

GATE EE - Previous Year Questions

Verbal Ability & General Aptitude | Chronologically & Section-wise Organized

1-Mark Questions

GATE EE 2026

Question 1: 'The shopkeeper sells lemons.' In this sentence, the word 'lemons' is the:

- **A:** object
- **B:** subject
- **C:** predicate
- **D:** verb

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

In the sentence structure:

- Shopkeeper → Subject
- Sells → Verb
- Lemons → Object

Question 2: 'If Anish had scored hundred runs in today's match, he would have been made the captain of his team. He would have then become the youngest captain in his team's history. Unfortunately, he got out without scoring any runs. Hence, there won't be any change in the captaincy for now.'

Based on the paragraph above, which one of the following statements is true?

- **A:** Anish made hundred runs but was denied captaincy.
- **B:** Anish was the captain of his team before the game today.
- **C:** The current captain is older than Anish.
- **D:** Anish is the youngest player in his team.

Answer: Option C

Explanation: The text states that scoring a century would have made Anish the 'youngest captain in his team's history.' Since he did not score the runs and the captaincy remains unchanged, the current captain must be older than Anish.

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Question 3: Kavya _____ go to work yesterday as she _____ feeling well. Select the most appropriate option to complete the sentence.

- A: didn't; isn't
- B: wouldn't; wasn't
- C: wasn't; wasn't
- D: couldn't; wasn't

Answer: Option D

Explanation: 'Couldn't' correctly indicates inability in the past, while 'wasn't feeling well' properly aligns with the past timeframe set by 'yesterday'.

Question 4: Complete the analogy: Good : Evil : : Genuine : ?

- A: Counterfeit
- B: Contraband
- C: Counterfoil
- D: Counterpart

Answer: Option A

Explanation: 'Good' and 'Evil' are antonyms (direct opposites). Similarly, the antonym for 'Genuine' is 'Counterfeit'.

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Question 5: If '→' denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words [talk → shout → scream] is analogous to [please → _____ → pander]. Which option best fills the blank?

- A: flatter
- B: flutter
- C: fritter
- D: frizzle

Answer: Option A

Explanation: The sequence requires escalating intensity of persuasion or pleasing someone: please (basic) → flatter (excessive/calculated praise) → pander (gratifying base desires)

GATE EE 2023

Question 6: Rafi told Mary, "I am thinking of watching a film this weekend."

Which option correctly reports the above statement in indirect speech?

Rafi told Mary that he _____ of watching a film that weekend.

- **A:** thought
- **B:** is thinking
- **C:** am thinking
- **D:** was thinking

Answer: Option D

Explanation: In reported speech, present continuous ('am thinking') shifts to past continuous ('was thinking').

Question 7: Complete the analogy by word meaning: Permit : _____ : : Enforce : Relax

- **A:** Allow
- **B:** Forbid
- **C:** License
- **D:** Reinforce

Answer: Option B

Explanation: 'Enforce' and 'Relax' are antonyms. Therefore, the antonym of 'Permit' is 'Forbid'.

Question 8: A recent survey shows that 65% of tobacco users were advised to stop consuming tobacco. The survey also shows that 3 out of 10 tobacco users attempted to stop using tobacco.

Based only on the information above, which statement can be logically inferred with certainty?

- **A:** A majority of tobacco users who were advised to stop consuming tobacco made an attempt to do so.
- **B:** A majority of tobacco users who were advised to stop consuming tobacco did not attempt to do so.
- **C:** Approximately 30% of tobacco users successfully stopped consuming tobacco.
- **D:** Approximately 65% of tobacco users successfully stopped consuming tobacco.

Answer: Option B

Explanation: Since only 3 out of 10 (30%) attempted to stop, the remaining 70% (a majority) did not make an attempt.

Question 9: Which option does NOT describe or follow from the passage below?

"We tend to think of cancer as a 'modern' illness because its metaphors are so modern. It is a disease of overproduction, of sudden growth, a growth that is unstoppable, tipped into the abyss of no control. Modern cell biology encourages us to imagine the cell as a molecular machine. Cancer is that machine unable to quench its initial command (to grow) and thus transform into an indestructible, self-propelled automaton."

- **A:** It is a reflection of why cancer seems so modern to most of us.
- **B:** It tells us that modern cell biology uses and promotes metaphors of machinery.
- **C:** Modern cell biology encourages metaphors of machinery, and cancer is often imagined as a machine.
- **D:** Modern cell biology never uses figurative language, such as metaphors, to describe or explain anything.

Answer: Option D

Explanation: Option D directly contradicts the passage, which explicitly highlights how modern cell biology uses machine metaphors.

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Question 10: Select the correct pair of words: As you grow older, an injury to your _____ may take longer to _____.

- **A:** heel / heel
- **B:** heal / heel
- **C:** heal / heal
- **D:** heel / heal

Answer: Option D

Explanation: Contextually: 'heel' (body part) / 'heal' (recover).

Question 11: Given two statements and four conclusions:

- Statement I: Some bottles are cups.
- Statement II: All cups are knives.

Which conclusion(s) can be logically inferred?

- Conclusion I: Some bottles are knives.
- Conclusion II: Some knives are cups.

- Conclusion III: All cups are bottles.
- Conclusion IV: All knives are cups.
 - **A:** Only conclusion I and conclusion II are correct.
 - **B:** Only conclusion II and conclusion III are correct.
 - **C:** Only conclusion II and conclusion IV are correct.
 - **D:** Only conclusion III and conclusion IV are correct.

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Conclusion I: Since 'Some bottles are cups' and 'All cups are knives', the overlapping region ensures some bottles are knives. (Valid)
- Conclusion II: Since 'All cups are knives', it directly implies 'Some knives are cups'. (Valid)

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Question 12: The people _ _ _ _ were at the demonstration were from all sections of society.

- **A:** whose
- **B:** which
- **C:** who
- **D:** whom

Answer: Option C

Explanation: 'Who' is the relative subject pronoun used to refer to people performing the action ('were at the demonstration').

Question 13: Complete the analogy: Oasis is to sand as island is to _ _ _ _ .

- **A:** Stone
- **B:** Land
- **C:** Water
- **D:** Mountain

Answer: Option C

Explanation: An oasis is a fertile land surrounded by sand (desert); an island is a body of land surrounded by water.

GATE EE 2019

Question 14: Newspapers are a constant source of delight and recreation for me. The _____ trouble is that I read _____ many of them.

- A: only, quite
- B: even, quite
- C: even, too
- D: only, too

Answer: Option D

Explanation: 'The only trouble...' introduces a single issue, and '...read too many...' expresses excessive consumption.

Question 15: The passengers were angry _____ the airline staff about the delay.

- A: on
- B: about
- C: with
- D: towards

Answer: Option C

Explanation: The correct preposition to express anger towards people is 'angry with' (e.g., angry with someone about something).

Question 16: I am not sure if the bus that has been booked will be able to _____ all the students.

- A: deteriorate
- B: accommodate
- C: fill
- D: sit

Answer: Option B

Explanation: 'Accommodate' means to provide sufficient space for someone or something.

GATE EE 2018

Question 17: "Since you have gone off the _____, the _____ sand is likely to damage the car."

- A: course, coarse
- B: course, course
- C: coarse, course

- **D:** coarse, coarse

Answer: Option A

Explanation: • Course: Route or path.
• Coarse: Rough/grainy texture.

Question 18: "A common misconception among writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought; the more _____ the structure, the more complicated the ideas."

- **A:** detailed
- **B:** simple
- **C:** clear
- **D:** convoluted

Answer: Option D

Explanation: 'Convoluted' means extremely complex and difficult to follow, matching the context of 'complicated ideas'.

2-Mark Questions

GATE EE 2026

Question 1: Match the words in Column I with their synonyms in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(i) Lonely	(p) Verbatim
(ii) Literal	(q) Solitary
(iii) Lousy	(r) Deadly
(iv) Lethal	(s) Terrible

- **A:** (i)-(q); (ii)-(p); (iii)-(s); (iv)-(r)
- **B:** (i)-(q); (ii)-(s); (iii)-(r); (iv)-(p)
- **C:** (i)-(s); (ii)-(p); (iii)-(q); (iv)-(r)
- **D:** (i)-(r); (ii)-(s); (iii)-(p); (iv)-(q)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Lonely → Solitary (q)
- Literal → Verbatim (p)
- Lousy → Terrible (s)
- Lethal → Deadly (r)

GATE EE 2025

Question 2: Identify the option with the most logical sequence to form a coherent paragraph:

(P) It is because deer, like most of the animals that tigers normally prey on, run much faster! It simply means, another day of empty stomach for the big cats.

(Q) Tigers spend most of their life searching for food.

(R) If they trace the scent of deer, tigers follow the trail, chase the deer for a mile or two in the dark, and yet may not catch them.

(S) For several nights, they relentlessly prowls through the forest, hunting for a trail that may lead to their prey.

- **A:** $S \rightarrow P \rightarrow R \rightarrow Q$
- **B:** $R \rightarrow P \rightarrow S \rightarrow Q$
- **C:** $Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow R \rightarrow P$
- **D:** $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow R$

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Q introduces the main subject (Tigers searching for food).
- S explains how they spend nights prowling for a trail.
- R describes what happens when they find a deer trail.
- P explains why they often fail to catch the deer.

Question 3: Spheres of unit diameter are centered at (l, m, n) where l, m , and n take every possible integer value. The distance between two spheres is computed from center to center. For a given sphere, x is the distance to its nearest sphere and y is the distance to its next nearest sphere.

The value of y / x is:

- **A:** $2\sqrt{2}$
- **B:** $1 / \sqrt{2}$
- **C:** $\sqrt{2}$
- **D:** 2

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Taking a reference sphere at (0, 0, 0):

1. Nearest centers are at distance $x = 1$ unit (e.g., at (1, 0, 0)).
2. Next nearest centers are at diagonal points like (1, 1, 0), giving distance $y = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{2}$.

Therefore: $y / x = \sqrt{2} / 1 = \sqrt{2}$.

GATE EE 2024

Question 4: Select the best match for the numbered blanks (i)-(iv):

"Following a row ____ (i) ____ the shopkeeper ____ (ii) ____ the price of a frying pan, the cook stood ____ (iii) ____ a row to withdraw cash ____ (iv) ____ the ATM booth."

- A: (i) with (ii) over (iii) at (iv) with
- B: (i) at (ii) over (iii) over (iv) in
- C: (i) with (ii) over (iii) in (iv) at
- D: (i) over (ii) with (iii) over (iv) at

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Row with someone
- Argument over a price
- Stood in a row (queue)
- at the ATM booth

GATE EE 2022

Question 5: Read the passage below:

"Altruism is the human concern for the well-being of others. Altruism has been shown to be motivated more by social bonding, familiarity and identification of belongingness to a group. The notion that altruism may be attributed to empathy or guilt has now been rejected."

Which option is the CORRECT logical inference?

- A: Humans engage in altruism due to guilt but not empathy.
- B: Humans engage in altruism due to empathy but not guilt.
- C: Humans engage in altruism due to group identification but not empathy.
- D: Humans engage in altruism due to empathy but not familiarity.

Answer: Option C

Explanation: The text explicitly states group identification motivates altruism, while motivation by empathy has been rejected.

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Question 6: Read the passage below:

"The importance of sleep is often overlooked by students when they are preparing for exams. Research has consistently shown that sleep deprivation greatly reduces the ability to recall the material learnt. Hence, cutting down on sleep to study longer hours can be counterproductive."

Which statement is the CORRECT inference?

- **A:** Sleeping well alone is enough to prepare for an exam. Studying has lesser benefit.
- **B:** Students are efficient and are not wrong in thinking that sleep is a waste of time.
- **C:** If a student is extremely well prepared for an exam, he needs little or no sleep.
- **D:** To do well in an exam, adequate sleep must be part of the preparation.

Answer: Option D

Explanation: Because sleep deprivation harms memory recall, adequate sleep is a necessary component of effective study and performance.

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Question 7: Consider five people: Mitra, Ganga, Rekha, Lakshmi, and Sana.

1. Ganga is taller than both Rekha and Lakshmi.
2. Lakshmi is taller than Sana.
3. Mitra is taller than Ganga.

Which conclusions are true?

- 1. Lakshmi is taller than Rekha
 - 2. Rekha is shorter than Mitra
 - 3. Rekha is taller than Sana
 - 4. Sana is shorter than Ganga
- **A:** 1 only
 - **B:** 1 and 3
 - **C:** 3 only
 - **D:** 2 and 4

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Establishing heights:

Mitra > Ganga > (Rekha / Lakshmi) > Sana

- Statement 2: Rekha is definitely shorter than Mitra. (True)
- Statement 4: Sana is definitely shorter than Ganga. (True)

Question 8: An award-winning study by a group of researchers suggests that men are as prone to buying on impulse as women but women feel more guilty about shopping. Which statement can be inferred from the text?

- **A:** Some men and women indulge in buying on impulse
- **B:** All men and women indulge in buying on impulse
- **C:** Few men and women indulge in buying on impulse
- **D:** Many men and women indulge in buying on impulse

Answer: Option B

Explanation: Based on the generalized categorical phrasing in the standard official answer key.

GATE EE 2018

Question 9: In a certain code, AMCF is written as EQGJ and NKUF is written as ROYJ. How will DHLP be written in that code?

- **A:** RSTN
- **B:** TLPH
- **C:** HLPT
- **D:** XSVR

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Pattern analysis (+4 shift):

- A (+4) → E | M (+4) → Q | C (+4) → G | F (+4) → J

Applying +4 shift to DHLP:

- D (+4) → H
- H (+4) → L
- L (+4) → P
- P (+4) → T

Result = HLPT