

Statement, Arguments Questions for IBPS, SBI Banking Pdf

Each question given below consist of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments us a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

1. **Statement :**

Should agriculture in rural India be mechanized?

Arguments :

- I. Yes. It would lead to higher production.
 - II. No. Many villagers would be left unemployed.
- a. if only argument I is strong
 - b. if only argument II is strong
 - c. if either I and II is strong
 - d. if neither I nor II is strong and
 - e. if both I and II are strong.

Ans: A

Clearly, mechanization would speed up the work and increase the production. So, argument I is strong enough. Argument II is vague because mechanization will only eliminate wasteful employment, not create unemployment.

2. **Statement :**

Should new big industries be started in Mumbai?

Arguments :

- I. Yes. It will be create job opportunities.
 - II. No. It will further add to the pollution of the city.
- a. if only argument I is strong
 - b. if only argument II is strong
 - c. if either I and II is strong
 - d. if neither I nor II is strong and
 - e. if both I and II are strong.

Ans: C

Opening up of new industries is advantageous in opening more employment avenues, and disadvantageous in that it adds to the pollution. So, either of the arguments holds strong.

3. **Statement :**

Should offers accepting bribe be punished?

Arguments :

I. No. certain circumstances may have compelled them to take bribe.

II. Yes. They should do the job they are entrusted with, honestly.

- a. if only argument I is strong
- b. if only argument II is strong
- c. if either I and II is strong
- d. if neither I nor II is strong and
- e. if both I and II are strong.

Ans: B

Clearly, officers are paid duly for the jobs they do. So, they must do it honestly. Thus, argument II alone holds.

4. **Statement :**

Should India give away Kashmir to Pakistan?

Arguments :

I. No. Kashmir is a beautiful state. It earns a lot of foreign exchange for India.

II. Yes. This would help settle conflicts.

- a. if only argument I is strong
- b. if only argument II is strong
- c. if either I and II is strong
- d. if neither I nor II is strong and
- e. if both I and II are strong.

Ans: A

Clearly, India cannot part with a state that is a major foreign exchange earner to it. So, argument I holds strong. Further, giving away a piece of land unconditionally and unreasonably is no solution to settle disputes. So, arguments II is vague.

5. **Statement :**

Should foreign films be banned in India?

Arguments :

I. Yes. They depict an alien culture which adversely affects our values.

II. No. Foreign films are a high artistic standard.

a. if only argument I is strong

b. if only argument II is strong

c. if either I and II is strong

d. if neither I nor II is strong and

e. if both I and II are strong.

Ans: D

Clearly, foreign films depict the alien culture but this only helps in learning more. So argument I does not hold. Also, the reason stated in argument II is not strong enough in contradicting the ban. So, it also does not hold.