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# 50 Error Spotting Practice Questions

(Prelims & Mains Level)



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Irrespective of the exam you are catering to for this year, be it IBPS Clerk prelims or SBI PO Prelims there is one common section in these both and in many other major exams which is the English language. Error detection is one such topic which is mostly asked in the English language and with practice it is quite easy to master this concept. Here in this article we bring to you 50 practice questions on Error Spotting for both Prelims and Mains level. This PDF is completely free to download.

### **Error Detection Tips to Increase your Accuracy**

- The tone of the given statement is to be analysed. It can either be sarcastic, negative or positive etc.
- 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 this technique.
- Avoid making an error in a sentence from yourself as it is not necessary that there will be an error in the sentence always.
- One must have a clear understanding of all the fundamental concepts and these should come handy while you are preparing for any such topic.

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### **Error Detection Types**

There's no denying the fact that practice & only practice can help you score all of these error detection marks. Broadly, below are the types of errors which are asked:

- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Usage of Participles & Infinitives
- Usage of Verbs
- Usage of Adjectives

### **Quick Things to Keep in Mind**

Wherever the below words appear, be cautious of their usage:

- Few, less and little

- Many and much
- Their, there and they're
- Your and you're
- Explain and suggest (as in the difference between explaining her and suggesting her)
- Loose and lose
- Usage of 'even' (and not 'only') for emphasis
- 'Back' with 'revert'
- Anyway without 's' is correct ('Anyways' is nonstandard usage)
- Who and whom
- 'comma' before 'that' should be avoided
- Accept, except and expect
- It's and its
- Since and for
- Usage of 'were' in a possible situation
- More and better
- Although and but

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### 50 Error Spotting Practice Questions

**Directions (Qs. 1-5):** In the following question, a sentence is given, divided into 5 parts. Part (A) is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, only one part is without error. Mark the option containing the part with no error. If none of the parts have errors, mark 'No error' as your answer.

Question 1

**Although the Sikhs are a (A)/** regional community in India, but by (B)/ availing of modern opportunities (C)/ they have extended their enterprises (D)/ all over the country. €

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

Ans: (a)

Solution: In B, remove BUT, as the sentence has already used the conjunction ALTHOUGH, which is used to show contradiction, so the use of BUT is redundant. Thus, (a) is the right answer.

Question 2

**Every community has the (A)/** responsibility of educating its (B)/ next generation, for education is (C)/ the master-key which will (D)/ opened all closed doors. (E)

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

Ans: (d)

Solution: In E, replace OPENED with OPEN as the modal verb WILL will take the base form of the main verb. Thus, (d) is the right answer.

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Question 3

**As the telegraph triggered the (A)/** development of newly technologies, communication (B)/ became progressively footloose, (C)/ liberated from the constraints (D)/ of space and time. (E)

- a) C
- b) B
- c) D

- d) E
- e) No error

Ans: (b)

Solution: In B, replace NEWLY with NEW, as the former is an adverb and the latter is an adjective. We need an adjective here to modify the noun TECHNOLOGIES. Thus, (b) is the right answer.

Question 4

**Many American politicians (A)/** have been blaming the (B)/ continuous lose of American jobs (C)/ on globalisation aided (D)/ by digital technology. €

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

Ans: (d)

Solution: In C, replace LOSE with LOSS, as the former is a verb and the latter is a noun. We need a noun here to be modified by the adjective CONTINUOUS. Thus, (d) is the right answer.

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Question 5

**Awaiting more unambiguous medical assessments, (A)/** WHO and the International Commission on (B)/ Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection have use available scientific (C)/ evidence to provide exposure limit guidelines, based on (D)/ which DoT has set up safety norms in India. (E)

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

Ans: (a)

Solution: In C, replace USE with USED, as the present perfect tense construction HAVE + VERB must use the past participle form of the verb. Thus, (a) is the right answer.

**Directions (Qs. 6-10):** 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 6

Perhaps one of the most **talked about** issue as far as the Northeast is concerned is the Naga struggle for sovereignty which started a day before **India's independence**.

- a) Perhaps one of the most
- b) issue as far as the Northeast is concerned
- c) is the Naga struggle for sovereignty
- d) which started a day before
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace ISSUE with ISSUES, as the construction ONE + OF + THE + SUBJECT will always take the plural form of the subject, as the sentence talks about many issues out of which one is being singled out. Thus, B is the right answer.

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### Question 7

With wealth reaped from corruption, **politicians have** more than enough money to engaged the best lawyers and sail smoothly all the way from the lower courts **to the Supreme Court**.

- a) With wealth reaped from corruption,
- b) more than enough money to engaged
- c) the best lawyers and sail smoothly
- d) all the way from the lower courts
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace ENGAGED with ENGAGE, as the infinitive construction TO + VERB always takes the base form of the verb. Thus, B is the right answer.

### Question 8

**China's plan to divert** water from the Brahmaputra in Tibet to the "parched Xinjiang region" in China by building a 1,000-km-long tunnel, the world's longest one, will proved to be **an environmental disaster**.

- a) water from the Brahmaputra in Tibet
- b) to the "parched Xinjiang region" in
- c) China by building a 1,000-km-long tunnel,
- d) the world's longest one, will proved to be
- e) No error

Ans: D

Solution: In D, replace PROVED with PROVE as the modal verb WILL will always take the base form of the main verb following it. Thus, D is the right answer.

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#### Question 9

Both Google and Facebook, **as the largest** platforms for content distribution, are said to be creating systems that will filter **fake news**.

- a) Both Google and Facebook,
- b) platforms for content distribution,
- c) are said to be creating
- d) systems that will filter
- e) No error

Ans: E

Solution: The sentence is grammatically correct and free of error. Thus, E is the right answer.

#### Question 10

In the past little months, people have been booked in isolated **incidents in** different States for the content **they shared on** messaging and social media platforms.

- a) In the past little months, people
- b) have been booked in isolated
- c) different States for the content
- d) messaging and social media platforms
- e) No error

Ans: A

Solution: In A, replace LITTLE with FEW, as the former is used to modify uncountable nouns while the latter is used to modify countable nouns. Since the noun MONTHS is countable, FEW will be used. Thus, A is the right answer.

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**Directions (Qs. 11-15):** In the question below, three statements are given which may or may not contain an error. Choose the option that provides the correct combination of sentences that are grammatically correct.

### Question 11

1. India has failed to provide any concrete plans for its immediate neighbourhood in South Asia, with countries like Nepal and Sri Lanka demonstrating interest in partnering with China.
  2. Knowledge have created opportunities for the development of multiple vaccines which are advancing through clinical trials.
  3. The number of victims is increasing each year, while the conviction rate of perpetrators continues to be abysmal low.
- a) Only 1
  - b) Only 1 and 2
  - c) Only 1 and 3
  - d) Only 2 and 3
  - e) All are incorrect

Ans:(a)

Solution: (a) is the right answer as only (1) is grammatically correct.

In (2) we need the plural verb HAVE with a singular verb HAS as the noun KNOWLEDGE is an uncountable noun and will assume a singular form.

In (3) we need to replace the adjective ABYSMAL with the adverb ABYSMALLY as an adjective cannot qualify another adjective LOW.

Thus, (a) is the right answer.

### Question 12

1. Visitors acquainted with the history of the Brazilian city of Campinas will probably find it hard to imagine that it was once home to ancient wooden sugar mills and slave-run coffee plantations.
  2. Despite recent achievements, Brazil still needs to overcome challenges to improve its innovation system.
  3. Embattled Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull said he will soon call a meeting to determined the leadership of the ruling Liberal party.
- a) Only 1
  - b) Only 1 and 2
  - c) Only 1 and 3



- d) Only 2 and 3
- e) All are incorrect

Ans:(b)

Solution: (b) is the right answer as both (1) and (2) are grammatically correct. In (3), we need to replace DETERMINED with DETERMINE as the infinitive construction TO + VERB, always takes the base form of the verb. Thus, (b) is the right answer.

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#### Question 13

1. Global carriers have flocked to India, lured by a domestic travel boom and what's expected to be the world's third-biggest aviation market by 2025.
2. As we warned a little weeks ago, Trump is likely to spend tens of billions more than expected on each department.

3. The ministry of civil aviation has announced a policy allowing individuals and companies to fly drones from December 1.

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

Ans:(c)

Solution: (c) is the right answer as (1) and (3) are grammatically correct. In (2), we need to replace LITTLE with FEW as the former is used to modify uncountable nouns, while the latter is used to modify countable nouns. Here, it is being used to modify WEEKS which is countable, so FEW should be used. Thus, (c) is the right answer.

#### Question 14

1. Instead of simply digitizing a paper-based process for registering and operating drones, India has formulated an all-digital process.
2. Research shows that 56% of Indian shoppers ditch their shopping carts after loading.
3. Despite persistent requests from government officials and research institutions, China has not provided samples of the danger virus.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 1 and 2
- c) Only 1 and 3
- d) Only 2 and 3

e) All are incorrect

Ans: (a)

Solution: (a) is the right answer as only (1) is grammatically correct.

In (2), we need to replace THERE with THEIR, as we need the possessive pronoun THEIR instead of an adverb as it is being used to refer to a noun (Indian Shoppers).

In (3), we need to replace the noun DANGER with the adjective DANGEROUS as it is modifying the noun VIRUS.

Thus, (a) is the right answer.

Question 15

1. Much people who ride the free, app-based shuttle known as the Downtowner are getting a shock this month when their driver pulls up.

2. Citizen action and litigation has forced the project proponents and the Ministry of Urban Development to state that they will revise their plans.

3. Despite close diplomatic exchanges, key defence agreements have not yet been completed.

a) Only 1

b) Only 1 and 2

c) Only 1 and 3

d) Only 2 and 3

e) All are incorrect

Ans: (d)

Solution: (2) and (3) are correct.

In (1), we need to replace MUCH with MANY, as the noun PEOPLE is countable and it can be modified by MANY. MUCH is only used to modify uncountable nouns.

Thus, (d) is the right answer.

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**Directions (Qs. 16-20):** In each of the questions 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 gives the combination of these parts.

Question 16

The chief executive of DWS, one of Europe's biggest asset managers, (A)/ has launch a staunch defence of quarterly reporting, (B)/ just weeks after US

president Donald Trump proposed (C)/ scrapping the requirement for US companies (D)/ to file their earnings every three months. (E)

- a) ABCE
- b) ABDE
- c) ABCD
- d) ACDE
- e) All have errors

Ans: (d).

Solution: The error lies in part B. Replace LAUNCH with LAUNCHED as the present perfect tense construction HAS + VERB always takes the past participle form of the verb.

Thus, (d) is the answer.

#### Question 17

There are still more than a dozen drivers, (A)/some of whom are currently driving in Formula 1(B)/ and some of whom are not, (C)/who have multiple possibility as far as which teams (D)/they might drive for in 2019 is concerned.(E)

- a) ABCE
- b) BCDE
- c) ABCD
- d) ACDE
- e) All have errors

Ans: (a).

Solution: The error lies in part D. Replace POSSIBILITY with POSSIBILITIES . There are multiple possibilities for team combinations, as mentioned in the sentence. Thus, (a) is the answer.

#### Question 18

As the southern state of Kerala slow limps back to normalcy, (A)/days after devastating floods claimed over 450 lives (B)/and caused massive destruction,(D) /Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan today left for the US for medical treatment.(E)

- a) ABCE
- b) ABDE
- c) BCDE
- d) ACDE
- e) All have errors

Ans: (c)

Solution: The error lies in part A. Replace SLOW with SLOWLY, as we need an adverb to modify the verb LIMPS. Thus, (c) is the answer.

## Question 19

The evidence on the ground (A)/ is very clear, the Trump tax cuts (B)/ has led to stronger investment, (C)/ stronger growth, lower (D)/ unemployment rates and higher wages. (E)

- a) ABCE
- b) ABDE
- c) ABCD
- d) ACDE
- e) All have

errorsAns: (b).

Solution: The error lies in part C. Replace HAS with HAVE. The subject here is (tax cuts)which is plural and the verb must agree with the subject. Thus, (b) is the answer.

## Question 20

Brexit will clearly have a long-term devastation impact(A) /on the economy and what any future Government(B) /will have available to spend on the NHS (C)/and social care, the police, schools (D)/and other vital public services.(E)

- a) ABCE
- b) BCDE
- c) ABCD
- d) ACDE
- e) All have

errorsAns: (b).

Solution: The error lies in part A. Replace DEVASTATION with DEVASTATING. DEVASTATION is a noun, we need an adjective to modify the noun IMPACT. Thus, (b) is the answer.

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**Directions (Qs. 21-25): In the following question, a sentence is given, divided into 5 parts. Part (A) is grammatically correct. Out of the other four parts, one part contains an error. Mark the option containing the part with the error. If none of the parts have errors, mark 'No error' as your answer.**

## Question 21

**Time magazine dedicated its (A)/** person of the year cover to women (B)/ who broken the silence surrounding (C)/ the pervasiveness of sexual harassment and (D)/ violence, especially in the workplace. (E)

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

Ans: (d)

Solution: In C, replace BROKEN with BROKE, as the former is the third form of the verb and is always preceded by a helping verb such as HAD/ HAVE. We need the second form of the verb BROKE here. Thus, (d) is the right answer.

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Question 22

**Schools for the deaf (A)/** and dumb, hospitals and (B)/ welfare institutions must picked (C)/ up the idea and try to (D)/ implement it universally. (E)

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

Ans: (a)

Solution: In C, replace PICKED with PICK, as the modal verb MUST will always take the base form of the main verb that follows it. Thus, (a) is the right answer.

Question 23

**The World Health Organisation recommends (A)/** that countries adopt heat-health (B)/ warning systems, including daily alerts (C)/ to ensure that people are in a position (D)/ to deal for adverse weather. (E)

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

Ans: (b)

Solution: In E, replace FOR with WITH, as the verb DEAL always takes the preposition WITH after it. Thus, (b) is the right answer.

## Question 24

**There is some hope that the (A)/** southwest monsoon will benefit from (B)/ an expected moderate La Niña condition (C)/ in the equatorial Pacific, marked by (D)/ cooler-than-average sea surface temperature. (E)

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

Ans: E

Solution: The sentence is grammatically correct and free of error. Thus, E is the right answer.

## Question 25

**While the government (A)/** has took some steps in the realm (B)/ of women's rights, its dealings (C)/ with dissent are the same as (D)/ those of any authoritarian regime. (E)

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

Ans: (d)

Solution: In B, replace TOOK with TAKEN, as the past participle as present perfect tense construction HAS + VERB will take a verb in its third form. Thus, (d) is the right answer.

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**Directions (Qs. 26-40):** 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 the sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'. Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.

## Question 26

- a) The current coronavirus pandemic
- b) has display how little we know
- c) about some very basic but
- d) immensely important questions.

e) No error

Ans: B

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

Question 27

- a) Police said they had no idea
- b) how long the factory had been in operation,
- c) but estimated it to be around
- d) three or four months.
- e) No error

Ans: E

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

Question 28

- a) The New Orleans area
- b) also has many ferries in
- c) operation that carries both
- d) vehicles and pedestrians.
- e) No error

Ans: C

Solution: In C, replace the singular verb CARRIES with the plural CARRY as the subject FERRIES is plural. Thus, C is the right answer.

Question 29

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- a) There is little industry profit
- b) to be make
- c) pursuing these
- d) research programmes.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the base form verb MAKE with the past participle MADE as the passive voice construction TO + BE + VERB will take the past participle form verb. Thus, B is the right answer.

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## Question 30

- a) The history of science show
- b) that major scientific revolutions
- c) typically occur
- d) without such incentives.
- e) No error

Ans: A

Solution: In A, replace the plural verb SHOW with the singular SHOWS as the subject HISTORY is singular. Thus, A is the right answer.

## Question 31

- a) Regular exercise and healthy diets are
- b) more effective than much pharmaceuticals
- c) for a wide range of diseases,
- d) but they are not easy to practise.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace MUCH (used for modifying uncountable nouns) with MANY (used for modifying countable nouns) as the noun PHARMACEUTICALS is countable. Thus, B is the right answer.

## Question 32

- a) Vienna's imperial lineage
- b) and its association with
- c) empire, can be trace back
- d) to the city's founding.
- e) No error

Ans: C

Solution: In C, replace the base form verb TRACE with the past participle TRACED as the passive voice construction CAN + BE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb. Thus, C is the right answer.

## Question 33

- a) Falling under Habsburg rule in
- b) the 13th century, Vienna quick
- c) rose to prominence,
- d) becoming a university city.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the adjective QUICK with the adverb QUICKLY as it is being used to modify the verb ROSE. Thus, B is the right answer.



## Question 34

- a) It remained an imperial city until
- b) 1918, when the Austro-Hungarian
- c) Empire collapsed at the
- d) end of the First World War.
- e) No error

Ans: E

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

## Question 35

- a) Beethoven was a divisive
- b) figure in Vienna, and his music sometimes
- c) caused audiences and critics
- d) to questioned his taste.
- e) No error

Ans: D

Solution: In D, replace the second form verb QUESTIONED with QUESTION as the infinitive construction TO + VERB will take the base form of the verb. Thus, D is the right answer.

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## Question 36

- a) Temper tantrums in up to a
- b) quarter of young children could
- c) be caused by food colourings
- d) added to popular brands.
- e) No error

Ans: E

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

## Question 37

- a) He was also infamous for his
- b) piercing stare, bullying, bursts of temper
- c) and, on occasion, his sullen
- d) refuse to speak at all.

e) No error

Ans: D

Solution: In D, replace the verb REFUSE with the noun REFUSAL as we need a noun to be modified by the adjective SULLEN. Thus, D is the right answer.

Question 38

- a) If some cause aroused his
- b) temper, him seemed as terrible
- c) as a lion, but he never
- d) revealed his anger by shouting.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the object pronoun HIM with the subject pronoun HE as it forms the subject of the verb SEEMED. Thus, B is the right answer.

Question 39

- a) Just because you need to buy a cable
- b) in addition to you're printer
- c) does not give you license to
- d) fly off the handle at the sales rep.
- e) No error

Ans: B

Solution: In B, replace the contraction YOU'RE (YOU ARE) with the possessive pronoun YOUR as the sentence shows possession and talks about the author's printer. Thus, B is the right answer.

Question 40

- a) There are still moments when
- b) they lose confidence, but for
- c) the most part they understands
- d) that they are safe here.
- e) No error

Ans: C

Solution: In C, replace the singular verb UNDERSTANDS with the plural UNDERSTAND as the subject pronoun THEY is plural. Thus, C is the right answer.

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**Directions (Qs. 41-50): 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 41

1. Millions of organisms inhabits the sunlit water, and they are far more diverse than scientists even imagined.
2. Researchers reported the results of the first global survey of plankton — the miniature animals, algae, bacteria and viruses that float in the open sea.
3. The data will help scientists better understand the lives of plankton and how plankton communities will respond to a changing climate.

- 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: D

Solution: Both 2 and 3 are correct, which makes D the right answer.

1 - replace the singular verb INHABITS with the plural INHABIT as the subject MILLIONS OF ORGANISMS is plural.

Question 42

1. Much of these organisms serve as food sources for bigger organisms, like fish.
2. Marine phytoplankton also fixes about half the carbon dioxide that gets released into Earth's atmosphere.
3. For this reason, some have suggest manipulating plankton to stem global warming.

- 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: A

Solution: Only 2 is correct, which makes A the right answer.

1 - replace MUCH (used for modifying uncountable nouns) with MANY (used for modifying countable nouns) as ORGANISMS is countable. 3 - replace the base form verb SUGGEST with SUGGESTED as the present perfect tense construction HAVE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb.

Question 43

1. Plankton is our planet's most prolific life form, and the food it generates makes up the base layer of the global food chain.

2. The variety of shapes among plankton species shames plants on land, showing more range in size than the difference among moss and redwood trees.

3. There are more plankton cells in the sea than our current count of stars in the entire universe.

- 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: Both 1 and 3 are correct, which makes C the right answer.

2 - replace the preposition AMONG with BETWEEN as the former is used when referring to more than two things, while the latter is used when referring to two

things. Here, the sentence talks of two plant types - moss and redwood trees, so BETWEEN will be used.

Question 44

1. Oceans absorb most of the heat produced from greenhouse gas build up, and temperature is only projected to increase.

2. A September 2014 study suggested that increased water temperature might cut plankton populations by messing with natural cycles of nitrogen, carbon and phosphorus.

3. But that work is based in computer modeling, and without a full picture of plankton ecosystems, it's unclear how things might truly played out.

- 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: B

Solution: Both 1 and 2 are correct, which makes B the right answer.

3 - replace the second form verb PLAYED with PLAY as the modal verb MIGHT will take the base form of the main verb that follows it.

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Question 45

1. For farming, the latest climate fix isn't especially high tech or glossy.

2. By spreading rock dust over large swatches of land, carbon dioxide could be trapped from the atmosphere.
  3. If this technique were to be employed around the world, scientists estimate two billion tons of carbon dioxide could be removed from the atmosphere each year.
- 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 correct and free of error, which makes E the right answer.

#### Question 46

1. Enhanced weathering essentially speeds up natural processes of erosion and chemical reactions using newly introduced minerals.
  2. During the process, rocks are crushed and transport to farmland, where they are spread over a large area once a year.
  3. When it rains, water dissolves silicate or carbonate materials in the dust.
- 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: Both 1 and 3 are correct, which makes C the right answer.

2 - replace the base form verb TRANSPORT with TRANSPORTED as the passive voice construction ARE + VERB will take the past participle form of the verb. Moreover, the verb needs to be parallel in form to CRUSHED.

#### Question 47

1. Spreading rock dust on half the farmland in the U.S. would cost \$176 per ton of carbon and \$225 annual per American.
  2. That's pricey compared to clean energy solutions that directly cut emissions.
  3. Solar farms, for instance, cost less than \$40 per ton of emissions cut.
- 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: Both 2 and 3 are correct, which makes D the right answer.

1 - replace the adjective ANNUAL with the adverb ANNUALLY as it is being used to modify the verb COST.

Question 48

1. Currently, only five species of trees or large shrubs occur naturally in Greenland, and those hardy plants grow only in scattered plots in the far south.
  2. Field experiments and ambitious gardening projects, however, have confirmed that a range of other species can get a root-hold in Greenland if given the chance.
  3. Those species, along with the five other long-established native varieties, may began to spread as temperatures warm.
- 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: B

Solution: Both 1 and 2 are correct, which makes B the right answer.

3 - replace the second form verb BEGAN with BEGIN as the modal verb MAY will take the base form of the main verb that follows it.

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Question 49

1. Whether human-mediated or not, this ecological shift would be no small change for Greenland.
  2. The models predicts the ice-free, tree-friendly patches to total around 400,000 square kilometers.
  3. If trees do appear, they could grow a new forest that's nearly the size of Sweden.
- 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: Both 1 and 3 are correct, which makes C the right answer.

2 - replace the singular verb PREDICTS with the plural PREDICT as the subject MODELS is plural.

Question 50

1. While the idea of more green intuitively seems like a score for the environment, the shift from mossy tundra to towering forest will almost certainly push out some native plant and animal species.

2. On the other hand, Greenlanders may enjoy a break from the monotony of ice, rock and lichen.

3. Forests could bring recreational or economic possibilities, such as hunting and foraging for wood and natural edibles.

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: E

Solution: All 1, 2 and 3 are grammatically correct and free of error, which makes E the right answer.

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