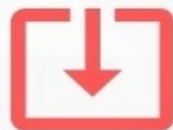


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Error Detection Tips & Practice Questions



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The process of detecting errors in a sentence is a quite instinctive thing. If you have done enough of practice beforehand, you just read the sentence and bingo; you spot the error. But the way the level of difficulty has increased in banking exams that you may come across a sentence and despite reading it twice or thrice you are unable to spot the error. And for sure, you don't want to let go of those precious marks.

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Error Detection - Rules to follow

Subject(s) and its agreement with verb(s)

Focus on the subject to see if this is singular or plural. While doing this, keep in mind that the number of subjects will be equal to the number of sentences the complex sentence can be broken into. Once done, check if the verb(s) of the sentence is/are in agreement with the subject(s).

Simple, Compound or Complex Sentence

Check if the sentence is a compound or a complex one. Try breaking it into smaller parts and see if you can find the error.

Verb-Consistency

In the case of a complex/compound sentence, check if different verbs are consistent throughout the sentence. There shouldn't be verbs of different tenses in the same sentence unnecessarily.

Adjective and Adverb usage

Take a look at the adjective and adverbs and see if they have been correctly used or not.

Articles, preposition and conjunction usage

Check the usage of articles, prepositions, and conjunctions as well.

Parallelism and Redundancy

Check for the issues of parallelism and redundancy. Parallelism implies that items in a series should have the same grammatical form. Redundancy means that all the elements of a sentence must have a purpose and no word should be extra.

Error Detection Tips to Increase your Accuracy

In order to look for error detection, here are few tips you can look into:

- The tone of the given statement is to be analysed. It can either be sarcastic, negative or positive etc. Keeping the whole scenario in mind it becomes easy to spot the error in sentence.
- Elimination approach is one of the quickest and easiest way to adopt as it is very much possible that an aspirant may not be knowing all the rules required. Thus, make use of the elimination technique when you are unable to detect the error.
- It is not mandatory that there will always be an error in the sentence, hence avoid making one from yourself.
- One must have a clear understanding of all the fundamental concepts and these should come handy while you are preparing for any such topic. Keeping the above things in mind will definitely help you in solving error detection questions quickly and move to other sections. Also, to practice error detection questions we have come up with a free PDF including practice questions on Error Detection. To practice more on such type of questions, start taking mock tests. The post-mock test analysis will come up with detailed explanations of the questions you did incorrectly so that you don't repeat the same mistake in the actual exam.

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Error Detection Practice Questions

Type #1

Directions (Qs. 1-5): In the question given below, a sentence is given, divided into parts. One of the parts may contain an error. Identify the part that contains the error, and mark it as the answer. Ignore errors of punctuation. In case the sentence is correct as it is, mark option (e), that is, 'No error'. Note – The words in bold are grammatically and contextually correct.

Question 1

Level - 1

Even the best researchers can see years slip by without any significant results

as a result of factors completely out of their hands such as faulty equipment or dwindling **research budgets**.

- a) researchers can seen years slip by without
- b) any significant results as a result of
- c) factors completely out of their hands
- d) such as faulty equipment or dwindling
- e) No error

Ans: A

Solution: In A, replace SEEN with SEE as the modal verb CAN will take the base form of the main verb that follows it. Thus, A is the right answer.

Question 2

Level - 1

Glaciers in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region, which spans eight **countries** in

South Asia from Afghanistan to Myanmar, could loose more than a third of their volume by the end of the century.

- a) Himalayan region, which spans eight
- b) in South Asia from Afghanistan to Myanmar,
- c) could loose more than a third of their
- d) volume by the end of the century.
- e) No error

Ans: C

Solution: In C, replace LOOSE with LOSE as the former means not firmly or tightly fixed in place. LOSE means to be deprived of something. Here, sentence talks about how the glaciers could lose much of their volume. Moreover, the modal verb CAN will take a main verb after it in its base form. LOOSE is an adjective. LOSE would fit in the context. Thus, C is the right answer.

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Question 3

Level - 1

When Earth was a young planet, cometary debris battered its surface, carrying organic material that may have helped life arise on our rocky **world**.

- a) was a young planet, cometary debris
- b) battered its surface, carrying
- c) organic material that may have

- d) helped life arise on our rocky
- e) No error

Ans: E

Solution: The sentence is grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, E is the right answer.

Question 4

Level - 1

Astronomers have long thought **the eight** planets orbit in nearly perfect circles **because** they once formed within the swirling disk of dust and gas that surrounded the young sun.

- a) Astronomers have long thought
- b) planets orbit in nearly perfect circles
- c) they once formed within the swirling disk of
- d) dust and gas that surrounded the young sun.
- e) No error

Ans: E

Solution: The sentence is grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, E is the right answer.

Question 5

Level - 1

While there are some areas on the electric grid **where** lithium-ion batteries can compete on price, these batteries still cost too much for the average homeowner.

- a) are some areas on the electric grid
- b) lithium-ion batteries can competed on price,
- c) these batteries still cost too
- d) much for the average homeowner.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace COMPETED with COMPETE as the modal verb CAN will take the base form of the main verb that follows it. Thus, B is the right answer.

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Type #2

Directions (Qs. 6-10): In the following question, three sentences are given, revolving around the same theme or idea. Decide which of the sentences are grammatically and meaningfully correct and mark the answer accordingly.

Question 6

Level - 1

1. Pollution is a killer too, with orcas and dolphins being seriously harmed by long-lived industrial pollutants.
 2. Global trade contributes further harm: amphibians have suffer one of the greatest declines of all animals due to a fungal disease thought to be spread around the world by the pet trade.
 3. Global shipping has also spread highly damaging invasive species around the planet, particularly rats.
- a) Only 1
 - b) Only 1 and 2
 - c) Only 1 and 3
 - d) Only 2 and 3
 - e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans: C

Solution: Only 1 and 3 are grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, C is the right answer.

2 is incorrect as SUFFER should be replaced with SUFFERED as the present perfect tense construction HAVE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb.

Question 7

Level - 1

1. Research has suggested that peace agreements are more likely to be reached and implemented when women have a strong role in forging them, including at the negotiating table.
 2. Any peace that threatens women's rights, freedoms and gains will not be sustainable.
 3. It is in the interests of the Afghan people as a whole that they should be included and heard, and there fundamental rights recognised.
- a) Only 2
 - b) Only 1 and 2
 - c) Only 1 and 3
 - d) Only 2 and 3
 - e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans: B

Solution: Only 1 and 2 are grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, B is the right answer.

3 is incorrect as the adverb THERE should be replaced with the possessive pronoun THEIR, as the sentence talks about the rights of the Afghan people.



Question 8

Level - 1

1. Society does have a vital interest in being able to predict who is most likely to offend or to reoffend, and to help them away from temptation.
2. But the idea that algorithms could substituted for probation officers or the traditional human intelligence of police officers is absurd and wrong.
3. Such human judgments are fallible and sometimes biased.

- a) Only 3
- b) Only 1 and 2
- c) Only 1 and 3
- d) Only 2 and 3
- e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans: C

Solution: Only 1 and 3 are grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, C is the right answer.

2 is incorrect as the verb SUBSTITUTED should be replaced with SUBSTITUTE as the modal verb COULD will take the base form of the verb after it.

Question 9

Level - 1

1. Medical advances come at a cost, and that cost is increasingly steep.
2. We rely on pharmaceutical companies, as well as public and philanthropic investment, to develop the medicines that can transform and even save lives.
3. New drugs emerge not according to need, but when companies know they can make sizable profits from them.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 and 2
- c) Only 1 and 3
- d) Only 2 and 3
- e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans: E

Solution: All 1, 2 and 3 are grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, E is the right answer.

Question 10

Level - 2

1. Governments and patients around the world are struggling to coped with escalating costs.
2. Last year, a report suggested that the average annual price of new cancer drugs had almost doubled in the US between 2013 and 2017.
3. Companies blame the cost of development and say they need to recoup their investment before rivals are able to pile in with competitors.

- a) Only 3
- b) Only 1 and 2
- c) Only 1 and 3
- d) Only 2 and 3
- e) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans: D

Solution: Only 2 and 3 are grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, D is the right answer.

1 is incorrect as COPED should be replaced with COPE as the infinitive construction TO + VERB will take the base form of the verb.

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Type #3

Directions (Qs. 11-15): In each of the following question, a sentence is given, divided into 5 parts. Part (E) is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains error. Mark the option containing the part with error. If none of the parts have errors, mark 'No error' as your answer.

Question 11

Level - 1

While we may see the (A)/ dangers that digital technologies (B)/ pose to the political system, (C)/ others see new opportunities (D)/ **to influence election outcomes. (E)**

- a) A

- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error

Ans: (e)

Solution: (e) is the right answer. The sentence is grammatically and meaningfully correct.

Question 12

Level - 1

In spite progress since the (A)/ 2008 financial crisis, (B)/ reforms of the financial (C)/ sector have been fragmented (D)/ **rather than fundamental. (E)**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error

Ans: (a)

Solution: (a) is the right answer. We need to replace INSPITE with DESPITE or we need to place OF after "In spite". "In spite of" means exactly the same thing and is used exactly the same way as "despite." The sentence talks about the progress made since the 2008 financial crisis and how it is insufficient.

Question 13

Level - 1

We should rekindle trust (A)/ in a revamp financial (B)/ system that is fit to meet (C)/ the big emerging challenges (D)/ **of the twenty-first century. (E)**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error

Ans: (b)

Solution: B is the right answer. We need to replace REVAMP with REVAMPED. We need an adjective to modify the noun SYSTEM. REVAMP is a verb. The sentence states that we need to restore the trust in the financial system but it should be reformed first.

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Question 14

Level - 1

At a time when the world (A)/ urgently needs to improving the (B)/ coordination of monetary, fiscal, and trade policies, (C)/ it has, instead, been rolling back (D)/ **what little coordination previously existed. (E)**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error

Ans: (b)

Solution: B is the right answer. We need to replace IMPROVING with IMPROVE. We need a verb in base form to fit the infinitive construction of TO + VERB. The sentence talks about the state of coordination among different countries of the world.

Question 15

Level - 1

Educating girls, providing access (A)/ to contraception, and freeing them (B)/ from the chauvinist demands of (C)/ conservation religious or political leaders (D)/ **should be a high priority. (E)**

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) No error

Ans: D

Solution: D is the right answer. We need to replace CONSERVATION with CONSERVATIVE. We need an adjective to modify the noun LEADERS. CONSERVATION means prevention of wasteful use of a resource. It is a noun. CONSERVATIVE means averse to change or innovation and holding traditional values. Here, the sentence talks about the need to provide education and freedom to girls.

Type #4

Directions (Qs. 16-20): In the question below, a sentence is given, divided into five parts (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). One of the parts is grammatically incorrect or has an error in it. You are required to identify the parts that are grammatically correct and choose the option that provides the combination of correct parts.

Question 16

Level - 1

Although most employees thrive on (A)/ recognition and praise from their (B)/ managers, research suggests (C)/ that high performers might not placed (D)/ a strong weight on this aspect. (E)

- a) ABCD
- b) ABCE
- c) ABDE
- d) BCDE
- e) No error

Ans: (b)

Solution: ABCE are grammatically correct parts. In D, replace the second form verb PLACED with PLACE as the modal verb MIGHT will take the main verb in its base form. Thus, (b) is the right answer.

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Question 17

Level - 1

Teachers of the deaf often expresses (A)/ surprise that Helen's speech is so good (B)/ when she has not received any (C)/ regular instruction in speech since the (D)/ first few lessons given her by Miss Fuller. (E)

- a) ABCD
- b) ABDE
- c) ABCE
- d) BCDE
- e) No error

Ans: (d)

Solution: BCDE are the correct parts. In A, replace the singular verb EXPRESSES with the plural EXPRESS as the subject TEACHERS is plural. Thus, (d) is the right answer.

Question 18

Level - 1

Walmart Labs India has been (A)/ something of a well-kept secret thus far, (B)/ both in size and the scope of work (C)/ the centre is turning out for the (D)/ Bentonville-based \$500 billion retail giant. (E)

- a) ABCE
- b) ABDE
- c) ACDE
- d) BCDE

e) No error

Ans: €

Solution: The sentence is grammatically and meaningfully correct, which makes (e) is the right answer.

Question 19

Level - 1

Over the last two years in (A)/ particular, changes in Walmart Labs (B)/ India have reflect the global reorganisation at the (C)/ parent company, focusing on the (D)/ US business and international business. (E)

- a) ABCD
- b) ABCE
- c) ABDE
- d) ACDE
- e) No error

Ans: (c)

Solution: ABDE are the correct parts. In C, replace REFLECT with REFLECTED as the present perfect tense construction HAVE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb. Thus, (c) is the right answer.

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Question 20

Level - 0

We work very closely with our (A)/ now-vast partner ecosystem, and the (B)/ real momentum began to built (C)/ after the initial five years, especially (D)/ after the 2008 financial meltdown. (E)

- a) ABCD
- b) ABCE
- c) ABDE

- d) BCDE
- e) No error

Ans: (c)

Solution: ABDE are the correct parts. In C, replace the second form verb BUILT with the base form verb BUILD as the infinitive construction To + VERB will take the base form of the verb. Thus, (c) is the right answer.

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Type #5

Directions (Qs. 1-5): In the following question, one part of the sentence may have an error. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No

Error'.

Question 21

Topic: Finding errors

Subtopic: Normal

Level - 1

- a) Research shows parents of
- b) university children have step in
- c) to advocate if their child breaches
- d) the university code of conduct.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the base form verb STEP with STEPPED as the present perfect tense construction HAVE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb. Thus, B is the right answer.

Question 22

Topic: Finding errors

Subtopic: Normal

Level - 1

- a) Across Melbourne since 2003,
- b) the growth in public transport use has
- c) been around three times the
- d) growth in private transport use.
- e) No error

Ans: E

Solution: The sentence is grammatically and meaningfully correct. Thus, E is the right answer.

Question 23

Topic: Finding errors

Subtopic: Normal

Level - 1

- a) The pattern of El Niño has changed
- b) dramatically in recent years, according to
- c) the first seasonal record distinguishing differently types
- d) of El Niño events over the last 400 years.
- e) No error

Ans: C

Solution: In C, replace the adverb DIFFERENTLY with the adjective DIFFERENT as the noun TYPES will be modified by an adjective. Thus, C is the right answer.

Question 24

Topic: Finding errors

Subtopic: Normal

Level - 1

- a) Climate change has sparked
- b) considerable research into what are knew
- c) as the sources and sinks of greenhouse gases
- d) in natural and modified ecosystems.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the second form verb KNEW with KNOWN as the passive voice construction ARE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb. Thus, B is the right answer.

Question 25

Topic: Finding errors

Subtopic: Normal

Level - 2

- a) Most natural lakes and ponds tend to act
- b) as greenhouse gas sources, because bacteria
- c) in the water are breaking down organic matter and
- d) consuming nutrients which produce these gases.
- e) No error

Ans: D

Solution: In D, replace the plural verb PRODUCE with the singular verb PRODUCES, as the subject NUTRIENTS is plural. Thus, D is the right answer.

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