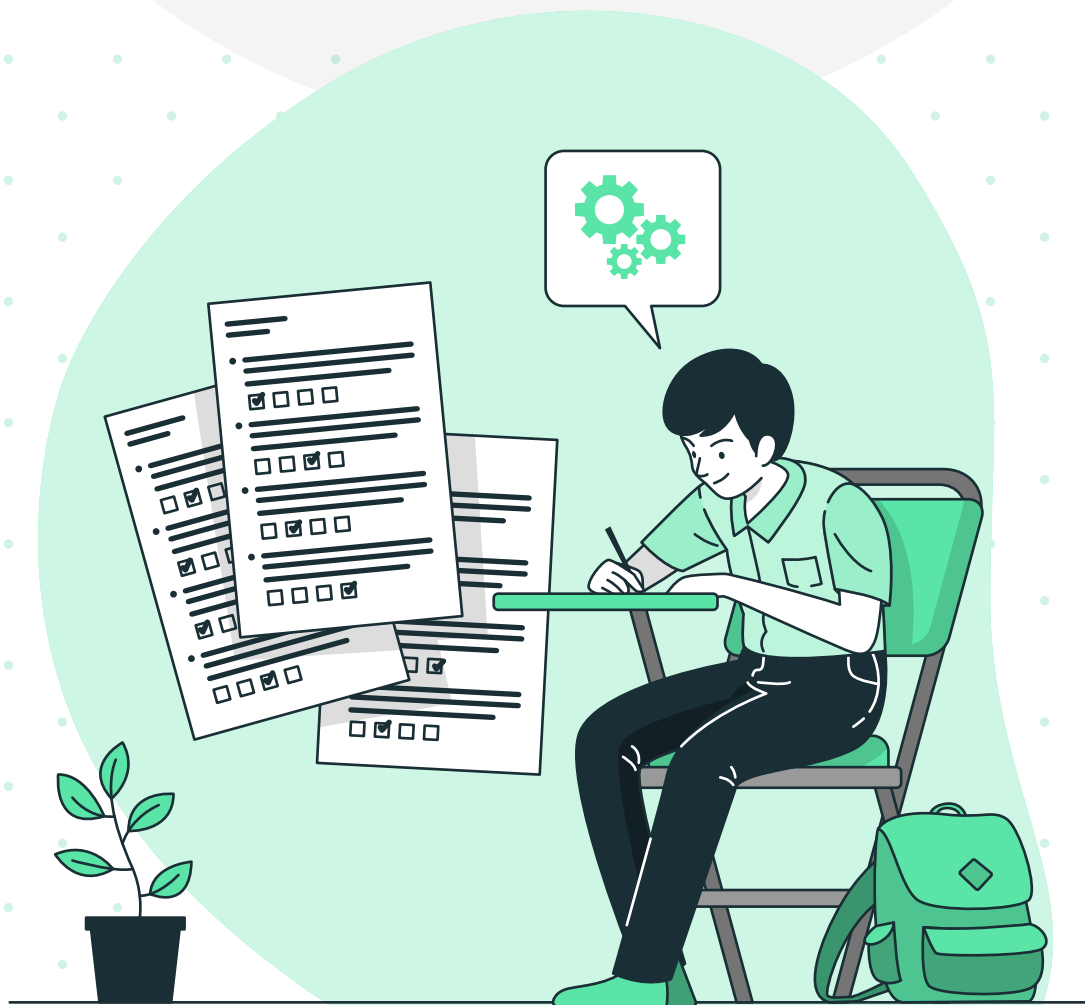




NEW PATTERN LOGICAL REASONING PRACTICE QUESTIONS



For CLAT Exam 2020

CLAT Logical Reasoning Practice Questions

Directions (Q1 to Q20): Each set of questions in this section is based on the reasoning and arguments set out in the preceding passage. Please answer each question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the corresponding passage. Do not rely on any information or facts other than the ones supplied to you. In some instances, more than one option may be the answer to the question; in such a case, please choose the option that most accurately and comprehensively answers the question.

Set 1 [Ques 1 to Ques 5]

We all make ethical choices, often without being conscious of doing so. Too often we assume that ethics is about obeying the rules that begin with “You must not...” If that were all there is to living ethically, then as long as we were not violating one of those rules, whatever we were doing would be ethical. That view of ethics, however, is incomplete. It fails to consider the good we can do for others less fortunate than ourselves, not only in our own community, but anywhere within the reach of our help. We ought also to extend our concern to future generations, and beyond our own species to nonhuman animals.

Another important ethical responsibility applies to citizens of democratic society: to be an educated citizen and a participant in the decisions our society makes. Many of these decisions involve ethical choices. In public discussions of these ethical issues, people with training in ethics can play a valuable role. In the 1960s, philosophers used to proclaim that it was a mistake to think that they have any expertise that would qualify them to address substantive ethical issues. They said that philosophy is concerned with the analysis of words and concepts, and so is neutral on substantive ethical questions.

Q1) Why does the author say that ethics is not just about obeying rules that forbid one from doing certain things?

- (a) Because ethics is not about doing anything; it only requires thinking about things.
- (b) Because ethics requires that one poses questions to other people.
- (c) Because ethics also requires that one does good for those who are not as fortunate as us.
- (d) Because ethics requires that one follows rules that direct one to do certain things.

Correct Answer: “c”

Q2) Which of the following is not an example of the important ethical responsibility that the author says applies to citizens of a democratic society?

- (a) Understanding one’s fundamental rights and participating in debates about how these rights may have to change with the times.
- (b) Closely tracking the performance of the national cricket team and commenting on individual players’ performances.
- (c) Finding out about the candidates in local elections and casting one’s vote.
- (d) Staying abreast of news about legal matters and talking to other people about one’s opinions on those laws.

Correct Answer: “b”

Q3) Which of the following is similar to the reason philosophers gave in the 1960s for claiming they were not qualified to comment on substantive ethical issues?

- (a) Athletes are concerned with improving their physical performance, and so are qualified to help others improve their physical abilities.
- (b) Engineers are experts in construction, and so should not build bridges.
- (c) Lawyers are experts in understanding and explaining the law, and are not capable of advising others on the law.
- (d) Doctors are concerned with understanding how the chemistry of the body works, and so are not qualified to advise patients on how to improve their health.

Correct Answer: "d"

Q4) Which of the following can be inferred from the author's description of ethics and living ethically?

- (a) The author thinks polluting the environment is bad as this may affect people who have not been born yet.
- (b) The author thinks hunting wild animals is bad as it is cruel and unnecessary.
- (c) (a), but not (b).
- (d) Both (a) and (b).

Correct Answer: "d"

Q5) Who amongst the following would be 'living ethically' if all there were to ethics was following the rule "You must not kill other humans"?

- (a) An alcoholic husband who beats his wife, causing her injuries.
- (b) A factory owner who releases massive quantities of lethal pollutants in a town's drinking- water supply.
- (c) A rash and negligent driver who causes the death of other people.
- (d) Someone who adulterates life-saving medicines, rendering them ineffective.

Correct Answer: "a"

Set 2 [Ques 6 to Ques 10]

In South Asia the ruling classes ignore the quotidian at their own peril. Just ask them about onions. This autumn the humble bulb has challenged titans.

The trouble began when unseasonably heavy rains followed drought across the onion-growing belt of north and central India. That not only all but destroyed the crop; the wet caused more than a third of onions in storage to rot. The result is a severe shortage of onions across India, as a result of which prices more than tripled.

This hardly threatens famine – something the green revolution abolished decades ago by boosting wheat and rice yields. Yet remove the onion and you struggle to imagine Indian cuisine. It forms the base for curries and biryanis. When a poor Indian has nothing else to eat, at least she has an onion with a chapati or two.

In late September the Indian government slapped a ban on exports of onions. That briefly brought down prices, helping consumers. But it has angered farmers and exporters in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka, for whom onions are an essential cash crop.

In South Asia, a region riven by geopolitical fault lines, there are international implications. Upon hearing of India's export ban, Bangladesh's strongwoman, Sheikh Hasina Wajed, admonished the Indian government for giving no warning. Her country counts on Indian onions, whose price at one point had risen fivefold in the markets of Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital.

Q6) Which of the following forms the premise for the author's argument that a shortage of onions would not cause a famine in India today?

- (a) India can ban exports of onions, thereby ensuring adequate supply.
- (b) India can always import onions from its neighbouring countries.
- (c) Onions are only used for flavour in Indian cuisine and are not the main staple.
- (d) There is enough wheat and rice for people to eat in India today because of the green revolution.

Correct Answer: "d"

Q7) Which of the following is most likely to be true had heavy rains not followed drought across the onion-growing regions of India?

- (a) Bangladesh would not have needed to import onions from India.
- (b) There would not have been a shortage of onions in India.
- (c) The onion harvest in storage would not have rotted.
- (d) The onion crop would not have been destroyed.

Correct Answer: "c"

Q8) Which of the following can we infer from the passage above?

- (a) Farmers in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka do not mind receiving lower prices from the sale of onions to ensure adequate supply of onions in India.
- (b) Farmers in states other than Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka do not cultivate onions.
- (c) Farmers in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka have been forced to cultivate onions because of the policies of the Indian government.
- (d) Farmers in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka care more about earning money through selling onions than ensuring adequate supply of onions in India.

Correct Answer: "d"

Q9) Which of the following solutions, if employed by the Bangladesh government, would counter the effect of the ban on onion exports by India on the prices of onions in Dhaka's markets?

- (a) Prohibit onion cultivation in Bangladesh.
- (b) Increase imports of onions from other countries.
- (c) Close the market on alternate days.
- (d) None of the above.

Correct Answer: "b"

Q10) Which of the following most accurately expresses the main point of the passage?

- (a) Onions are not an important crop for either India or Bangladesh.
- (b) The Bangladeshi government habitually opposes India's export policies, and the ban on onion exports is the most recent example of such opposition.
- (c) Adverse weather has affected the availability of onions in India, leading to cascading effects, including in neighbouring countries.
- (d) Onions form a very important part of an India's diet, and in the absence of anything else, an Indian can always eat onions with chapatis.

Correct Answer: "c"

Set 3 [Ques 11 to Ques 15]

The magnetic North Pole, it turns out, is shifting eastwards at an unprecedented pace. About 15 years ago, this would have made little difference to the daily lives of people and even Google Maps relies largely on satellite imaging, which is mostly unaffected by this shift. But now, in addition to its implications for industries and sectors that rely on the magnetic north — airports, defence, drilling — it will affect smartphones as well. Most contemporary phones have three magnetic sensors that tell the direction the user is facing. This feature could be compromised with the pole shifting, and people would be, quite literally, direction-less. They will thus have to ask other people for directions.

But learning to navigate by memory, and, more importantly, asking for directions may not be a terrible development. In fact, in India, it is a necessary skill. The spate of frequent internet shutdowns means that Google is of erratic help across cities in India.

Q11) Which of the following best represents the main point of the passage above?

- (a) Smartphones rely on magnetic sensors to tell the user which direction they are facing.
- (b) The shifting of the North Pole may not be a bad thing, since asking for directions is an important skill in India.
- (c) Internet shutdowns are very frequent in India.
- (d) The shifting of the North Pole will not affect Google Maps too much.

Correct Answer: "b"

Q12) If the statements in the passage above are true, then which of the following would also be true?

- (a) The political maps of the world will have to be redrawn to reflect the new position of the North Pole.
- (b) Smartphone sales will reduce drastically.
- (c) People will stop relying on their smartphones and instead ask other people for directions.
- (d) Weather patterns across the world will change dramatically because of the shifting of the North Pole.

Correct Answer: "c"

Q13) Which of the following, if true, most weakens the author's arguments in the passage above?

- (a) The drilling industry does not rely on the magnetic North Pole.
- (b) People in India are very familiar with the streets close to their home.
- (c) Road signs in India are very badly made and are of no help.
- (d) Smartphones rely on satellite imaging rather than magnetic sensors to tell the user which direction they are facing.

Correct Answer: "d"

Q14) The author's claim that smartphones rely on magnetic sensors to tell users the direction they are facing plays which of the following roles in the author's argument that people will soon have to ask other people for directions?

- (a) It forms the conclusion of the argument.
- (b) It forms the premise of the argument.
- (c) Neither (a) nor (b).
- (d) Both (a) and (b).

Correct Answer: "b"

Q15) Which of the following is an assumption, on which the argument that people will have to ask others for directions since their smartphones will no longer be able to give directions, is based?

- (a) People rely on other people to get directions.
- (b) People rely on their smartphones to get directions.
- (c) Both (a) and (b).
- (d) Neither (a) nor (b).

Correct Answer: "b"

Set 4 [Ques 16 to Ques 20]

Former Pakistan batsman and head coach of the Pakistan U-19 squad Ijaz Ahmed feels that his side has it in them to defeat arch-rivals India in the upcoming ICC Youth World Cup beginning in South Africa on 17 January.

—India has a very good cricket system and it is organised but I know that we have more passion than them when we play against each other and that is how we also beat them in the semi-finals of the recent Asian Emerging Nations Cup,|| Ijaz said.

Ijaz, a veteran of 60 Tests and 250 ODIs, was also in charge of the Pakistan Emerging side which defeated India before going on to win the title in Bangladesh last year.

—Even in the past, we beat India because of our greater passion and this time also I know the passion of our players will prevail over them although they have a very strong outfit, || he added.

Notably, Pakistan have already won the U-19 World Cup twice in the past.

Ijaz, however stated that eventually it would depend on how his team performs on that particular day.

—It is the same in the World Cup - it does not matter which team is number one or defending champions; what will matter is how a team plays on a given day. I personally feel our team is well balanced, || he said.

Ijaz also denied the Indian side being at an advantage despite the Indian U-19 team already having prior experience of South Africa, New Zealand and Zimbabwe in South Africa before the commencement of the World Cup.

—Our players have also trained hard in Lahore and we have played around 11 matches. We will also reach South Africa nine days before the World Cup and we have some practice games and I think our preparations are also very good for the tournament, || he said.

Q16) Based on his statements in the passage above, which of the following is Ijaz Ahmed most likely to agree with?

- (a) The Pakistan U-19 team will win the ICC Youth World Cup because it has better bowlers.
- (b) Strong emotional motivation is more important in sport than a strong team.
- (c) Familiarity with the local conditions is not important in cricket.
- (d) Preparation is not important when planning for cricket tournaments.

Correct Answer: "b"

Q17) Which of the following, if true, would most weaken Ijaz Ahmed's arguments in the passage above?

- (a) Practice games in local conditions are critical to a team's success in cricket tournaments.
- (b) A winning cricket team needs a good balance of players of different kinds.
- (c) The only way to win a cricket match is to be completely unemotional and focused.
- (d) Motivation and a desire to win are the most important things in winning cricket matches.

Correct Answer: "c"

Q18) What role does Ijaz Ahmed's description of the Pakistan U-19 team's victory over India in the Asian Emerging Nations Cup play in relation to his conclusion?

- (a) It supports the conclusion by providing an example.
- (b) It weakens the conclusion through a contradictory example.
- (c) It is an exception that proves the rule set out in his main conclusion.
- (d) It is completely unrelated to his conclusion.

Correct Answer: "a"

Q19) If Ijaz Ahmed's arguments in the passage above are correct, which of the following is most likely to be true?

- (a) The Pakistani team will win the U-19 World Cup.
- (b) The Pakistani team will beat the Indian team in the U-19 World Cup.
- (c) Neither of the above.
- (d) Both, (a) and (b).

Correct Answer: "b"

Q20) Which of the following can be conclusively inferred from Ijaz Ahmed's statements in the passage above?

- (a) He is more focused on defeating India than winning the U-19 World Cup.
- (b) He feels that it is no use reaching South Africa early for the U-19 World Cup.
- (c) He feels that their training in Lahore is adequate for the team to be ready for the U-19 World Cup.
- (d) None of the above.

Correct Answer: "d"

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