

CLAT 2018 Errors/Ambiguities

1. Question number: 5

Directions: Identify the incorrect sentence/sentences.

- A) The college has organized a science fare
- B) This is to notify that a leather wallet has been lost
- C) Shortly blood donation will begin a camp
- D) The agenda of the meeting is available on the website.

Code Options:

- 1) B
- 2) C
- 3) D
- 4) A

The given answer (as per official answer key) was: 2

However, the question can have multiple answers as sentence A) also has an error. The spelling of 'science fare' is wrong. Thus, both options 2) and 4) could be the answers.

2. Question number: 25

Directions: In the question below, a related phrase is followed by a group of words. Select the group of words that best expresses a relationship similar to the one expressed in the original phrase.

At one's wits end.

Options:

- 1) cannot say anything funny
- 2) not able to think logically
- 3) not able to work
- 4) clarity of thought

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, according to the Cambridge dictionary, 'At one's wit's end' means 'to be so worried, confused, or annoyed that you do not know what to do next'. According to Collins dictionary, it means that 'you are so worried and exhausted by problems or difficulties that you do not know what to do next'. Hence, the option 3 can also fit as an answer as a person when exhausted, worried and when he does not know what to do might be able to work as well.

3. Question number: 27

Directions: In the question below, a related phrase is followed by a group of words. Select the group of words that best expresses a relationship similar to the one expressed in the original phrase.

Die in harness

Options:

- 1) die while riding
- 2) die at the height of one's success
- 3) die with help
- 4) die when the work has been completed

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2.

However, according to Collins dictionary, it means 'to die while still working or active, prior to retirement'. Clearly, the answer does not specifically suit to this explanation of the phrase. The meaning of the phrase does not say anything about success.

4. Question number: 34

Direction: Read the passage given below. Choose the best options for the question.

IOT has had an impact across all fields, be it industries, government, small or large businesses and even for Personal Consumption. What is IOT (Internet of things) you might ask. It's been a growing topic of conversation for some time now. Put in the simplest term it means anything that has an on and off button and is connected to the internet for receiving, analyzing, storing or sending data. This could mean anything, from the watch that you wear to airplanes that can be controlled from a remote location. According to the analyst firm Gartner, by the year 2020 we'll have over 26 billion connected devices. That could mean people to people, people connected to things and things connected to things. The new rule of the future is going to be "Anything that can be connected will be connected". Take for example that when you set an alarm to wake up and that alarm goes off it not only wakes you up but also brews your coffee, sets the right temperature of water for your bath, puts on the television to bring you the latest updates from around the globe and all this before you even put a foot out of your bed. This is all done by simply getting the network of interconnected things/devices that have embedded sensors, network connectivity, software and necessary electronics that collect and exchange data. To show how far we have come with technology and connectivity, we have smart watches such as Fitbit, Garmin to name a few that have changed the way we look at time. We have one device that not only tells us the time but also tracks the number of steps, calories and our heart rate. This watch is actually connected to our phone so with just one turn of the wrist one can tell who is calling or what messages have been received without having to dig through pockets or handbags. IOT is making its presence felt in health care as well. Doctors can now remotely monitor and communicate with their patients and health care providers can benefit from this. Whether data comes from foetal monitors, electrocardiograms, temperature monitors or blood glucose levels, tracking this information is vital for some patients. Many of this requires follow up interaction with healthcare professionals. With smarter devices that deliver more valuable data it can reduce the need for direct patient- physician interaction. Take for instance in the sporting field, minute chips are being attached to balls and bats which will transmit information of how fast the ball is travelling and a batsman's moves, the time, the angles, the pressure on the bat at different positions, data of the muscle stretch if he's hit a

six so on and so forth. Formula one cars are also being fitted with these sensors which relays information on the minute moves being made by the driver. Chips are also being put into wearable devices of sportsmen to detect sub-optimal action of any body parts to show signs of stress or strain which will help in the early detection of injuries and take preventive measures. IOT has had an impact across all fields, be it industries, government, small or large business and even for personal consumption. IBM, Google, Intel, Microsoft and Cisco are some of the top players in the IOT spectrum.

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Technology and IOT has benefited education considerably because it has:

Options:

- 1) Helped in improving the lesson.
- 2) Helped keep track of all resources.
- 3) Helped teachers to track.
- 4) Helped with keeping up with the change in learning

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 4

However, there can be multiple answers to this question because as per the passage, IoT has also helped in keeping track of all resources and also in improving lessons by introducing smart lessons. Moreover, as per the passage, IoT has also enabled better tracking of resources.

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Select a title that is most suitable for the passage

Options:

- 1) IOT curse or boon
- 2) IOT and our life tomorrow

- 3) IOT is changing the way we learn
- 4) IOT is all pervading

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, option 4 is an equally appropriate answer as the passage discusses the emergence and influence of IoT in each and every sphere of human life, including health care, sports, education etc. Similarly, candidates cannot be faulted for choosing option 1 as well, since the passage highlights the security threats posed by IOT.

6. Question number: 45

In which election was the Electronic Voting Machines tried out on an experimental basis in India?

Options:

- 1) The 1982 Kerala Legislative Assembly Elections.
- 2) The Karnataka State for the 1984, Legislative Assembly Elections.
- 3) The U.P State for the 1989, Lok Sabha Elections.
- 4) The 1987, Delhi Corporation Election in Karol Bagh constituency.

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 1.

However, as per the Election Commission of India, EVMs were used on “experimental basis for the first time in 16 Assembly Constituencies in the States of Madhya Pradesh (5), Rajasthan (5) and NCT of Delhi (6) at the General Elections to the respective Legislative Assemblies held in November, 1998.” (Reference: http://eci.nic.in/eci_main1/evm.aspx). While certain other sources indicate that it may have been used for the first time in the 1982 Kerala assembly elections, the propriety of including a question with an uncertain answer in the General Knowledge section is questionable.

7. Question number: 60

What is the significance of May 13, 1952 with regard to Indian polity?

Options:

- 1) First sitting of the Lok Sabha
- 2) First sitting of the Rajya Sabha
- 3) First sitting of the Supreme Court of India
- 4) Formation of the Election Commission of India

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2.

However, both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha had its first sitting on May 13, 1952-

<http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/our%20parliament/Opening%20of%20parliament%20by%20the%20president.pdf> making both 1 and 2 the correct answers.

8. Question number: 83

Which country joined as the eighth member of the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) in February 2017?

Options:

- 1) Myanmar
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Bangladesh

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 1.

However, Myanmar was the seventh member of the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) and not the eighth country as indicated in the question. This question was subsequently omitted.

9. **Question number:** 105

Directions: Read the statement and on the basis of that, choose the most appropriate course of action(s) given below the statement.

Statement: Most of those who study in premier Medical colleges in India migrate to developed nations for better prospects in their professional pursuits.

Courses of Action:

I. All the students joining these colleges should be asked to sign a bond at the time of admission to the effect that they will remain in India at least for ten years after they complete their medical education.

II. All those students who desire to settle in the developed nations should be asked to pay the entire cost of their education which the government subsidised.

Options:

1) Only I follows

2) Only II follows

3) Both I and II follow

4) Neither I nor II follows

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, this cannot be the answer, as neither of the statements I or II should logically follow from the statement made originally and are not solutions to the problem posed in the statement. The correct answer should have been (4) Neither I nor II follows.

10. **Question number:** 106

Directions: Read the statement and on the basis of that, choose the most appropriate course of action(s) given below the statement.

Statement: Official data show more people died on Indian roads in 2016 than in 2015; UP and Tamil Nadu accounted for the largest numbers of fatalities.

Courses of Action:

I. Government should make a policy regulating the manufacturing of automobiles for private use.

II. Government should take steps to create awareness among the public about road safety.

III. Accidents can be avoided if the Government takes steps to make good roads.

IV. To eliminate accidents completely the Government should impose stringent punishments for traffic violations.

Options:

1) Only II and IV follow

2) Only II follows

3) Only III and IV follow

4) Only IV follows

The answer given (as per the official answer key): 2

However, none of the courses of action follows as the problem statement does not identify at all why the accidents occur in the first place- is it lack of awareness, is it the bad condition of roads or anything else? Without this information, it is impossible to identify what the right course of action would be. Even if one were to go by the logic of the problem setters, i.e., a reasonable assumption of what can solve such problems, course of action 'III' is also a perfectly practical solution as bad roads often lead to accidents, just as much as lax enforcement of penalties. It also bears noting that such kinds of questions are normally expected to test the students on their ability to assess what *logical* course of action should follow, based on a proposition/problem. But, in the present instance, there is no way to ascertain the *logical* course of action that should follow and expects the students to make wild guesses, unfounded on reason or logic.

11. Question number: 115

In an interview for selection of two District Judges, four candidates, P, Q, R and S were shortlisted. All of them had 10 years standing as Lawyers. Who among them are most suitable?

I. P – Very academic not much interested in litigation practice, very honest and impatient.

II. Q – A patient listener, average in academics, thorough with Laws and sharp.

III. R – Jovial, Patient, good academic records and actively involved in politics.

IV. S – Shrewd, Quick tempered, punctual and Published several Legal articles

Options:

1) P and Q

2) Q and S

3) R and S

4) P and S

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, this question is incorrect, and there is no possible answer to this question. This is also wrong, because there can be several answers to this question, and there is absolutely no logic to why Q and S are more qualified than the other two. Also, please refer to our article for a more detailed breakdown of why this question is incorrect.

12.Question number: 117

Direction: Read the information below and answer the Question.

On the farewell day five best friends, namely, Vishal, Anirudh, Gaurav Mansi and Sapna, clicked their photo, facing the photographer who is on the west.

They were standing as per the following conditions:

i. Sapna stands to the right of Mansi and Gaurav

- ii. Gaurav stands to the left of Vishal and Sapna
- iii. Mansi stands between Vishal and Anirudh
- iv. There are two people between Anirudh and Gaurav

Who will be standing at the 2nd position from the right in the photograph?

Options:

- 1) Vishal
- 2) Mansi
- 3) Gaurav
- 4) Anirudh

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 1.

However, the answer would depend on the point of view from which the position is being ascertained. If the position is ascertained from the point of view of people in the photograph, Anirudh, i.e., option 4 will be the right answer.

13. **Question number:** 121

Find the odd one out

Options:

- 1) Police station
- 2) Railway station
- 3) Supermarket
- 4) Airport

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 1

However, the question has multiple possible answers. Supermarket is an equally correct answer as it is the only place with no law enforcement agencies. It can also be justified on the ground that it is the only place of the 4 that has been created for the purpose of selling

goods. As has been detailed in the main article, the rationale for making ‘police station’ the odd one out is neither clear nor evident.

14. Question number: 153

How many languages are there in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India?

- 1) 21
- 2) 22
- 3) 19
- 4) 18

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 1

However, the correct answer is option no. 2, i.e. 22. Eighth schedule of the Indian constitution, after the Ninety Second Amendment in 2003, has 22 languages- https://www.india.gov.in/sites/upload_files/npi/files/coi-eng-schedules_1-12.pdf. Apart from this gross oversight, which in itself is worrying, the fact that an NLU got the fundamentals of the constitution wrong, is alarming. The correct option was acknowledged in the amended answer key, released subsequent to the feedback process involving candidates.

15. Question number: 154

A Panchayat Samiti at the block level in India is only a/an:

Options:

- 1) Administrative authority
- 2) Co-ordinating and Supervisory authority
- 3) Consultative Committee
- 4) Advisory body

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, under Article 243-G of the Constitution of India, the legislature of the States may endow, by law, the Panchayats powers and functions as may be necessary to function as an institution of Self-Government. There is no specific Constitutional Provision prescribing the powers of the Panchayat Samiti. Therefore, their powers vary from state to state. For instance, the Orissa Panchayat Samiti Act of 1959 elaborates the powers and functions of the Samiti, and a reading of it suggests that it is a mix of both administrative and supervisory powers. Thus, option 1 is an equally plausible answer.

16. Question number: 162

Legal Principle: It is an offence to obstruct a public servant in the due discharge of his duty. Right of private defence is available to protect one's person and property.

Fact Situation: Sidhu comes to the rescue of his uncle who is sought to be taken into a car by some men. In the process, he causes injury to some of them. Later, it turns out that the men were police persons in plain clothes trying to enforce a warrant against his uncle.

Which of the following statements is the most appropriate in relation to the legal principle stated above?

Options:

- 1) Sidhu has committed the offence of obstructing a public servant in due discharge of his duty.
- 2) Sidhu has not committed an offence since he did not know that the men were from the police.
- 3) Sidhu's uncle has resisted arrest and should be proceeded against.
- 4) Sidhu should not have tried to help his uncle without ascertaining the fact

The given answer (as per the official answer answer key): 2

However, the principle mentions that private defence is available to protect one's person and property. Thus, although Sidhu's uncle might have the right to use private defense in relation to his own person in the instant case, Sidhu does not. Therefore, although Sidhu

might not have committed the offence of obstructing the public servants, as he was unaware that they were public servants, he cannot take the exception of 'private defence' to assert his innocence although he may take some other appropriate defence.

17. Question number: 167

Legal Principle: Negligence is the absence of care by one party which results in some damage to another. Damage is an essential ingredient to constitute a tort of negligence.

Fact Situation: Mistry left his ladder on the public road while unloading it from a truck when he went to open the shutters of his shop. Saini who was riding his motorcycle had to swerve hard to avoid hitting the ladder as he came with speed on the road. Saini fell down but was miraculously not injured.

Which of the following statements is the most appropriate in relation to the legal principle stated above?

Options:

- 1) Mistry is not liable for the tort of negligence since Saini was not injured though he fell down.
- 2) Mistry is liable for the tort of negligence since Saini fell down due to the presence of the ladder.
- 3) Mistry is not liable for the tort of negligence since Saini was speeding on the road.
- 4) Mistry is liable for the tort of negligence since he was careless in leaving the ladder on the road.

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 2

However, the principle does not elaborate what "damage" is for the purpose of the question. As elaborated in our article, the legal aptitude section is meant to only test the candidate's legal aptitude and does not presume any prior knowledge of law. Moreover, the

question uses legal terms like ‘tort’ without clarifying what they mean. Even assuming prior knowledge on the part of the candidate, it is ambiguous to say that the mere fact that he fell constitutes damage. It is just as credible an argument to say that there was no damage, since even though he fell, he did not incur any injury. Thus, the facts do not clarify whether any “damage” resulted in the first place, making it difficult to answer this question.

18. Question Number: 192

Examine the Statement and Conclusions given below and choose a suitable answer from the options given:

Statement: Necessity knows no law.

Conclusions:

1. The act of a captain throwing some cargo into the ocean to save the ship from sinking is justified by the principle.
2. The act of a man out of poverty and starvation stealing some food from a hotel is justified by the principle.
3. The act of a tourist killing a tiger when it was attacking a villager is justified by the principle

Options:

- 1) Only Conclusion 1 follows.
- 2) Only Conclusion 2 follows.
- 3) Only Conclusion 1 and 3 follow.
- 4) All Conclusions follow.

The given answer (as per the official answer key): 3.

However, given that necessity itself is not defined and the questions do not require the candidate to apply prior knowledge of law, option 4 is also an equally good answer.

Conclusion 2 not only mentions poverty but also “starvation”. Whether this is a “necessity” which allows one to break the law is completely subjective and students who chose ‘4’ as the answer cannot be penalized.

19. **Question Number:** 197

Legal Principle: In the law of evidence, a person missing for long and not heard of, for over seven years is presumed to have died.

Facts: A, B and C are children of F and M. At the age of 20, A went out in search of a job and was not contacting the family. All attempts to trace A by the family failed. Eight years after the death of the parents, B and C entered into a partition and took equal share in the property of F and M. One year after this, A returned home with his wife and two children and claimed his share in the property. Whether A’s claim is legally sustainable?

Options:

- 1) Since A was not heard of, for more than eight years, the legal presumption of death will apply and hence, he cannot claim a share in the property.
- 2) It was A’s duty to be in touch with the family at least once in a year. The failure of this duty will disentitle him from claiming property.
- 3) A will succeed because he is a legitimate son of F and M.
- 4) B and C are legally bound to give $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ share of the property to A.

The given answer (as per the official answer key) was 1.

However, this is a very badly worded question. The question itself does not disclose the number of years upto which ‘A’ had gone missing. It expects the candidate to assume that ‘A’ left his house before the death of his parents, when the same is not mentioned anywhere.

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