing committee of Galaxy Housing Society has requested all its members to segregate the biodegradable garbage and put them in different containers.
Assumptions:
I Other housing societies may follow the same practice as this will help conserve environment equilibrium.
II The members of Galaxy Housing Society may respond positively to the request made by the managing committee.

6. **Statement:** The Government should engage the army for the rapid rehabilitation of people affected by the cyclone.
Assumptions:
I Only the army can rehabilitate the people affected by the cyclone quickly.
II The Army can take up works other than war also.
7. **Statement:** His recent investment in the shares of Company 'A' is only a gamble.
Assumptions:
I He may incur loss on his investment
II He may gain from his investment.
8. **Statement:** Government should deploy the Army at least this year for the rehabilitation of people affected by cyclone because cyclone visits suddenly.
Assumptions:
I The Army should be deployed for all such sudden incidents.
II Some precautionary plan is being made to prevent destruction caused by cyclone.
9. **Statement:** It is not true always that the adoption of latest technology ensures increased productivity and capacity.
Assumptions:
I It is possible to prove that increased productivity and capacity are due to adoption of latest technology.
II The productivity and capacity can be increased by discarding latest technology.
10. **Statement:** If you could not collect the required amount by oral call you must publish an advertisement in a widely read newspaper.
Assumptions:
I People rarely respond to oral call.
II Generally people are reluctant to read an advertisement in a newspaper.
11. **Statement:** The regulatory authority has set up a review committee to find out the reasons for unstable stock prices.
Assumptions:
I The investors may regain confidence in stock market by this decision.
II The review committee has the expertise to find out the causes for volatility in the stock market.
12. **Statement:** "Get rid of your past for future, get our new-generation fridge at a discount in exchange of old."—An advertisement
Assumptions:
I The sales of the new fridge may increase in the coming months.
II People prefer to exchange future with past.
13. **Statement:** The multinational fast food chains are opening up a large number of Plus Coffee Shops with piped modern music in different cities of India and these are serving various snacks with coffee.

- Assumptions:**
- I A large number of persons may become regular customers of these coffee shops.
 - II The people will like to enjoy the comfortable environment while drinking coffee with snacks.
14. **Statement:** Railway officials have started ten new trains and increased the frequency of fourteen running trains.
- Assumptions:**
- I The existing trains are not sufficient to provide accommodation to all passengers.
 - II The new and additional trains would have sufficient passengers so that they will be economically viable.
15. **Statement:** The Government has decided to overhaul the structure of school fee by linking the school fee with the incomes of parents.
- Assumptions:**
- I Parents will furnish correct information about their incomes to schools.
 - II Parents will agree to pay the fee after the overhauling of the fee structure.
16. **Statement:** The government has decided to hold the employers responsible for deducting tax at source for all its employees.
- Assumptions:**
- I The employers may still not arrange to deduct tax at source for its employees.
 - II The employees may not allow the employers to deduct tax at source.
17. **Statement:** The X-Airlines has decided to increase the passenger fare by 15 per cent with immediate effect.
- Assumptions:**
- I The demand for seats of the X-Airlines may remain unchanged even after the hike of fare.
 - II Other airline companies may also hike the passenger fares.
18. **Statement:** "Our bank provides all your banking requirements at one location." — An advertisement of a bank
- Assumptions:**
- I Customers prefer to carry out all banking transactions at one place.
 - II People may get attracted by the advertisement and carry out their transactions with this bank.
19. **Statement:** Bank 'A' has announced reduction of half percentage on the interest rate on retail lending with immediate effect.
- Assumptions:**
- I Other banks may also reduce the retail lending rates to be in competition.
 - II The Bank 'A' may be able to attract more customers for availing retail loans.
20. **Statement:** The 'M' Cooperative Housing Society has put up a notice at its gate that salespersons are not allowed inside the society.
- Assumptions:**
- I All the salespersons will stay away from the 'M' Cooperative Housing Society.
 - II The security guard posted at the gate may be able to stop the salespersons entering the society.
21. **Statement:** 'Country A would explore all channels to diffuse current tensions with country B and bring peace on its borders.' — Statement of spokesperson of country A.
- Assumptions:**
- I Country A is desirous to diffuse current tension and restore peace with country B
 - II It is desirable to use more than one channel when complex issues are to be settled amicably.
22. **Statement:** Two months ago, it was announced that central government pensioners would get dearness relief with immediate effect but till date, banks have not credited the arrears.' — A statement from a Pensioners' Forum.
- Assumptions:**
- I Most of the banks normally take care of the pensioners.
 - II Two months' time is sufficient for the government machinery to move and give effect to pensioners.
23. **Statement:** 'The bridge was built at the cost of ₹ 128 crores and even civil bus service is not utilising it. What a pity to see it grossly underutilised!' — A citizen's view on a new flyover linking east and west sides of a suburb.
- Assumptions:**
- I The building of such bridges does not serve any public objective.
 - II There has to be some accountability and utility of money spent on public projects.
24. **Statement:** 'Use our product to improve memory of your child; it is based on natural herbs and has no harmful side-effects.' — Advertisement of a pharmaceutical company.
- Assumptions:**
- I People generally opt for a medical product which is useful and has no harmful side effects.
 - II Improving memory of child is considered as important by many parents.
25. **Statement:** The traders of State K would observe a statewide bandh as the state has failed to meet their demand to resolve sales tax and other issues.
- Assumptions:**
- I The traders of State K have earlier 'tried other usual procedures to get their problems solved.
 - II State K is not keen to solve the problem of traders.
26. **Statement:** The government has decided to pay compensation to the tune of ₹ 1 lakh to the family members of those who were killed in railway accidents.
- Assumptions:**
- I The government has enough funds to meet the expenses due to compensation.
 - II There may be reduction in incidents of railway accidents in near future.
27. **Statement:** The X-Airlines has temporarily suspended flights to a few destinations for the next four days due to, the strike call given by the Pilots' Association.
- Assumptions:**
- I The airlines may be able to restore all the flights after four days.
 - II The Pilots' Association may withdraw the strike call within four days.

28. **Statement:** The civic authority has appealed to the citizens to cooperate in curbing rampant power theft in the locality.
Assumptions:
I. The local citizens group may respond to the request and form groups of people to detect such cases of power theft.
II. Those who are engaged in stealing power may stop doing so for fear of social castigation.
29. **Statement:** The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of a school has informed the Principal that they will not send their children to the school unless the school authority reduces the fees with immediate effect.
Assumptions:
I. Majority of the parents may agree with the PTA and may not send their wards to the school.
II. The school authority may accede to the demand of the PTA and reduce the fees.
30. **Statement:** 'If you are first class graduate, our organization is the best place for you to work.'—An advertisement.
Assumptions:
I. No other organisation may require first class graduates as they may not get adequate number of applications.
II. First class graduates may get attracted and apply to this organization.
31. **Statement:**
The 'X' group of employees' association have opposed Voluntary Retirement Scheme to the employees of some organisations.
Assumptions:
I. Only those employees who are not efficient may opt for the scheme.
II. The response of the employees may be lukewarm towards the scheme and it may not benefit the organisation to the desired level.
32. **Statement:**
In view of the statement on the on going strike of work by the employees, the government has agreed to work out an effective social security programme.
Assumptions:
I. The striking employees may not be satisfied with the announcement and continue the agitation.
II. The striking employees may withdraw their agitation with immediate effect and start working.
33. **Statement:**
The head of the organisation congratulated the entire staff in his speech for their sincere effort to bring down the deficit and urged them to give their best for attaining a more profitable position in future.
Assumptions:
I. The employees may get motivated and maintain and if possible enhance their present level of work.
II. The employees may now relax and slow down in their day-to-day work as there is no immediate threat of huge deficit.
34. **Statement:**
"Private Property, trespassers will be prosecuted" — A notice on a plot of land.
Assumptions:
I. The passerby may read the notice and may not trespass.
II. The people are scared of prosecution and, therefore, never trespass.
35. **Statement:**
The government has set up a fact-finding mission to look into the possible reasons for the recent violence in the area.
Assumptions:
I. The mission may be able to come up with credible information about the incidents.
II. The people in the area may cooperate with the mission and come forward to give de tailed information related to the incidents.
36. **Statement:**
An advertisement: If you want to follow the footprints of an ideal leader, wear 'X' brand of shoes.
Assumptions:
I. Most people like to become ideal leaders.
II. One can't become ideal leader unless one wears 'X' brand of shoes.
37. **Statement:**
Every citizen must be committed to the social cause; if he is not, his citizenship should be cancelled.
Assumptions:
I. It is possible to find out whether a citizen is committed to the social cause or not.
II. Citizenship of any citizen can be cancelled.
38. **Statement:**
An advertisement: Now you can own a new car in just ₹ 1,999 per month.
Assumption:
I. People do not want to buy used cars.
II. Most people can afford to pay ₹ 1,999 per month for a new car.
39. **Statement:**
Beware of dogs. Our dogs do not bark but they are trained to distinguish between genuine guests and intruders.
Assumptions:
I. Barking dogs rarely bite.
II. Our dogs could be dangerous for intruders.
40. **Statement:**
Without reforming the entire administrative system, we cannot eradicate corruption and prejudice from the society.
Assumptions:
I. The existence of corruption and prejudice is good.
II. There is enough flexibility to change the administrative system.
41. **Statement:** Since the First Five-Year Plan, the Indian policy-makers have acknowledged the services rendered by the voluntary agencies.
Assumptions:
I. Voluntary agencies have been in existence in India even before the First Five-Year Plan.
II. Voluntary agencies have contributed in designing of the First Five-Year-Plan.
42. **Statement:** As a nation we are committed to protect and promote the interests of all those who are socio-economically vulnerable.
Assumptions:
I. It is possible to protect and promote interests of socio-economically weak people.
II. A nation should have certain commitments for its people.

43. **Statement:** 'This book has been written for every one and does not require readers to have any experience in handling computers.' - An author of a book on computers.
Assumptions :
I. It is possible to learn computers with the help of a book only.
II. It is possible to learn to handle computers only after reading the book.
44. **Statement:** Health is the foundation of well-being, virtue, prosperity, wealth, happiness and salvation.
Assumptions :
I. Happiness results in health and well-being.
II. People desire to be happy, prosperous and virtuous.
45. **Statement :** Authorised Indian Edition — illegal for sale or distribution outside India' – A publisher's note on the cover page of a book.
Assumptions :
I. Indian editions may be in demand in nearby countries.
II. It may be possible to sell or distribute this book outside India.
46. **Statement:** Pollution is a slow poison, and therefore social scientists and the media must work together to create sensitivity among people.
Assumptions:
I. Media is well informed and aware about the effects of pollution.
II. Media is likely to influence people to raise their sensitivity towards various problems.
47. **Statement:** In country 'X' a public servant cannot claim immunity from prosecution for any objectionable act committed while performing his official duty.
Assumptions:
I. A public servant is likely to commit an objectionable act while performing his official duty.
II. Every one is equal before law.
48. **Statement:** The entry of multinational companies in India has led to higher efficiency of the Indian companies who are competing with them.
Assumptions:
I. Employees of multinationals may serve as models for Indian company's employees.
II. Competition will reduce many Indian companies to ashes.
49. **Statement:** 'Only candidates having B. Tech., B.E., MBA and MCA with at least one year's exposure to software will be considered for admission to our course' - Admission criterion of a reputed software training institute.
Assumptions:
I. The candidates having requisite background are likely to complete the course successfully.
II. The institute is choosy about admitting candidates to its courses.
50. **Statement:** 'If you would like to have any more information of XYZ credit card, call us between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm 365 days of the year' -An advertisement of 'XYZ credit card company'.
- Assumptions:**
I. Competition produces more friendly customer service.
II. The company values and appreciates the need of the customers.
51. **Statement:** "Learn computer at no cost and make your life more meaningful."—An advertisement
Assumptions:
I. People prefer to join courses without any fees.
II. Knowledge in computer makes life more meaningful.
52. **Statement:** The government has decided to launch food-for-work programme in all the drought-affected areas.
Assumptions:
I. The government has the machinery to implement the food for work programme in all the drought affected areas.
II. There is enough food in stock to implement the programmes successfully.
53. **Statement:** The head of the organisation has decided to reward those employees who will help reducing expenditure substantially by suggesting innovative techniques.
Assumptions:
I. The employees may be able to come out with innovative ideas.
II. The employees may be encouraged to apply their mind to earn the reward.
54. **Statement:** The civic authority has advised the residents in the area to use mosquito repellents or sleep inside nets as a large number of people are suffering from malaria.
Assumptions:
I. Local residents have enough money to arrange for the repellents or nets.
II. People may ignore and continue to get mosquito bites as they have other pressing needs.
55. **Statement:** "If you are intelligent, we are the right people for improving your performance." — An advertisement of a coaching class.
Assumptions:
I. Brilliant students prefer to join coaching classes.
II. Coaching classes help the students improve their performance.
56. **Statement :** "I have not received telephone bills for nine months in spite of several complaints." – A telephone customer's letter to the editor of a daily.
Assumptions:
I. Every customer has a right to get bills regularly from the telephone company.
II. The customers complaints point to defect in the service which is expected to be corrected.
57. **Statement:** Greater public participation results in good civic governance.-Statement of Municipal Commissioner of city W.
Assumptions:
I. The municipal office is not competent to effect good civic administration.
II. Good civic governance is a matter of collective will and effort of the people and administration.

58. **Statement:** To investigate the murder of the lone resident of a flat, the police interrogated the domestic servant, the watchman of the multistoried buildings and the liftman.
Assumptions:
 I. The domestic servant, watchman and the liftman can give a clue about the suspected murder.
 II. Generally in such cases the persons known to the resident is directly or indirectly involved in the murder.
59. **Statement:** If the city bus which runs between Cheka Naka and Vande Park is extended to Shramnagar, it will be convenient. Appeal of residents of Cheka Naka to the city bus company.
Assumptions:
 I. The convenience of the city bus company is much more important than the needs of the consumers.
 II. The city bus company is indifferent to the aspirations of the residents of Shramnagar.
60. **Statement:** Desirable and qualified candidates should submit their application form along with the requisite qualifications and their biodata. An advertisement for admission.
Assumptions:
 I. Merely having qualification and aptitude for the job does not make a person suitable for it.
 II. Many candidates shall apply because they are interested in the job.
61. **Statement:** It has been felt that at a time when the airline faces tough competition and is passing through critical economic conditions, the remaining higher posts should be opened for outside professionals instead of filling them up with insider applicants.
Assumptions:
 I. The internal applicants only aspire for promotion without contributing much to the organisation.
 II. It is most likely that problems of the airline would be solved by experienced professionals.
62. **Statement:** KLM company has decided to issue debentures to mop up resources.
Assumptions:
 I. KLM company has already explored other sources to collect resources.
 II. There are very few competitors in the market for the products of KLM company.
63. **Statements:** "Tenders are invited from reputed contractors for pre-qualification." —The tender notice of a public sector company
Assumptions:
 I. The company seeks to do quality business.
 II. The company expects contractual and competitive rates for its work.
64. **Statements:** The state government 'X' is committed to restrict smoke levels on the roads of the metropolis as per the desired parameters.
Assumptions:
 I. It is possible to determine the smoke levels.
 II. A committed government can carry forward welfare measures for its people.
65. **Statement:** Last century was the century of fundamental rights and let the forthcoming century become that of excellence. — An appeal from a noted lawyer
Assumptions:
 I. Every century should be marked for a particular purpose.
 II. The human race is ready to focus its attention on aiming at excellence in every sphere of life.
66. **Statement:** 'You are expected to be frank and objective while writing your self appraisal report'. -An instruction for writing self-appraisal report
Assumptions:
 I. Unless cautioned, people may tend to be a little shy and less objective while writing their self-appraisal report.
 II. Every self-appraisal report helps the person in his further development.
67. **Statement:** The higher echelons of any organisation are expected to be models of observational learning and should not be considered as merely sources of rewards and punishments.
Assumptions:
 I. Employees are-likely to be sensitive enough to learn by observing the behaviour of their bosses.
 II. Normally bosses are considered as sources of reward and punishment.
68. **Statement:** 'But, out of A, B, C and D products, you buy 'B', which alone is based on international technology. - A shopkeeper tells a customer.
Assumptions :
 I. The customers normally accept the recommendation of the shopkeeper.
 II. Use of international technology is supposed to ensure better quality standards.
69. **Statement:** The organisation should promote employees on the basis of merit alone and not on the basis of length of service or seniority.
Assumptions:
 I. Length of service or seniority does not alone reflect merit of an employee.
 II. It is possible to determine and measure merit of an employee.
70. **Statement:** Highly brilliant and industrious students do not always excel in the written examination.
Assumptions:
 I. The written examination is good mainly for mediocre students.
 II. The brilliant and industrious students cannot always write good answer in the exam.
71. **Statement:** This book is for those who are interested to know more about 'Indian History'.
Assumptions:
 I. People who are interested to know about the author may read books.
 II. Every book may attract some readers.
72. **Statement:** Helping the poor is the real service to humanity.
Assumptions:
 I. Poor people are in need of help from others.
 II. If we do not help poor, we will not be called human beings.

73. **Statement:** The police in India have to cope with tremendous stress and strain while having to maintain security and order.
Assumptions:
I. In other countries, the police do not have to undergo stress and strain while doing their duty.
II. The police are expected to do their duties without stress or strain.
74. **Statement:** If children are to manage our world in future, then they need to be equipped to do so.
Assumptions:
I. The world has always educated children.
II. It is possible to educate children.
75. **Statement:** There is no shopping complex for this colony; people have to go to the main market.
Assumptions:
I. This colony may be far from main market.
II. The people do not want to go to the main market.
76. **Statement:** Take this 'oven' home and you can prepare very tasty dishes which you were unable to prepare earlier. An advertisement of X brand oven.
Assumptions:
I. The user knows the procedure recipe of tasty dishes but does not have the proper oven to cook.
II. Only 'X' brand oven can cook very tasty dishes.
77. **Statement:** "Please note that the company will provide accommodation to only outside candidates if selected." A condition in an advertisement.
Assumptions:
I. The local candidates would be having some or other arrangement for their stay.
II. The company plans to select only local candidates.
78. **Statement:** Traffic police be given anti-pollution masks while manning traffic signals.
Assumptions:
I. The traffic police will be able to carry out their work after wearing the mask.
II. The masks are safe for wearing and there is no other adverse side-effect.
79. **Statement:** Please do not use lift while going down an instruction on the top floor of a five-storey building.
Assumptions:
I. While going down the lift is unable to carry any load.
II. Provision of lift is a matter of facility and not of right.
80. **Statement:** You can win over new people by your warm smile.
Assumptions:
I. It is necessary to win over new people.
II. It is possible for us to smile warmly at unknown people.
- Directions (Qs. 81-85):** In each question below is given a statement followed by three assumptions numbered I, II and III. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement. Then decide which of the answers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) is the correct answer.
81. **Statement:** "A rare opportunity to be a professional while you are at home." An advertisement for computer-literate housewives by a computer company
Assumptions:
I. Some housewives simultaneously desire to become professional.
II. Computer industry is growing at a fast pace.
III. It is possible to be a professional as well as a housewife.
(a) Only I and II (b) Only II and III
(c) Only I and III (d) Only II
(e) None of these
82. **Statement:** India's economic growth has come at a terrible price of increased industrial and vehicular pollution.
Assumptions:
I. Pollution is a part of industrial society.
II. Indian economic growth is based on only industrial growth.
III. A country desires economic growth with manageable side-effects.
(a) Only I (b) Only II
(c) Only I and III (d) Only III
(e) None of these
83. **Statement:** Efforts to develop technologies more appropriate to the needs of the poorest sections of society need to be further intensified.
Assumptions:
I. Nothing is impossible if proper efforts are made.
II. Technology needs are different for different sections of society.
III. It is possible to develop appropriate technologies for various economic sections of the society.
(a) Only I (b) Only III
(c) Only II (d) Both II and III
(e) None of these
84. **Statement:** "We have the distinction of being the only company in India as well as the second in the world to have won an ISO 9002 quality certification in our line of business" - Statement of Company X's Chairman.
Assumptions:
I. There were not many companies in the line of business of Company 'X'.
II. Getting ISO 9002 in the line of business of Company 'X' is not easy.
III. The Company 'X' desires to expand its business.
(a) Only I (b) Only II
(c) Only III (d) Only II and III
(e) None of these
85. **Statement:** Co-operative social relationships contribute to develop individual potentialities.
Assumptions:
I. Every society desires to prosper.
II. Individuals desire to develop their potential.
III. It is possible to create and maintain co-operative environment in a society.
(a) Only II and III (b) Only II and I
(c) Only I and III (d) Only II
(e) None of these

ANSWER KEY

1	(b)	11	(e)	21	(e)	31	(d)	41	(a)	51	(e)	61	(b)	71	(b)	81	(c)
2	(e)	12	(e)	22	(b)	32	(b)	42	(e)	52	(e)	62	(a)	72	(a)	82	(c)
3	(a)	13	(e)	23	(b)	33	(a)	43	(d)	53	(e)	63	(e)	73	(b)	83	(d)
4	(b)	14	(e)	24	(e)	34	(a)	44	(b)	54	(a)	64	(e)	74	(b)	84	(d)
5	(b)	15	(e)	25	(a)	35	(e)	45	(e)	55	(e)	65	(b)	75	(e)	85	(a)
6	(b)	16	(d)	26	(a)	36	(a)	46	(e)	56	(e)	66	(a)	76	(a)		
7	(c)	17	(a)	27	(a)	37	(e)	47	(a)	57	(b)	67	(e)	77	(a)		
8	(d)	18	(e)	28	(b)	38	(b)	48	(c)	58	(e)	68	(e)	78	(e)		
9	(a)	19	(b)	29	(e)	39	(b)	49	(e)	59	(d)	69	(e)	79	(d)		
10	(d)	20	(e)	30	(b)	40	(d)	50	(b)	60	(d)	70	(b)	80	(b)		

Hints & Explanations

- (b) I is not implicit. It is assumed that people will pay taxes. That is why II is implicit. But the Govt does not necessarily assume that people will continue with these schemes. May be it is discouraging people from being mere savers rather than investors.
- (e) No government decides to impose extra taxes unless it assumes that the amount it has is insufficient to serve its purpose. Hence, I is implicit. II is also implicit; otherwise the government would have increased the levy from the targeted 2%.
- (a) I is implicit from the tone of the offer of the 'X'. Housing Finance Company. But II is not implicit.
- (b) The real concern of WHO is the low per capita expenditure on health in India. Now, how will the initiative taken by WHO minimize the concern? The assumption is that the enhanced assistance may substantially increase the per capita expenditure on health in India. But, assumption I is not implicit due to the last part of it, i.e., and bring it on par with other countries.
Again, no one provides help to others unless one assumes that the other needs it. Hence, assumption II is implicit.
- (b) The Managing committee's request to the members of Galaxy Housing Society is to create awareness about the environmental hazards due to biodegradable garbage and therefore suggest an initiative to segregate and dispose them differently. However, there is no evidence in the passage to support assumption I, whether this move will encourage other housing societies to implement a similar protocol.
- (b) Engaging the Army for the rehabilitation work by the government implies that the government assumes that the Army possesses the required ability to rehabilitate the affected people rapidly. Hence, II is implicit but I is not implicit because of the word 'only'.
- (c) Investment in the shares of Company 'A' has been termed as 'a gamble'. This implies the speaker must be assuming that the investment may **either** incur loss or bear profit.
- (d) I is not implicit (note the word 'at least this year'). II can't be correlated. Hence, II is also not implicit.
- (a) The words 'not true always' implies that sometimes the move bears positive results. Hence, the speaker must be assuming I. II is obviously not implicit.
- (d) The tone of the statement only implies that the speaker assumes that newspapers are more effective than oral call. The given assumption I is not implicit because of the word 'rarely'. II is also not implicit because it contradicts the valid assumption. Note that here the valid assumption is "people will read an advertisement in a newspaper".
- (e) Why a review committee to find out the reasons for unstable stock prices? Concerned authority must have assumed I. Hence, I is implicit. One does not entrust a work to another unless the former assumes that the latter has the efficiency to do that work. Hence, II is also implicit.
- (e) Assumption I is implicit. Why has such advertisement been published by the advertisers? Definitely, the advertiser is assuming I. II is also implicit; that is why advertiser advocates doing so.
- (e) Based on the statement indicating an increase in the number and the frequency of the trains, both the assumptions are implicit. In fact this is actually referring to a noble initiative by the railway officials to bridge the gap and address issues regarding lack of connectivity through trains. Also, as more passengers would use the services, it would lead to better revenues and hence, the ticket pricing will go down. A win-win situation !
- (e) In reality, due to disparity in the fee structure of various educational institutions, merit is often looked down upon and weightage is given to the financial condition. Today, degrees and certificates could be availed by money. The Government's initiative of linking the school fee with the parents' incomes will actually motivate parents to furnish authentic information regarding their incomes to the school authorities besides there will be no delay in the fee payment protocol, as it can be easily done by the parents.

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| <p>16. (d) When decisions are taken, the assumptions are positive. It is assumed that various sections would facilitate the implementation of the decision. Hence, neither is implicit.</p> <p>17. (a) The step taken by the airlines must have been aimed at earning more revenue. The desired result can't be obtained without assuming I. Hence, I is implicit. II may or may not be an assumption.</p> <p>18. (e) Generally an advertisement is given to attract customers. Hence, assumption II is implicit. The advertisement mentions some feature. Why will the mentioned feature attract customers? Hence, I must be assumed.</p> <p>19. (b) Why did bank 'A' reduce the interest rate on retail lending? The step taken by the bank must be aimed at generating more revenue. Hence, II must be assumed. I may or may not be an assumption. Hence, I is not implicit.</p> <p>20. (e) When a notice is given by an organisation to a group of persons, the former assumes that the latter will follow it. Hence, I is implicit.</p> <p>21. (e) I is implicit. If the desire were not there, why the statement? II is also implicit; hence the emphasis is on "explore all channels".</p> <p>22. (b) I is not implicit. The grievance is against the govt, not against the banks. Banks serve only as a medium for transfer of money. II is implicit from the phrase "two months ago".</p> <p>23. (b) I is not implicit in its present form. The author assumes that it is unproductive unless utilised. II is implicit; hence the lament on its underutilisation.</p> <p>24. (e) The company is assuming II, that is why it has manufactured the medicine. Why has the company stressed on the constituents and the effect in its advertisement? Definitely because the company management is assuming I.</p> <p>25. (a) Failure to meet the demands is possible only when the demands have been raised in the first place. Hence, I is implicit. II may be a conclusion but not an assumption.</p> <p>26. (a) The decision taken by the government implies that the government must be assuming I. Note that no organisation/government/person takes decision to compensate the victim unless it assumes that it has adequate fund to satisfy the expenses. II can't be correlated. Hence, II is not implicit.</p> <p>27. (a) Why has the suspension of flights been made for a limited period of four days? It must have been assumed by the authorities of X-Airlines that the crisis may be over after this limited period. Hence, assumption I is implicit. II may or may not be an assumption. Hence, II is not implicit.</p> <p>28. (b) Request made by civic authorities to the citizens implies that the authorities must be assuming that the citizens will respond positively. Now look at assumption I. It may or may not be an assumption because the way of responding by the citizens may not necessarily be the same as mentioned in the assumption.</p> | <p>Hence, assumption I is not implicit. Again, request made by the authorities implies that the authorities must be assuming that their effort will reduce the problem of power theft. Now, how can they assume this? Obviously, II is an assumption.</p> <p>29. (e) Why did PTA take such a harsh decision? They must be assuming that its decision may compel the principal to reconsider the school fees. Hence, assumption it is implicit. Again, how can the decision usher such result? Obviously, PTA must be assuming that parents of the students will cooperate. Hence, assumption I is also implicit.</p> <p>30. (b) Assumption I can't be correlated with the statement. Hence, assumption I is not implicit. Now, why did the authority go for the advertisement? Obviously, II must be assumed. Hence, only II is implicit.</p> <p>31. (d) The employees' association is generally concerned with the welfare of employees and not with the benefit of the organisation. Hence II is not implicit. I, also, is not an assumption.</p> <p>32. (b) Assuming II only, the government has agreed to work out an effective social security programme.</p> <p>33. (a) To motivate the employees and hence for the enhancement of their work, the head of the organisation congratulated the entire staff in his speech and appreciated their effort.</p> <p>34. (a) Whenever such notices are displayed it is assumed that those who are concerned with the notice will read the notice and follow the messages in it. Hence I is implicit. If II were true, it is not necessary to display such notices.</p> <p>35. (e) Here both the assumptions are valid. If it were not so, there would be no benefit of setting up such mission.</p> <p>36. (a) I is implicit; that is why the advertisement has been given. Second one is absurd.</p> <p>37. (e) I is obviously implicit. II is also implicit; that is why cancellation of citizenship has been talked about.</p> <p>38. (b) I is vague. But II is implicit because the fixation of amount as ₹ 1999 per month must have been done after assuming II.</p> <p>39. (b) The wording "Beware of dogs" makes II implicit.</p> <p>40. (d) I is not implicit. The valid assumption is that the existence of corruption and prejudice is not desirable. II is also not implicit. The statement is silent on whether the administrative system can be reformed.</p> <p>41. (a) I is implicit. Because of I, the policy-makers have acknowledged the services rendered by the voluntary agencies. II is not implicit. Designing and service contribution are two different things.</p> <p>42. (e) If it is impossible then why would a nation commit so? Hence I is implicit. The term <i>As a nation</i> used in the statement and then about its commitment for its people confirms II. Hence II also implicit.</p> <p>43. (d) As <i>only</i> is used in both the assumptions, none is implicit.</p> <p>44. (b) I is not implicit. The statement puts it the other way round. That is, health results in happiness. II is implicit, hence the statement.</p> |
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45. (e) Definitely because of assumption I and II the publisher has warned in the cover page of the book.
46. (e) Sensitivity can be created by the media only when it possesses both these attributes.
47. (a) I is implicit. The provision would not have existed if there were no likelihood of such an act being committed. II is not implicit. Merely debarring public servants from immunity does not ensure equality for all.
48. (c) Higher efficiency will be brought about in either the case. When you have good models, the environment improves. On the other hand, even if this not be case, fear of being eliminated leads to adaptation in the Darwinian fashion.
49. (e) I is implicit. That is why the demand for qualification and experience. II is also implicit. Unless the institute were choosy, it would have welcomed one and all, without imposing any restrictions.
50. (b) I is not implicit: Competition from whom? There are no such hints in the statement. II is implicit: it is this appreciation that has propelled the credit card company towards such an excellent customer service.
51. (e) The idea behind facilitating learning computer at no cost is aimed at attracting learners. Hence, I is implicit. II is also an assumption; that is why the advertisement advocates learning computer.
52. (e) Both I and II are implicit. The government does not launch its programme unless it assumes that it has the basic infrastructure to implement it.
53. (e) Why a reward for a good suggestion? Obviously, authorities are assuming that the reward will enthuse employees to evolve innovative techniques. Hence, II is implicit. On the other side, seeking help from employees in order to evolve an innovative techniques implies that employees may have the required calibre. Hence, I is also implicit.
54. (a) I is implicit; that is why the civic authorities are advising so. II is not implicit. No one gives advice to another unless the former assumes that the latter will follow the advice.
55. (e) This advertisement seems to be a perfect destination (as a coaching class) for upskilling talent and improving performance. The advertisement is focussed on both the assumptions as firstly, brilliant students always prefer more practice, sharing and learning, based on a classroom modal and look forward to receiving additional information, tips and tricks for cracking competitive examinations, besides creating appropriate avenues for better scores, improved understanding of the concepts and implamentation of knowledge.
56. (e) The customer is assuming I that is why he has lodged several complaints of not receiving his telephone bills. As he has informed about this to the editor of a daily, he expects to correct the system. Hence, II.
57. (b) The statement does not point to the competence of anybody. It merely hints at the power of co-operation.
58. (e) The police is assuming I that is why they have interrogated them. Hence, I is implicit. II is a more generalised form of I. Hence, implicit.
59. (d) We are in no position to pass any judgment at present. We may assume these only if the appeal is rejected
60. (d) I is not implicit because this is an ad for *admission*, not for a *Job*. II is also not implicit for the same reason. You don't seek *admission*.
61. (b) The intention of internal applicants can't be assumed from the given statement. II is implicit; that is why they want to recruit outside professionals.
62. (a) Whenever a decision is taken by the company it goes through every aspect threadbare. Hence, I is implicit. Debentures can be issued even when there are a large number of competitors. Hence, II is not implicit.
63. (e) The company's authority is assuming both that is why they have invited tenders from *reputed* contractors. The term *reputed* confirms I. II is a universal assumption as the principal reason of inviting tenders.
64. (e) The govt has promised to bring down the smoke level because it is possible to determine the level. Hence, I is implicit. II is implicit because containing pollution is also a welfare measure.
65. (b) The legal appeal hints at the requirement of excellence and perfection in every sphere of life. This spirit would foster healthy competition in the society and give rise to mutual respect and overall growth and development.
66. (a) An organization might receive loads of self-appraisal applications during the appraisal season. For timely and efficient evaluation, the self-appraisal forms should refrain from being too lengthy or subjective. Also framing to-the point responses, an objective approach showcases maturity and the asility to present information coherently. Also, shyness might create a negative impression on a particular employee and there could be biasness. so, it is essential to be frank; yet precise.
67. (e) I is implicit; that is why the talk of "observational learning". II is also implicit; note the use of the word *merely*.
68. (e) I is implicit: it is with this belief that the shopkeeper makes the recommendation. II is also implicit; that is why the shopkeeper emphasises on "international technology".
69. (e) I is implicit. Note that the statement makes a distinction between merit and seniority. II is implicit: only when you can determine something that you make it the basis for further decision.
70. (b) What we are being told about brilliant students does not have anything to do with mediocre students. Hence I is not implicit. But II is implicit. This must be the reason why the brilliant students do not always excel.
71. (b) I is not implicit because it talks about a subject, not the author. II is implicit because when we say that a book is for a particular target segment, we assume that such a target segment exists.

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| <p>72. (a) I is implicit: how else can helping the poor be a service? II is not implicit because not all human beings are in the “service” business.</p> <p>73. (b) I is not implicit because the statement is based only on what happens in India. II is implicit because of the concern shown by the statement.</p> <p>74. (b) I is not implicit because we don’t know whether the statement is based on past experience. II is implicit because education is very important in equipping the children.</p> <p>75. (e) Both the assumptions are implicit because of the need felt for a shopping complex in the colony itself.</p> <p>76. (a) The term ‘which you were unable to prepare earlier’ clearly means even though the user knows the procedure of some special preparation, he does not have a proper oven to cook. Hence, I is implicit. The statement assumes that ‘X’ can cook tasty dishes but does not rule out <i>all other</i> ovens from doing so. Hence II does not implicit.</p> <p>77. (a) Accommodation to only outside candidates clearly indicates that local candidates will be having their own arrangement for stay. Hence, I is implicit. It is no where mentioned that outside candidates will not be selected. Hence II is not implicit.</p> <p>78. (e) Providing anything for a solution automatically leads to the fact that the provider has assumed that neither it will disturb while working nor it has any adverse side effect, and that it will rather promote the work.</p> | <p>79. (d) From the above statement suggesting people not to use the lift in a particular situation, both the assumptions are irrelevant and vague.</p> <p>80. (b) Although India unfortunately does not exhibit such stronger-friendly culture, western countries are very amicable and showcases excellent illustrations of smiling warmly at unknown people. In this process, there is a huge probability that the hearts of people can be won over and increases social network.</p> <p>81. (c) Assuming I, the company has advertised for housewives. If it were not possible, the company would not go for such anad. Hence III is implicit.</p> <p>82. (c) I is implicit in the phrase “industrial ... pollution.” II is not implicit because of the word <i>only</i>. III is implicit from the concern shown at the “terrible price”.</p> <p>83. (d) The term ‘nothing’ has a broad range of connotations. Hence I is not implicit. Since the speaker is talking of sectional need-based technology development, he is assuming both II and III.</p> <p>84. (d) Since, it is hard to get ISO 9002 certification, he is trying to highlight company’s achievement and by doing that expansion of his business is in his mind.</p> <p>85. (a) It is a fact that individuals, whether self-employed or salaried desire to develop their skills, ability and expertise in their daily assignments. Sometimes self-actualization can score over remuneration. Also, as we dwell in a civilized society, with proper efforts, it is possible to create fellow-feelings and maintain co-operative environment in the society option (a) is thus appropriate to the context of the statement.</p> |
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