

# I.B.P.S. CLERKS

## COMMON WRITTEN EXAMINATION

### PREVIOUS PAPER – 2011

#### BASED ON MEMORY

#### REASONING

**Directions (1 – 2):** Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

Sunil started walking from point A. He walked 6 metres towards East to reach point B. From point B he took a right turn and walked 3 metres to reach point C. From point C he took a right turn and walked 10 metres to reach point D. From point D he took a left turn and walked 4 metres to reach point E. From point E, he walked 4 metres East to reach point F. Point G is exactly mid-way between point C and point D.

1. If Sunil walks 4 metres to the North of Point F, how far and in which direction will he be from point G?
  - 1) 1 metre towards East
  - 2) 2 metres towards East
  - 3) 1 metre towards West
  - 4) 2 metres towards West
  - 5) 1.5 metres towards East
2. How far and in which direction is point F from point A?
  - 1) 7 metres towards North
  - 2) 6 metres towards South
  - 3) 8 metres towards South
  - 4) 6 metres towards North
  - 5) None of these
3. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and hence form a group. Which of the following does not belong to that group?
  - 1) Think
  - 2) Reflect
  - 3) Speak
  - 4) Consider
  - 5) Ponder
4. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word BARGAINED, each of which has as many letters between them in the word (in both forward and backward directions) as they have between them in the English alphabetical series?
  - 1) Two
  - 2) Three
  - 3) None
  - 4) One
  - 5) More than three

**Directions (5 – 7):** Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions:

In a group of six people P, Q, R, S, T and U, each having a different weight, S is heavier than Q. R is lighter than only T and P. Q is not the lightest. P is not the heaviest.

5. Who amongst the following is the lightest?
  - 1) T
  - 2) P
  - 3) R
  - 4) U
  - 5) None of these

6. Who amongst the following is the second heaviest?  
 1) R 2) S 3) U 4) T  
 5) P
7. How many people are lighter than S?  
 1) None 2) Three 3) Two 4) More than three  
 5) One
8. Which of the following will come next in the following series?  
 9 1 9 8 2 9 8 7 3 9 8 7 6 4 9 8 7 6 5 5 9 8 7 6 5 4 6 9 8 7 6 5 4  
 1) 7 2) 8 3) 3 4) 2  
 5) 4
9. Which of the following will come in the place of the question mark(?) in the following series based on the English alphabetical order?  
 ZA BY XC DW ?  
 1) VF 2) EU 3) UE 4) EV  
 5) VE
10. Fifteen girls are standing in a straight line facing North, Sudha is standing eleventh from the right end. Radha is standing ninth from the left end. Meena is standing exactly between Sudha and Radha. How many girls are standing to the right of Meena?  
 1) Eight 2) Seven 3) Nine 4) Six  
 5) Cannot be determined

**Directions (11 – 15): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.**

Eight people P, Q, R, S, T, U, V and W are sitting around a circular table facing the centre not necessarily in the same order. T is sitting third to the right of P. W is sitting second to the right of S. S is not an immediate neighbour of either P or T. U and Q are immediate neighbours of each other. Q is an immediate neighbour of P. V is not an immediate neighbour of W.

11. What is R's position with respect to V?  
 1) Second to the left 2) Second to the right  
 3) Third to the right 4) Third to the left  
 5) None of these
12. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on their seating positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which one does not belong to the group?  
 1) RQ 2) PV 3) TP 4) US  
 5) WT
13. Who is sitting second to the right of the one who is sitting to the immediate right of W?  
 1) U 2) R 3) V 4) P  
 5) Q
14. How many people are sitting between U and W when counted from the left side of U?  
 1) Three 2) None 3) More than three 4) Two  
 5) One

15. Who is sitting exactly between T and S?

1) U

2) Q

3) W

4) V

5) R

**Directions (16 – 20):** In each of the questions below, two statements are given followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the two statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from the commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding the commonly known facts.

**Give answer (1)** if only conclusion I follows

**Give answer (2)** if only conclusion II follows

**Give answer (3)** if either conclusion I or II follows

**Give answer (4)** if neither conclusion I nor II follows

**Give answer (5)** if both conclusions I and II follow

16. **Statements:** All stones are pebbles

All pebbles are rocks

**Conclusions:** I. All stones are rocks

II. All rocks are pebbles

17. **Statements:** All kings are rulers

Some rulers are queens

**Conclusions:** I. Some kings are queens

II. Atleast some queens are rulers

18. **Statements:** Some gardens are parks

Some parks are areas

**Conclusions:** I. Atleast some areas are parks

II. No garden in an area

19. **Statements:** No letter is a fax

All messages are faxes

**Conclusions:** I. No message is a letter

II. Atleast some faxes are messages

20. **Statements:** Some boards are plains

No plain is a square

**Conclusions:** I. All squares are boards

II. All plains are boards

**Directions (21 – 25):** Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions:

Eight people- A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting in a straight line facing North not necessarily in the same order. F is sitting fifth to the right of A. D is sitting fifth to the right of E. E is to the immediate right of A. H is third to the left of D. B is third to the right of G. G is an immediate neighbour of A.

21. What is E's position with respect to C?
- 1) Second to the left
  - 2) Third to the right
  - 3) Fourth to the right
  - 4) Third to the left
  - 5) None of these
22. Who is sitting third to the right of the one who is sitting sixth from the right end of the above arrangement?
- 1) D
  - 2) C
  - 3) E
  - 4) H
  - 5) None of these
23. Who amongst the following are sitting at the extreme ends of the line?
- 1) G and D
  - 2) A and D
  - 3) G and F
  - 4) E and D
  - 5) A and B
24. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on their seating positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which one does not belong to the group?
- 1) HD
  - 2) BE
  - 3) EC
  - 4) AH
  - 5) GB
25. If all eight persons are asked to sit in an alphabetical order from right to left, the positions of how many will remain unchanged as compared to their original seating position?
- 1) Three
  - 2) More than three
  - 3) One
  - 4) Two
  - 5) None

**Directions (26 – 30):** In these questions, relationships between different elements is shown in the statements. These statements are followed by two conclusions.

**Give answer (1)** if only conclusion I follows

**Give answer (2)** if only conclusion II follows

**Give answer (3)** if either conclusion I or conclusion II follows

**Give answer (4)** if neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows

**Give answer (5)** if both conclusions I and II follow

26. **Statements:**  $G \leq F = L \leq J$ ;  $J \leq K = H$

**Conclusions:** I.  $H = G$  II.  $G < H$

27. **Statements:**  $P < R < S < T > U$

**Conclusions:** I.  $U < R$  II.  $T > P$

28. **Statements:**  $T > U \geq V > W$ ;  $X < Y = W > Z$

**Conclusions:** I.  $Z > U$  II.  $W < T$

29. **Statements:**  $K < L < M < N$ ;  $M < O < P$

**Conclusions:** I.  $P > K$  II.  $N > O$


30. **Statements:**  $B < A < C$ ;  $A > D \leq E$


**Conclusions:** I.  $B \leq E$  II.  $C > E$


Directions (Q. 31 – 35): In each of the questions given below which one of the five Answer figures on the right should come after the Problem Figures on the left, if the sequence were continued?


PROBLEM FIGURES

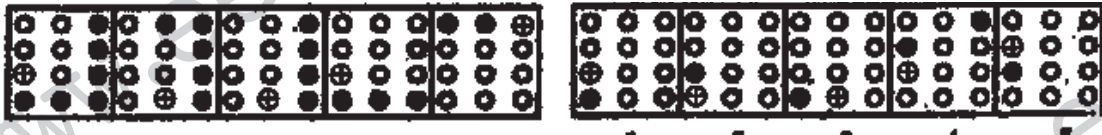
ANSWER FIGURES

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NUMERICAL ABILITY

Directions (36 – 50): What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions?

36.  $417.25 - 41.72 - 4.53 = ?$   
 1) 380.06                      2) 371                      3) 348                      4) 315  
 5) None of these
37.  $896 - (?)^3 = 4608 \div 12$   
 1) 2                      2)  $2^3$                       3)  $8^2$                       4)  $4^2$   
 5)  $2^4$
38.  $273 \div 3 - 9.1 = ?$   
 1) 81.9                      2) 62.3                      3) 84.9                      4) 91.8  
 5) None of these
39.  $\sqrt{3969} \div 1.4 = ? \times 2.5$   
 1) 18                      2) 112.5                      3) 16                      4) 24  
 5) None of these
40.  $15.8 \times 3 + 8.1 - 21.5 = ? + 14.6$   
 1) 14.9                      2) 20.1                      3) 18.4                      4) 19.4  
 5) None of these

41.  $83^{27.3} \div 83^{1.4} \times 83^{46.8} = 83^{31.9} + ?$

- 1) 64.1                      2) 41.9                      3) 40.8                      4) 39.1  
5) None of these

42.  $43\% \text{ of } 586 = 341.2 - ?$

- 1) 76.28                      2) 49.53                      3) 82.99                      4) 48.96  
5) None of these

43.  $(504.14 \div 14) \div 13 = ?$

- 1) 2.77                      2) 2.56                      3) 3.14                      4) 2.17  
5) None of these

44.  $4431 + 431 - 31 = ?$

- 1) 4530                      2) 3969                      3) 4831                      4) 4031  
5) None of these

45.  $2 \frac{13}{17} + \frac{4}{17} = ?$

- 1) 5                      2) 2.9                      3) 7                      4) 4  
5) None of these

46.  $1001 + 96 \div 16 = ?$

- 1) 1108                      2) 996                      3) 1070                      4) 1007  
5) None of these

47.  $\frac{1}{5} \text{ of } \frac{2}{7} \text{ of } \frac{8}{3} \text{ of } 4095 = ?$

- 1) 642                      2) 598                      3) 648                      4) 475  
5) None of these

48.  $32\% \text{ of } 150 \times 53\% ? = 7632$

- 1) 480                      2) 324                      3) 300                      4) 298  
5) None of these

49.  $1767 = ? \times 57$

- 1) 27                      2) 31                      3) 39                      4) 37  
5) None of these

50.  $7^2 + 3^4 - 4^3 = ? - 11^2$

- 1) 55                      2) 196                      3) 172                      4) 187  
5) None of these

**Directions (51 – 55):** What approximate value should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following questions?

(Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value)

51.  $(10.97)^2 + (4.13)^3 \times 3.79 = ?$

- 1) 428                      2) 376                      3) 197                      4) 204  
5) 302

52.  $12.13\%$  of  $935.81 + 1498\%$  of  $25.85 = ?$

- 1) 500                      2) 550                      3) 478                      4) 341  
5) 596

53.  $\sqrt[3]{65} \times 23.93 - 31.04 = ?$

- 1) 98                      2) 65                      3) 102                      4) 35  
5) 79

54.  $1624.12 \times 3.891 = ?$

- 1) 6100                      2) 6900                      3) 6000                      4) 6400  
5) 6500

55.  $3018.19 \div 2.87 - 841.02 = ?$

- 1) 365                      2) 90                      3) 387                      4) 1000  
5) 200

**Directions (56 – 60):** What should come in place of the question mark (?) in the following series?

56. 5 6 16 57 ? 1245

- 1) 244                      2) 148                      3) 296                      4) 271  
5) None of these

57. 12 ? 168 504 1260 2520

- 1) 96                      2) 59                      3) 61                      4) 48  
5) None of these

58. 4 9 29 ? 599 3599

- 1) 117                      2) 347                      3) 258                      4) 174  
5) None of these

59. 177 170 159 146 ? 1110

- 1) 132                      2) 106                      3) 129                      4) 127  
5) None of these

60. 2 3 11 38 102 ?

- 1) 402                      2) 182                      3) 227                      4) 168  
5) None of these

61. On a particular day, sweets were to be equally distributed among 495 students of a school. However, on that particular day 396 students from a nearby school also joined them. Hence each student present on that day got four sweets less. How many sweets were distributed?

- 1) 5445                      2) 4950                      3) 4455                      4) 3960  
5) None of these

62. A student requires 324 pencils in 6 years. How many dozen pencils will he require in 14 years?

- 1) 52                      2) 64                      3) 59                      4) 62  
5) None of these



63. In how many different ways can the letters of the word "REPLACE" be arranged?
- 1) 2630                      2) 5040                      3) 1680                      4) 2580
- 5) None of these
64. A particular sum was divided among A, B and C in the ratio 2 : 6 : 7 respectively. If the amount received by A was Rs.4,908, what was the difference between the amounts received by B and C ?
- 1) Rs.2,454                      2) Rs.3,494                      3) Rs.2,135                      4) Rs.2,481
- 5) None of these
65. The average of four consecutive even numbers P, Q, R and S respectively (in increasing order) is 51. What is the product of P and R?
- 1) 2592                      2) 2400                      3) 2600                      4) 2808
- 5) None of these
66. What is the least number to be added to 4523 to make it a perfect square?
- 1) 101                      2) 34                      3) 238                      4) 121
- 5) None of these
67. The product of two consecutive even numbers is 7568. What is 150% of the sum of the two numbers?
- 1) 204                      2) 261                      3) 304                      4) 198
- 5) None of these
68. Length of the floor of a rectangular auditorium is 6 metre more than the radius of a circle with a circumference of 572 m. The perimeter of the floor of the rectangular auditorium is 356 m. What will be cost of flooring the auditorium (Only the floor of the auditorium), if the cost of flooring is Rs.12/m<sup>2</sup>?
- 1) Rs.87,954                      2) Rs.91,236                      3) Rs.94,284                      4) Rs.75,490
- 5) None of these
69. A car covers a distance of 528 km. in a certain time at a speed of 66 km. /hr. How much distance would a truck cover at an average speed which is 24 km./hr. less than that of the speed of the car in time which is 7 hours more than that taken by the car?
- 1) 336 km                      2) 682 km                      3) 598 km                      4) 630 km
- 5) None of these
70. The average age of a man and his son is 30 years, The ratio of their ages four years ago was 10 : 3 respectively. What is the difference between the present ages of the man and his son?
- 1) 28 years                      2) 16 years                      3) 26 years                      4) 44 years
- 5) None of these

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Directions (71 – 80):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Once upon a time there lived a stone cutter in a small village. He worked **hard** throughout the day, preparing the shapes that were ordered by his customers. His hands were rough and his clothes were dirty. One day he went to the mountain to cut a big stone. It was difficult to work as the weather was extremely hot. After working for several hours, he sat down in the shade of a nearby tree and soon fell asleep. After



sometime, he heard the sound of a procession. He woke up and saw many soldiers and attendants walking in the sun, alongside the king who not only rode an elephant but also had an umbrella to **keep the sun away**. "How wonderful it must be to be a king", thought the stone cutter. He wondered how happy would he be if he were the king instead of a poor stone cutter. As he thought so, a **strange** thing happened. The stone cutter found himself dressed in silk clothes and shining jewels. His hands were soft and he was sitting on the elephant. He looked around at the attendants and thought, "How easy it is to be a king, these people are here to serve me". The procession moved on and the sun grew hotter.

The stone cutter, now the king, became too warm for comfort. He asked the procession to stop so that he could rest for some time. At once the chief of the soldiers bent before the king and said, "Your Majesty, this morning you swore to have me hanged to death if we did not reach the palace before the sun set. "The stone cutter felt sorry for him and **let** the procession go on its way again. "I am powerful, it is true, but how more powerful the sun is. I would rather be the sun than a king", he thought. At once, he became the sun, shining down on the earth.

Its new power was hard to control. It shone too brilliantly and burned up the fields with its rays. But no matter how hard it shone, it could not see through the clouds. It was **evident** that the clouds were even stronger and more powerful than the sun. The sun wished that it would rather be a cloud. Suddenly it found itself turned into a huge dark cloud. It started using its new power. It poured rain down on the fields and caused floods. All the trees and houses were swept away but the boulder, which once it had been cutting when it was a stone cutter was unmoved and unchanged. No matter how hard it poured down on the stone, the stone did not move.

The cloud wondered, "That rock is more powerful than I am. Only a stone cutter could change the rock by his skill. "No sooner had it said these words, he found himself sitting on a stone. He picked up his tools and began working.

**Directions (71 – 72):** Choose the word/phrase which is Most Similar in Meaning to the word/phrase printed in bold as used in the passage.

**71. Keep the Sun away**

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1) Maintain darkness  | 2) Delay the sunset |
| 3) Block the sun      | 4) Stock the shade  |
| 5) Enjoy little shade |                     |

**72. EVIDENT**

- |            |                |          |           |
|------------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| 1) Obvious | 2) Transparent | 3) Known | 4) Public |
| 5) Active  |                |          |           |

**Directions (73 – 75):** Choose the word which is MOST OPPOSITE in MEANING to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**73. LET**

- |                |             |            |             |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1) Stopped     | 2) Punished | 3) Allowed | 4) Admitted |
| 5) Disciplined |             |            |             |

**74. HARD**

- |              |          |              |         |
|--------------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 1) Mockingly | 2) Badly | 3) Leisurely | 4) Soft |
| 5) Aimlessly |          |              |         |

**75. STRANGE**

- |              |          |            |             |
|--------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| 1) Wonderful | 2) False | 3) Erratic | 4) Orthodox |
| 5) Usual     |          |            |             |

76. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the story?
- 1) The Stone cutter
  - 2) The king's Procession
  - 3) The power of nature
  - 4) Experiments of a king
  - 5) A dream of a king
77. Who could the king's procession not be stopped?
- 1) The king had promised the queen that he would reach the palace in time
  - 2) It was getting dark and it was unsafe to halt
  - 3) It was about to rain and the palace was close by
  - 4) The soldiers were in a hurry to reach the palace as they were very hungry
  - 5) None of these
78. Why did the sun wish to become a cloud?
- 1) It wanted to cool down the earth by raining
  - 2) It did not want to set in the evening and be visible even in the night
  - 3) It assumed that the clouds were stronger than the sun
  - 4) It wanted to wander in the sky like the clouds did
  - 5) None of these
79. What problem did the cloud face?
- 1) The cloud could not affect the boulder
  - 2) The cloud had to rain all the time
  - 3) The cloud brought about a huge flood for which it was punished by the king
  - 4) The cloud needed the sun for its formation
  - 5) None of these
80. Why did the king desire to become the sun?
- 1) The sun was troubling the king and the king desired to take revenge
  - 2) The king desired to be more powerful than he already was
  - 3) The chief of the soldiers suggested the king to be the sun
  - 4) The king would be able to live in the sky once he were the sun
  - 5) None of these

**Directions (81 – 85):** In each question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are numbered as (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of these four words printed in **bold** may either be **misspelt** or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word which is wrongly spelt or **inappropriate** if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in **bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (5) i.e. 'All Correct' as your answer.

81. The **need** (1)/ to grow should not be **mistaken** (2)/ for **dissatisfaction** (3)/ with one's **current** (4)/ state. All correct (5).
82. He **laiy** (1)/ in the bed to **rest**, (2)/ and **within** (3)/ no time **dozed** (4)/ off to sleep. All correct (5).
83. It was **disappointing** (1)/ to know that **despite** (2)/ his best **attempts**, (3)/ he had **failed** (4)/ in the exam. All correct (5).

84. He was so **scared** (1)/ after **watching** (2)/ the **movie** (3)/ that he didn't sleep for three **nights** (4)/ after that. All correct (5).
85. Vijay had **always** (1)/ been keen (2)/ on **getting** (3)/ as much **education** (4)/ as he could. All correct (5).

**Directions (86 – 90):** Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in a proper sequence so as to form a meaningful paragraph, and then answer the questions given below:

- (A) But Gandhiji stuck to his principles and did not copy, thus, having to face scolding and ridicule after the inspector left.
- (B) Gandhiji wrote four words correctly, but he could not spell the fifth word "Kettle".
- (C) The Inspector of Schools visited Gandhiji's school.
- (D) Having noticed that except Gandhiji all the other students had spelt all the five words, the teacher prompted Gandhiji to copy the word from his neighbour's slate.
- (E) He read out five English words to the class and asked all the boys to write them down.

86. Which of the following should be the LAST (FIFTH) sentence after the rearrangement?

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

87. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?

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

88. Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?

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

89. Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

90. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after the rearrangement?

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

**Directions (91 – 100):** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of the part is the answer. If there is "no error", the answer is (5). (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any)

91. People who play (1)/ their radios too (2)/ loud have no (3)/ considerations for others. (4)/ No error (5).
92. The novel has neither (1)/ an interesting (2)/ plot nor any (3)/ interesting character. (4)/ No error (5).
93. If you were given a (1)/ chance to live in (2)/ some other country, which (3)/ one would you have choosen? (4)/ No error (5).
94. Having lived to (1)/ Paris for two (2)/ years, Prakash understands (3)/ French reasonably well. (4)/ No error (5).
95. Reema decided not to (1)/ watch the movie because (2)/ she had to study for the (3)/ quiz to be hold the next day. (4)/ No error (5).

96. Athletes do various (1)/ kinds of warm (2)/ up activities before (3)/ they start to running (4)/ No error (5).
97. Ramesh will lives (1)/ with Ram until he (2)/ finds a separate (3)/ house for himself. (4)/ No error (5).
98. Cows, goats and (1)/ other such domestic (2)/ animals together is (3)/ called livestock. (4)/ No error (5).
99. Students are likely to (1)/ work on the evenings (2)/ during the weekends, (3)/ or summer breaks (4)/ No error (5).
100. Being-able to (1)/ remember a lot of information is (2)/ not the same as (3)/ being able to think. (4)/ No error (5).

### ANSWERS

1-3; 2-5; 3-3; 4-5; 5-4; 6-5; 7-3; 8-3; 9-5; 10-1; 11-2; 12-3; 13-5; 14-5; 15-4; 16-1; 17-2; 18-1; 19-5; 20-4; 21-4; 22-2; 23-1; 24-2; 25-3; 26-3; 27-2; 28-2; 29-1; 30-4; 31-3; 32-1; 33-5; 34-4; 35-1; 36-2; 37-2; 38-1; 39-1; 40-4; 41-3; 42-5; 43-1; 44-3; 45-5; 46-4; 47-5; 48-3; 49-2; 50-4; 51-2; 52-1; 53-2; 54-5; 55-5; 56-1; 57-4; 58-5; 59-3; 60-3; 61-4; 62-5; 63-5; 64-1; 65-5; 66-1; 67-2; 68-3; 69-4; 70-1; 71-3; 72-1; 73-1; 74-3; 75-5; 76-5; 77-5; 78-3; 79-1; 80-2; 81-1; 82-1; 83-1; 84-5; 85-5; 86-2; 87-3; 88-2; 89-3; 90-1; 91-5; 92-5; 93-5; 94-1; 95-4; 96-4; 97-1; 98-3; 99-2; 100-2.