

DAILY QUESTIONS

20TH JUNE '18

REASONING-STATEMENT AND ARGUMENT

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Q.1) Statement: Should the Government of India supply free electricity to the farmers?

Arguments:

- (I) No. Government should not provide free electricity to anybody,**
- (II) Yes. The farmers are not in a position to pay for the electricity.**

Solution: [b]

(I) does not put forward any necessary substance against the move. Hence, I is a weak argument. Now, India is an agro-based country. To protect agriculture, it is necessary to provide free electricity to poor Indian farmers. Hence, II is a strong argument.

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Q.2) Statement: Should there be a complete ban on import of sugar by India?

Arguments:

(I) No. The production of sugar in India is not sufficient to meet the requirement.

(II) No. This will keep the prices of sugar under control as the supply will be adequate.

Solution: [e]

Import of sugar is directly related with the domestic production of sugar. If import of sugar is banned then it will result in hoarding of sugar besides increase in its prices (due to less supply than the requirement). Hence, (I) is strong. Note that availability of a commodity keeps the prices of the commodity under control. Hence, II is strong.

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Q.3) Statement: Should all the tigers in India located at various reserve forests be relocated at one big forest area having conducive habitat?

Arguments:

- (I) No. The tigers located at different sanctuaries have different habitats and may not survive if all are brought under a common habitat.**
- (II) Yes. This will help the administration concentrate all its efforts to protect the tigers from the poachers.**

Solution: [b]

Look at the word 'conducive habitat' in the question part. Therefore, the question on survival of tigers in a conducive common habitat does not arise. Thus, (I) is not acceptable. Hence, I is a weak argument. II is strong because it will be helpful in protecting tigers from being extinct.

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Q.4) Statement: Should the use of nuclear energy to generate electricity be completely banned in India?

Arguments:

- (I) Yes. India does not have enough resources to generate adequate level of electricity using nuclear energy and should concentrate on harvesting its natural resources.**
- (II) No. Conventional energy sources are depleting rapidly in India and hence it should use nuclear energy to generate electricity.**

Solution: [b]

(I) is weak. Non-availability of enough resources does not mean that the production of electricity using nuclear energy should be banned. Electricity is a part of the infrastructure and we should keep producing it, at whatever level be it. II is strong as it mentions a fact and we should go for other ways of producing electricity considering the depleting conventional energy sources in India.

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Q.5) Statement: Should the right of employees to strike work be banned and the violators be severely punished?

Arguments:

- (I) Yes. This is the only way to ensure smooth functioning of the organizations and prohibit the employees from taking the organizations for granted.**
- (II) No. This will lead to autocratic organizational administration and the organization may grossly violate the basic rights of the employees.**

Solution: [b]

(I) is weak because of the word 'only'. It is strong because the right to strike is a democratic way by which the employees are ensured safety from the autocratic behaviour of the organizational administration (or the organization itself).

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Q.6) Statement: Should all the level crossings on the railway lines in India be closed down and flyovers or subways be built?

Arguments:

(I) Yes. This will substantially minimize the number of accidents resulting into death of large number of people.

(II) No. The government does not have sufficient fund to construct so many flyovers/ subways.

Solution: [e]

Both I and II are strong. It is true that the level crossings on the railway line in India cause several casualties. But, it is also true that such crossings exist because the government does not have the required funds to construct so many flyovers/ subways. Here, it is necessary to mention that the railway network in India is one of the largest in the world.

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Q.7) Statement: Should there be a restriction on the number of one-day international cricket matches to be played by a country within a calendar year?

Arguments:

- (I) No. Each country should have the freedom to play as many matches as they want.**
- (II) Yes. Otherwise the top-ranking players will burn out in quick time.**

Solution: [b]

Argument (I) is not strong because it is supported on trivial grounds. It does not mention the loss (if any) caused by the move. It is true. Hence, II is strong. To remain fit for cricket, cricketers must be given time for rest.

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Q.8) Statement: Should the teenagers be denied access to the Internet?

Arguments:

(I) Yes. Most of the children, particularly the teenagers, are found indulging in accessing pornographic contents.

(II) No. Denying access to the Internet would mean denying access to a lot of useful information; instead the access may be controlled.

Solution: [e]

(I) is strong because an obsession with such contents creates a bad impact on their impressionable minds. II is strong because in today's age one can't afford to lose access to information.

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Q.9) Statement: Should computer education be made a compulsory subject at school level by the Government?

Arguments:

- (I) No. It may be difficult to teach computers in the schools located in rural parts of the country.**
- (II) Yes. It is difficult to function without computer in the era of modernization.**

Solution: [b]

(I) is not the right way of arguing. Computer education is essential. It is possible to make arrangements for the desired purpose. II is true. Importance of computer can't be ignored. Hence, II is strong.

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Q.10) Statement: should there be a complete ban on bursting crackers including fireworks barring a few occasions in our country?

Arguments:

- (I) No. People should be allowed to enjoy on all occasions according to their interests and priorities.**
- (II) Yes. Bursting crackers causes a lot of sound and air pollution which is hazardous to health.**

Solution: [b]

(I) is not the right way of arguing. (I) does not justify the need to burst crackers on several occasions. Hence, (I) is not strong. Again, anything which is hazardous for human health as well as environment is not desirable. Hence, II is strong.