

Statement and Arguments Questions for Bank Exams 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 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, arguments I holds strong. But arguments II is vague because advertisements are an investment for better gain and not a wastage.

2. Statement :

Should Indian scientists working abroad be called back to India?

Arguments :

- I. Yes. They must serve the motherland first and forget about discoveries, honours, facilities and all.
- II. No. We have enough talent, let them stay where they want.
 - 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, every person must be free to work wherever he wants and no compulsion should be made to confine one to one's own country. So, argument I is vague. However, talented scientists can be of great prospects may be made available to them to retain them within their motherland. So, argument II also does not hold.

3. Statement :

Is buying things on installments profitable to the customer?

Arguments :

- I. Yes. He has to pay less.
- II. No. Paying installments upsets the family budget.
 - 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

In buying things on installments, a customer has to pay more as the interest is also included. So, argument I does not hold. Moreover, one who buys an item on installments maintains his future budget accordingly as he is well acquainted with when and how much he has to pay, beforehand. So argument II is also not valid.

4. 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's infrastructure. So, only argument II holds strong.

5. Statement :

Is paying ransom or agreeing to the conditions of kidnappers of political figures, a proper course of action?

Arguments :

- I. Yes. The victims must be saved at all cost.
- II. No. It encourages the kidnappers to continue their sinister activities.
 - 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: E

Both the arguments are strong enough. The conditions have to be agreed to, in order to save the life of the victims, though actually they ought not to be agreed to, as they encourage the sinister activities of the kidnappers.