Statement - Arguments Questions and Answers 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.

Question: 1

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Statement:

Should all the students graduating in any discipline desirous of pursuing post graduation of the subjects of their choice be allowed to enroll in the post graduate courses?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. The students are the best judge of their capabilities and there should not be restrictions for joining post graduate courses.
- II. No. The students need to study relevant subjects in graduate courses to enroll in post graduate courses and the students must fulfill such conditions.
- III. No. There are not enough institutes offering post graduate courses which can accommodate all the graduates desirous of seeking post graduate education of their own choice.
- (A) None is strong
- (B) Only I and II are strong
- (C) All are strong
- (D) Only I and III are strong
- (E) None of these

Only argument II is strong.

The students cannot be enrolled in the courses just on the basis of their interests, but their compatibility with the same also matters. So, I does not hold. Besides, lack of institutes is no criteria to deny post graduate

courses to students. So, argument III also does not hold. II provides a genuine reason and thus holds strong.

Question: 2

Statement:

Should all the profit making public sector units be sold to private companies?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. This will help the government to augment its resources for implementing the development programmes.
- II. No, The private companies will not be able to run these units effectively.
- III. Yes. There will be a significant improvement in the quality of services.
- IV. No. There would not be job security for the employees at all the levels.
- (A) Only II and III are strong
- (B) All are strong
- (C) Only III and IV are strong
- (D) Only I, II and III are strong
- (E) Only II, III and IV are strong

Ans: C

The government cannot sell off public sector units just to pool up funds for development. Besides, if it does so, these units shall be handed over to private companies which are fully equipped to run these units effectively. So, neither I nor II holds strong. Privatization shall surely ensure better services, but private companies adopt hire and fire policy and they are free to terminate the services of any employee as and when they wish to. Thus, both III and IV hold strong.

Question: 3

Statement:

Should the rule of wearing helmet for both driver and pillion rider while driving a motor bike be enforced strictly.

Arguments:

I. Yes. It is a rule and rules should be followed strictly by all.

II. No. Each individual knows how to protect his own life and it should be left to

his discretion.

III. No. It does not ensure safety as only the head is protected and rest of the

body is not.

IV. Yes. It is a necessity as head, being the most sensitive organ, is protected by

the helmet.

(A) None is strong

(B) Only I and III are strong

(C) Only I and IV are strong

(D) Only II and IV are strong

(E) All are strong

Ans: C

Clearly, the rule has been devised for the safety of two wheeler riders, as majority of two wheeler accidents result in the direct fall of the rider, leading to head injury and finally death. And the objective of a rule cannot be fulfilled until it is followed by all and this requires strict enforcement. Thus, both I and IV hold strong, while III does not. Besides, it is the basic duty of the Government to look after the safety of the citizens and it ought not leave it to the discretion of the individuals. So, argument II does not hold strong.

Question: 4

Statement:

Should the government ban all forms of protest including strikes and processions?

Arguments:

I. Yes. This is the only way to teach disciplines to the employees.

II. No. Government cannot deprive its citizens of their basic rights.

III. Yes. This is the only way to ensure maximum productivity without disruption of work.

- (A) None is strong
- (B) Only I and II are strong
- (C) Only II and III are strong
- (D) Only I and III are strong
- (E) All are strong

Ans: C

Clearly, strike is not a means of indiscipline but only a practice in which the workers exercise their fundamental right to voice their protest against the atrocities of the management. So, argument I is vague while II holds. Also, the option of resorting to strikes often aggravates petty issues and disrupts work for long periods, thus affecting productivity. So, III holds strong.

Question: 5

Statement:

Should religion be taught in our schools?

Arguments:

- I. No. Ours is a secular state.
- II. Yes. Teaching religion helps inculcate moral values among children.
- III. No. How can one dream of such a step when we want the young generation to fulfill its role in the 21st century.
- (A) All are strong
- (B) None is strong
- (C) Only I is strong
- (D) Only II is strong
- (E) Only I and III are strong

Ans: D

Ours is a secular state does not mean that religion and religious values should be eradicated. In fact, these inculcate moral values. So, argument I vague while argument II is strong. Also, teaching religion can in no way hinder the students capability to face the challenges of the 21st century.