

Logical Reasoning Questions and Answers Pdf

Question: 1

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.

Statement :

Should Government close down loss making public sector enterprises?

Arguments :

I. No. All employees will lose their jobs, security and earning. What would they do?

II. Yes. In a competitive world the rule is survival of the fittest.

- (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

Closing down public sector enterprises will definitely throw the engaged persons out of employment. So, argument I holds. Also, closing down is no solution for a loss making enterprise. Rather, its causes of failure should be studied, analyzed and the essential reforms implemented. Even if this does not work out, the enterprise may be privatized. So, argument II is vague.

Question: 2

Statement :

Should jobs be linked with academic degrees and diploma?

Arguments :

I. No. A very large number of persons with meagre academic

qualifications will apply.

II. No. Importance of higher education will be diminished.

(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, delinking jobs with degrees will diminish the need for higher education as many of them pursue such education for jobs. So, only argument II is strong.

Question: 3

Statement :

Should all the unauthorized structures in the city be demolished?

Arguments :

I. No. Where will the people residing in such houses live?

II. Yes. This will give a clear message to general public and they will refrain from constructing unauthorized buildings.

(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

The demolition of unauthorized buildings would teach a lesson to the unscrupulous builders and also serve as a warning for the citizens not to indulge in such activities in the future. This is

essential, as unauthorized constructions impose undue burden on the city infrastructure. So, only argument II holds strong.

Question: 4

Statement :

Should so much money be spent on advertisements?

Arguments :

I. Yes. It is an essential concomitant in a capitalist economy?

II. No. It leads to wastage of resources.

(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, the advertisements are the means to introduce people with the product and its advantages. So, argument I holds strong. But argument II is vague because advertisements are an investment for better gain and not a wastage.

Question: 5

Statement :

Should taxes on colour television be further increased?

Arguments :

I. Yes. Colour television is a luxury item and only rich people buy them.

II. No. Televisions are bought by the poor too.

(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, taxes on an item cannot be increased or decreased on the basis of the financial position of the people who buy it. So, both arguments I and II do not hold strong.

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