



# COURSES OF ACTION

## INTRODUCTION-

course of action is a likely solution/ suggestion/ remedy/ a tool to improve a given problem or difficult situations in question statement. You have to choose out of 2-3 courses of action given in answer statement, which course of action is more effective to address the problem.

## FORMAT OF QUESTIONS

**Directions :-** In the following questions a fact-situation is given followed by two suggested courses.

**Give answer,**

- (a) if only course of action I follows
- (b) if only course of action II follows
- (c) if both the course of action follow
- (d) if neither follows
- (e) If the data given is inadequate

**Statement :**

Cholera has affected many parts of the country.

**Course of Action :**

- I. The MLAs should rush to their constituencies.
- II. The government should try to make people aware about the need for clean drinking water

## STEPS TO EVALUATE COURSE OF ACTION/APPROACH

There are two major types based on which questions are asked

- 1. **Problem Solution Relation**
- 2. **Type II: Fact - Improvement Relation**

### Type1- Problem Solution Relation

It solves / reduces or minimise the problem the solution or course of action is practically Possible

**If It is an established fact.**

**Statement:** Accidents are increasing in the state of Kerala.

**Valid Course of Action :** An awareness campaign conducted to make people aware of the importance of traffic rules.

It is an established fact that accidents can be minimised if the motorists follow traffic rules

**Experiences says so :**

if previous experience predict that the particular course of action will minimise the problems, then it can be followed

**Logically it is right**

if the problem given is a new one and hardly any experience can be attached to it, check whether the course of action is logically right.

**statement :** Reports say that the government jobs in rural areas are lying vacant.

**Course of Action :** People working in rural areas should be given more incentives.

This course of action is logically right. If incentives are given, people are motivated and hence they will go to rural areas.

## Type II: Fact - Improvement Relation

his pattern is solved just by applying the same rules of Type I. First we have to identify whether the fact or situation will improve due to the course of action mentioned. Second thing to do is to check whether the, course of action is practically possible.

## GOLDEN RULE THE FINAL WORD

Never allow our personal perceptions to come into play while evaluating the suggested courses of action. We should always give importance to the way public departments and systems function and we should accept them even if we don't trust them. Our decisions and views should be impartial and impersonal.

## FINAL TIPS

In most of the cases, a situation has more than one course of action. But they are never exclusive to each other. So our answer should be always "both follow" and not "either of them follows"

## PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

**Directions:** In each question below is given a statement followed by some courses of actions. A course of action is a step or administrative **decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action** in regard to the problem, policy etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to **assume everything in the statement to be true** then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing. Now read the statement given in each of the following questions and find out which of the courses of action **logically follows** from the given statements and answer accordingly.

### Q1.

**Statement:** There has been unprecedented increase in prices of essential commodities during the past few days, due to the strike call given, by the transporters' association.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The government should immediately deploy all the govt. vehicles for movement of essential commodities to tide over the crisis.

**II.** The transporters' association should be persuaded to withdraw their strike call to bring in normalcy in supply of essential commodities.

- (a) if only course of action I follows.
- (b) if only course of action II follows.
- (c) if either I or II follows
- (d) if neither I nor II follows
- (e) If both I and II

### Q2.

**Statement :** There have been many instances of dacoit and looting in many passenger trains this year



### Courses of action :

I. The railway authority should immediately deploy one policeman in each compartment in all the passenger trains.

II. The passengers travelling by train should be given training on how to tackle with the dacoits and looters.

(a) if only course of action I follows.

(b) if only course of action II follows.

(c) if either I or II follows

(d) if neither I nor II follows

(e) If both I and II

### Q3.

**Statement:** Many villages in the district are washed away by the flood water rendering all the villagers without food and shelter.

### Courses of action :

I. The district administration should immediately send relief team with food; and other supplies to the affected areas.

II. The people living in the neighbouring villages should be evacuated to safer places.

(a) if only course of action I follows.

(b) if only course of action II follows.

(c) if either I or II follows

(d) if neither I nor II follows

(e) If both I and II

### Q4.

**Statement:** A large number of students have been caught using unfair means during the final year degree examinations.

### Courses of action

I. All these students should permanently be debarred from appearing for any examination conducted by the authority.

II. The guardians of these students should be called by the authority to inform them at any such behaviour in future will not tolerated.

(a) if only course of action I follows.

(b) if only course of action II follows.

(c) if either I or II follows

(d) if neither I nor II follows

(e) If both I and II

### Q5.

**Statement:** A large number of engineering graduates in the country are riot in a position to have gainful employment at present and the number of such engineers are likely to grow in future.

### Courses of action :

I. The government should launch attractive employment generation schemes and encourage these graduates' to opt for such schemes to effectively use their expertise and knowledge.

II This happened due to proliferation of engineering colleges in the country and thereby towered the quality of the engineering graduates. Those colleges which are not equipped to impart quality education should be closed down immediately.

(a) if only course of action I follows.

(b) if only course of action II follows.

(c) if either I or II follows

(d) if neither I nor II follows

(e) If both I and II

### Q6.

**Statement:** The local college principal has ordered that all the students must strictly adhere to the dress code stipulated by the college authority in the admission brochure.

### Courses of action:

I. Those students who are found to violate the dress code should be terminated from the college.

II. Those students who are found to violate the dress code for the first time should be reprimanded and be warned against further violation.

(a) if only 1 follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

### Q7.

**Statement:** The railways have decided to repair the main tracks within the city on the following Sunday and has decided to suspend operations for the whole day.

### Courses of action:

I. The railway authority should issue public notification well in advance to ease inconvenience to the passengers.

II. All the long distance trains entering the city during the repair hours should be terminated outside the city limit.

(a) if only 1 follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

### Q8.

**Statement:** Many motorists driving on the highway within the city are found to be driving much beyond the permissible speed limit,

### Courses 'of action:

I. The traffic police should personally monitor the movement of vehicles On the highway within the city.

II. The Government should immediately put in place a mechanism to identify and punish erring drivers.

(a) if only 1 follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

### Q9.

**Statement:** Majority of the city employees in the renowned BPO company has left their jobs to protest



against inhuman treatment meted out to them by the company.

**Courses of action:**

**I** The Government should immediately order the BPO company to close down its operation.

**II.** The BPO company should shift its operations to some other place to continue its operations.

**(a)** if only I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both I and II follow.

**Q10.**

**Statement:** The management of the organisation has issued a circular to all its employees stating that each employee must report for duty at 10.00 A.M. sharp and should remain in his/her place till 5.30 P.M. everyday.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The management should evolve a mechanism to identify such employees who may not adhere to the time schedule.

**II.** All such employees who are found to be failing to maintain time schedule should be summarily suspended,

**(a)** if only I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both I and II follow.

**Q11.**

**Statement:** Drinking water supply to many parts of town is disrupted due to loss of water because of leakage in pipes supplying water.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The government should order an enquiry into the matter

**II.** The civic body should set up a fact-finding team to assess the damage and take effective step.

**(a)** if only course of action I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only course of action II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q12.**

**Statement:** There is an alarming increase in the number of people suffering from malaria in many parts of the city.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The municipal corporation has advised all the government hospitals to store adequate supply of malaria drugs.

**II.** The municipal corporation has urged people to

use mosquito repellents and keep their premises clean.

**(a)** if only course of action I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only course of action II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q13.**

**Statement:** Many people have encroached into the government property and built their houses and business establishments.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The government should take Immediate steps to remove all unauthorised constructions on government land.

**II.** All the encroachers should immediately be put behind bars and also be slapped with a hefty fine.

**(a)** if only course of action I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only course of action II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q14.**

**Statement:** The meteorological department has predicted normally rainfall throughout the country during the current monsoon.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The government should reduce the procurement price of food grains for the current year.

**II.** The government should reduce subsidy on fertilizers for the current year.

**(a)** if only course of action I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only course of action II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer

**(d)** if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer

**(e)** if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q15.**

**Statement:** The number of dropouts in government schools has significantly increased in the urban areas over the past few years.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The government should immediately close down all such schools in the urban areas where the dropout goes beyond 20 per cent.

**II.** The parents of all the students who dropped out of the, government schools in urban areas should be punished.

**(a)** if only course of action I follows. Give answer

**(b)** if only course of action II follows. Give answer

**(c)** if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer



(d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q16.**

**Statement:** A very large number of people gathered outside the local police station to submit a memorandum on behalf of the residents highlighting police inaction in curbing incidents of theft and burglary, in the neighbourhood for the past few months.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The police authority should form a team of officers to talk to the representatives of the residents and assure them that proper steps will be taken to stop the menace.

**II.** The police authority should advise the people gathered, outside the police station to disperse and promise them quick action.

(a) if only I follows Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I nor II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q17.**

**Statement :** At least five students were killed due to a stampede in one city school as the students tried to leave the school building fearing short circuit.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The principal of the school should immediately be arrested.

**II.** The Government should immediately order closure of the school permanently. ,

(a) if only I follows Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I nor II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q18.**

**Statement :** Two local passenger trains collided while running in opposite directions on the same track as the signalling system failed for a brief period.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The services of the motormen of the trains should immediately be terminated.

**II.** The Government should immediately constitute a taskforce to review the functioning of the signalling system.

(a) if only I follows Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I nor II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q19.**

**Statement :** Almost ninety percent of the flights of one of the private airline companies were cancelled for the fourth consecutive day as the pilots refused to join their duties in protest against sacking of two of their colleagues by the airline management''

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The management of the airline company should be ordered by the Government, to immediately reinstate the sacked pilots to end the crisis.

**II.** The Government should immediately take steps to end the impasse between the management and the pilots to help the hapless passengers.

(a) if only I follows Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I nor II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q20.**

**Statement:** A major part of the local market in the city was gutted due to a short circuit causing extensive damage, to goods and property.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The Government should issue Strict guidelines for all establishments regarding installation and maintenance of electrical fittings.

**II.** The Government should relocate all the markets to the outskirts of the city.

(a) if only I follows Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I nor II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q21.**

**Statement:** Many pilgrims died in a stampede while boarding a private ferry to ' the holy place on the first day of the ten day long festival

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The Government should immediately cancel the licenses of all the private ferry operators with immediate effect.

**II.** The Government should deploy an adequate number of its personnel to guide pilgrims on their journey to the holy place.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither course of action; I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q22.**

**Statement:** Some students of the local college were caught travelling in the train without purchasing valid tickets.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** The parents of these students should be informed about the incident and requested to counsel their



wards.

II: These students should be put behind bars for travelling without bonfire credentials.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action; I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

### Q23.

**Statement:** A large part of the locality was flooded as the main pipe supplying drinking water burst while the workers of a utility company were laying cables in the area.

**Courses of action:**

I. The civic authority should immediately arrange to repair the damage and stop loss of water.

II. The civic authority should seek an explanation and compensation from the utility company for the damage caused by them.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action; I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

### Q24.

**Statement:** Millions of pilgrims are effected to take a dip in the Ganges at the holy place during the next fortnight.

**Courses of action:**

I. The Government should restrict the number of pilgrims who can take dip each day during the fortnight.

II. The Government should deploy an adequate number of security personnel to maintain law and order during the next fortnight at the holy place.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action; I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

### Q25.

**Statement :** The rate of inflation has reached its highest in last twenty years and there is no sign of it softening in the coming months.

**Courses of action:**

I. Government should initiate steps like reducing Government taxes on essential commodities with

immediate effect.

II. Farmers should be asked by the Government to sell their produce at lower prices.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action; I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

### Q26.

**Statement :** There have been sporadic cases Of stone throwing and damaging vehicles in the locality during the day following altercation between two local youth clubs last night.

**Courses of action. I.** The local police administration should arrest all those who are caught committing these acts.

II. The local police administration should call a meeting of office bearers of both the clubs of the locality to bring ; the situation under control.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action 1 and II follow

### Q27.

**Statement:** A huge truck over -turned on the middle of the main road and blocked most part of the road causing a huge traffic jam.

**Courses of action. I.** The traffic department should immediately deploy its personnel to divert traffic through other roads.

II. The traffic department should immediately send men and equipment to move the truck and clear the road.

(a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer

(b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer

(c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give

answer

(d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give

answer

(e) if both Courses of action 1 and II follow

### Q28.

**Statement:** Some workers of the company making diamond jewellery were caught while they were leaving the premises as they were trying to smuggle small pieces of diamonds hidden in their purses.

**Courses of action. I.** The management of the company should immediately put on hold all activities in the premises till a fool proof security system is in place.

II. The belongings of all the workers should thoroughly be searched before they leave the premises of the company.



- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action 1 and II follow

**Q29.**

**Statement:** A huge tidal wave swept away many fishing boats and hutments of the fishermen living along the coastline. **Courses of action:**

- I.** The fishermen should henceforth be restrained from constructing their huts along the coast line.
- II.** The local administration should send a team of officials to assess the extent of damage and suggest remedial measures.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action 1 and II follow

**Q30.**

**Statement:** A large number of Invitees who attended the marriage function fell ill due to food poisoning and were rushed to various hospitals located in the area.

- Courses of action. **I.** The government should ban such marriage functions till further notice.  
**II.** The local hospitals should be advised by the government to provide best services to the affected people.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action 1 and II follow

**Q31.**

and find out which of the courses of action **logically follows** from the given statements and answer accordingly.

**Statement:** An increasing number of farmers prefer to avail loans from local moneylenders instead of the banks owing to complicated paperwork involved in banks.

**Courses of action:**

- I.** Local moneylenders who charge interest rates lower than the banks should be punished.
  - II.** Banks should simplify the procedure to avail loans so as to suit the farmers.
- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only II follows. Give answer
  - (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

- (e) if both I and II follow.

**Q32.**

**Statement:** A major river in the city was reduced to a polluted and dirty canal after tonnes of sewage made way into it over the years.

**Courses of action:**

- I.** All those who dumped garbage and sewage into the river should be penalized.
- II.** The government should modify the sewage system and find an alternate way to dump city's waste!

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.

**Q33.**

**Statement:** Water table in most parts of the State has gone down to such a level that its extraction for irrigation purposes is not economical any more.

**Courses of action:**

- I.** Extraction of ground water for any purpose in the State should be banned for some time in order to replenish the water table.
- II.** The Government should make provisions for alternative methods of irrigation so that the farmers are not compelled to use ground water.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.

**Q34.**

**Statement:** A university librarian reported increased cases of theft of books from the library.

**Courses of action:**

- I.** Stricter security arrangements should be put in place in order to prevent such incidents.
  - II.** All the students in the university should be made to pay a hefty fine in order to replace the lost books
- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only II follows. Give answer
  - (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both I and II follow.

**Q35.**

**Statement :** Indigenous tribes living near Amazon forests are cutting down trees to cover their: basic needs, thus severely affecting the ecological balance in the area.

**Courses of action:**

- I.** All the tribes living near the Amazon rain forests should be forced to shift to urban areas of the country.
- II.** The tribes should be allowed to continue doing so



as they cut down trees for their basic needs and not for commercial purposes.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.

**Q36.**

Statement : The sales of ballpoint pens manufactured by company Lixus have gone down considerably ever since the same company introduced a gel-ink pen in the market.

Courses of action **I.** Ball point pens should not be manufactured by Lixus any more.

**II.** Lixus should immediately withdraw all gel-ink pens from the market so as to force people to buy ball-point pens.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) If only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) If neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.,

**Q37.**

**Statement:** Nearly 26 percent of all engineering graduates have been left unemployed owing to severe recession worldwide.

Courses of action. **I.** All the unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs in foreign countries.

**II.** The unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs only after the recession is over.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) If only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) If neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.,

**Q38.**

**Statement:** The government airline has been making huge losses even as private airliners continue to prosper and make substantial profit.

Courses of action **I.** All the private airlines should be banned from their operation in the country.

**II.** The government airline should be instructed to increase passenger fare significantly in order to increase its profit.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) If only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) If neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.,

**Q39.**

Statement : Many private schools have been violating government directives and have been charging more fees than the specified limits.

Courses of action **I.** The government should identify such schools and take stringent actions against them. **II.** The government should not limit school fees and keep it flexible for the schools to decide.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) If only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) If neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.,

**Q40.**

**Statement:** A large number of patients admitted in a particular hospital have been diagnosed with a serious contagious disease.

Courses of action. **I.** These patients should be immediately evicted from the hospital for fear of spread of the disease,

**II.** The hospital should make appropriate quarantine arrangements to control the spread of disease.

- (a) if only I follows. Give answer
- (b) If only II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) If neither I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both I and II follow.,

**Q41.**

Statement : Despite all the efforts by the government, thirty cases of polio were reported in State X as the parents of those children remained uninformed of this drive against polio.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** Strict action should be taken against the parents of children affected from polio.

**II.** Strict action should be taken against the doctors administering polio drops in the state.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or course of action follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action nor course of action II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action I and II follows.

**Q42.**

Statement : Private airliners have increased the fare during festive season by almost 50%.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** People should be advised to travel only by buses and trains during the festive season.

**II.** Airfares should be, regulated by the government to a certain limit.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or course of action follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action nor course of action II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action I and II follows.

**Q43.**

**Statement:** Several passengers were stranded at the airport as all the flights had to be cancelled due to severe snowfall for the third consecutive day.

**Courses of action:**

- I. All the flights should be immediately resumed.
  - II. Airport authority should provide appropriate stay arrangements for the stranded passengers.
- (a) if only course of action I follows.,Give answer  
 (b) if only course of action II follows.Give answer  
 (c)if either course of action I or course of action follows. Give answer  
 (d)if neither course of action nor course of action II follows. Give answer  
 (e)if both Courses of action I and II follows.

**Q44.**

**Statement:** A practice march by the Army is scheduled to be held on one of the busiest roads in the city on Tuesday.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Traffic should be diverted during the practice march so as to ease traffic congestion during that time,;
  - II. Public notices should be issued to avoid using the road till the practice march on Tuesday gets over.
- (a) if only course of action I follows.,Give answer  
 (b) if only course of action II follows.Give answer  
 (c)if either course of action I or course of action follows. Give answer  
 (d)if neither course of action nor course of action II follows. Give answer  
 (e)if both Courses of action I and II follows.

**Q45.**

**Statement :** Very few students have been opting, for academic research as professional courses offer better economic dividends.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Academic research should be linked to Industry so as to improve its economic perspective.
  - II. Economic dividends of professional courses should be made less attractive so as to attract students to academic research as well.
- (a) if only course of action I follows.,Give answer  
 (b) if only course of action II follows.Give answer  
 (c)if either course of action I or course of action follows. Give answer  
 (d)if neither course of action nor course of action II follows. Give answer  
 (e)if both Courses of action I and II follows.

**Q46.**

**Statement:** People see tax as a burden and thus devise ways to underpay or avoid it altogether.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Government should educate and inform citizens about the ways in which taxes help in development

of the nation.

II. Tax rates should be increased , so that the under-recovery in collection is compensated.

- (a)if only I follows. Give answer  
 (b)if only II follows. Give answer  
 (c) If either I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer  
 (e)if both I and II follow.

**Q47.**

**Statement:** There is no motivation among today's generation to join the, armed forces owing to frequent transfers to risky areas. Perhaps they are not aware of the good side of it.

**Courses of action :**

- I. Short term internship should , be introduced at high school level to give students a peek into the adventurous life of the forces and provide a more realistic job purview
  - II. The salary levels of the defence forces should be increased with immediate effect.
- (a)if only I follows. Give answer  
 (b)if only II follows. Give answer  
 (c) If either I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer  
 (e)if both I and II follow.

**Q48.**

**Statement:** A plethora of bodies with no single one which can be held accountable for city's development is the key reason behind its rather stagnant state.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Each body should be given a set of duties and there should be no duplication in such allocation.
  - II. An umbrella committee should be appointed with powers to regulate actions of all other bodies.
- (a)if only I follows. Give answer  
 (b)if only II follows. Give answer  
 (c) If either I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer  
 (e)if both I and II follow.

**Q49.**

**Statement:** Number of hospital beds per 10000 people in India, which is a key indicator of healthcare infrastructure, is much lower than many other nations which are thought to be poorer than India.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The expenditure of importing costly medicines should be borne by the State.
  - II. Incentives should be given to encourage entry of private players into building of healthcare infrastructure.
- (a)if only I follows. Give answer  
 (b)if only II follows. Give answer  
 (c) If either I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer  
 (e)if both I and II follow.

**Q50.**

There is an alarming trend of skewed sex ratio against women in India during the past decade and situation may get out of hand if adequate steps are not taken to stop female foeticide. Which of the following can be an effective step to reverse the trend ?

(A)The Government should immediately completely ban use of scanners/ solography on expectant mothers at all health centres

(B)The Government should announce a substantial incentive scheme for couples who have at least one girl child.

(C)The Government should launch nationwide campaign to create awareness against female foeticide.

(1)(A) only

(2)(A) and (B) Only

(3)(B) and (C) Only

(4)AH (A) (B) and (C)

(5)None of these

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b)if only 11 follows. Give answer

(c) If either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q51.**

Statement : The sales of ballpoint pens manufactured by company Lixus have gone down considerably ever since the same company introduced a gel-ink pen the market.

Courses of action. I.Ball point pens should not be manufactured by Lixus any more.

II. Lixus should Immediately withdraw all gel-ink pens from the market so as to force people to buy ball-point pens.

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows.Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows.Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q52.**

**Statement:** Nearly 26 percent of all engineering graduates have been left unemployed owing to severe recession worldwide.

Courses of action. I. All the unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs in foreign countries.

II. The unemployed students should be advised to take up jobs only after the recession is over.

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows.Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows.Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q53.**

**Statement:** The government airline has been making huge losses even as private airliners continue to prosper and make substantial profit.

Courses of action I. All the private airlines should be banned from their operation in the country.

II. The government airline should be instructed to increase passenger fare significantly in order to increase its profit.

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows.Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows.Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q54.**

**Statement:** Many private schools have been violating government directives and have been charging more fees than the specified limits. Courses of action I. The government should identify such schools and take stringent actions against them.

II. The government should not limit school fees and keep it flexible for the schools to decide.

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows.Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows.Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q55.**

Statement : A large number of patients admitted in a particular hospital have been diagnosed with a serious contagious disease. Courses of action I. These patients should be immediately evicted from the hospital for fear of spread of the disease.

II. The hospital should make appropriate quarantine arrangements to control the spread of disease.

(a)if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows.Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows.Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer

(e)if both I and II follow.

**Q56.**

**Statement:** The major road connecting the two main parts of the city is inundated due to heavy rains during past two days. Courses of action; I. The government should immediately send a relief team to the affected area.

II. The municipal authority should make immediate effort to pump out water, from the road.

III. The municipal, authority should advise the general public to stay indoors till the water is cleared.

(a)Only I follows

(b)Only I and II follow

(c)Only I and III follow

(d)Only II and III follow

(e)None of these

**Q57.**

**Statement:** The prices of essential commodities have gone up substantially during the past few weeks.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should set up an expert committee to study the trend of prices.
  - II. The government should immediately abolish taxes on essential commodities.
  - III. The government should advise the general public to refrain from purchasing essential commodities for few days.
- (a) None follows  
 (b) Only I follows  
 (c) Only II follows  
 (d) Only III follows  
 (e) Only I and II follow

**Q58.**

**Statement :** Large number of students of the local school fell ill after having their midday meal provided by the school.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should immediately suspend the school Principal.
  - II. The school authority should initiate an enquiry to find out the reason for students' sickness.
  - III. The government should instruct all the schools to suspend their midday meal scheme till further order.
- (a) Only I follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only II and III follows  
 (e) None of these

**Q59.**

**Statement :** Many people living in the slums of western part of the town are diagnosed to be suffering from malaria.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The municipal corporation should immediately make necessary arrangements to spray mosquito repellent in the affected area.
  - II. The municipal authority should immediately make necessary arrangements to provide quick medical help to the affected people.
  - III. The municipal authority should take steps to shift all the people staying in the slums of western part of the town to other areas.
- (a) Only I follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only 1 and II follow  
 (d) All I, II and III follow  
 (e) None of these

**Q60.**

**Statement :** Many teachers of the local school have rendered their resignation to the Principal to protest

the management's decision for not implementing revised pay scales.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The school management should accept the resignations and appoint new teachers.
  - II. The school management should persuade the teachers to continue with an assurance of considering the pay hike issue.
  - III. The school management should approach the government for guidelines.
- (a) None follows  
 (b) Only either I or II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only I follows  
 (e) Only II follows

**Q61.**

**Statement:** Three persons were caught with huge arms and ammunitions in the city.

**Courses of action:**

- I: Police should be instructed for night patrolling.
  - II. The three persons should be set free and their movements should be carefully watched to nab the other criminals.
- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer  
 (b) if only course of action II follows Give answer  
 (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer  
 (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q62.**

**Statement:** There is a considerable increase in the number of persons affected by water-borne, disease during monsoon period.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The Government should disseminate adequate information regarding the pure drinking water to people.
  - II. All the hospitals in the city should be equipped properly for the treatment of patients during monsoon period.
- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer  
 (b) if only course of action II follows Give answer  
 (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer  
 (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer  
 (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q63.**

**Statement:** At least 15 people were killed and many others injured when a bus fell into a river near a bridge.'

- Courses of action. I. The protection walls of the bridge should be made strong" enough to avoid such accidents.  
 II. The bus driver should be arrested immediately to make necessary inquiry.



- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q64.**

Statement : The State Government has decided to make available food grains and clothes to flood affected people.

**Courses of action :**

**I.** Affected' people should be recognised by the Government machinery and relief should be provided to them. **II.** The Government machinery should collect sufficient food grains and clothes to help the affected people.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q65.**

Statement : The meteorological department has predicted good monsoon this' year for tenth consecutive year, which will result in good crop yield.

**Courses of action:**

**I.** The Government should offload the stores before harvesting.

**II.** The Government should provide chemical fertilisers to farmers immediately.

- (a) if only course of action I follows. Give answer
- (b) if only course of action II follows Give answer
- (c) if either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
- (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
- (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q66.**

**Statement:** A heavy unseasonal downpour during the last two days' has paralysed the normal life in the state in which five persons were killed but this has provided a huge relief to the problem of acute water crisis in the state.

**Courses of action :**

- (A) The state government should set up a committee to review the alarming situation.
- (B) The state government should immediately remove all the restrictions on use- of potable ;water In all the major cities in the State.
- (C) The state government should send relief supplies to all the affected areas in the state.

- (a) None
- (b) Only (A) (c) Only (B) and (C) (d) Only (C)
- (e) All (A), (B) and (C)

**Q67.**

**Statement:** A large private bank has decided to retrench one-third of its employees In view of the huge losses incurred by it during the past three quarters.

Course of action: (A) The Government should issue ; a notification to general public to immediately stop all transactions with the bank.

(B) The Government should direct the. bank to refrain from retrenching its employees.

(C) The Government should ask the central bank of the country to initiate an enquiry into the ^ bank's activities and submit its report.

- (a) None
- (b) Only (A)
- (c) Only (B)
- (d) Only (C) (e) Only (A) and (C)

**Q68.**

**Statement:** Many political activists have decided to stage demonstrations and block traffic. movement in the city during peak hours to protest against the steep rise in prices of essential commodities.

**Courses of action:**

(A) The Government should immediately ban all forms of organisation in the country.

(B) The police authority of the city should deploy additional forces all over the city to help traffic involvement in the city.

(C) The state administration should carry out preventive arrests of the known criminals staying in the city. "

- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (B)
- (c) Only (C) (d) Only (A) and (B) (e) None, of these

**Q69.**

**Statement:** The school dropout rate in many districts in the state has increased sharply during the last few years as the parents of these children make them work in the fields owned by others to . earn enough for them to get at least one meal a day

**Courses of action :**

(A) The Government should put up a mechanism to provide food grains to the poor people in these districts through public distribution system to encourage the parents to send their wards , j to school.

(B) The Government should close down some of these Schools in the district and deploy the teachers of these schools to nearby schools and also ask remaining students to join these schools.

(C) Government should issue arrest warrants for all the parents who force their children to work in fields Instead of attending classes



- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (B)
- (c) Only (C)
- (d) Only (A) and (B)
- (e) None, of these

**Q70.**

Statement : One aspirant was killed due to stampede while participating in a recruitment drive of police constables.

**Courses of action:**

- (A) The officials in charge of the recruitment process should immediately be suspended.
- (B) A team of officials should be asked to find out the circumstances which led to the death of the aspirant and submit its report within a week...
- (C) The Government should ask the home department to stagger the number of aspirants over more number of days to avoid such incidents in future.

- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (B)
- (c) Only (C)
- (d) Only (B) and (C)
- (e) None, of these

**Q71.**

**Statement:** Drinking water supply to many parts of town is disrupted due to loss of water because of leakage in pipes supplying water.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should order an enquiry into the matter.
  - II. The civic body should set up a fact-finding team to assess the damage and take effective step.
- (a) if only course of action follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
  - (c) If either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q72.**

**Statement:** There is an alarming increase in the number of people suffering from malaria in many parts of the city.

**Courses of action :**

- I. The municipal corporation has advised all the government hospitals to store adequate supply of malaria drugs.
  - II. The municipal corporation has urged people to use mosquito repellents and keep their premises clean.
- (a) if only course of action follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
  - (c) If either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q73.**

**Statement:** Many people have encroached into the government property and built their houses and business establishments.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should take immediate steps to remove all unauthorised constructions, on government land.
  - II. All the encroachers should immediately be put behind bars and also be slapped with a hefty fine.
- (a) if only course of action follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
  - (c) If either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q74.**

Statement; The meteorological department has predicted normal rainfall throughout the country during the current monsoon.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should reduce the procurement price of food grains for the current year.'
  - II. The government should reduce subsidy on fertilizers for the current year.
- (a) if only course of action follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
  - (c) If either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q75.**

**Statement:** The number of dropouts in government schools has, significantly increased in the urban areas over the past few years.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The government should immediately close down all such schools in the urban areas where the dropout goes beyond 20 per cent.
  - II. The parents of all the students who dropped out of the government schools in urban areas should be punished.
- (a) if only course of action follows. Give answer
  - (b) if only course of action II follows. Give answer
  - (c) If either course of action I or II follows. Give answer
  - (d) if neither course of action I nor II follows. Give answer
  - (e) if both Courses of action I and II follow.

**Q76.**

Statement : The members belonging to two local clubs occasionally fight with each other on the main road and block traffic movement.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The local police station should immediately deploy police personnel round the clock on the main road.

- II. Those Involved in fighting should be identified and put behind bars.  
 III. The local administration should disband the management of the two clubs with immediate effect.  
 (a) Only I and II follow  
 (b) Only II and III follow  
 (c) Only I and III follow  
 (d) All I, II and III follow  
 (e) None of these

**Q77.**

Statement : Many students of the local school fell ill for the fourth time in a row in the last six months after consuming food prepared by the school canteen.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The school management should immediately terminate the contract of the canteen and ask for compensation.  
 II. The school management should advise all the students not to eat food articles from the canteen.  
 III. The owner of the canteen should immediately be arrested for negligence.  
 (a) None follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only I and II follow  
 (e) Only II and III follow

**Q78.**

**Statement:** Many school buses have fitted CNG Kit without observing the safety guidelines properly. This results into some instances of these buses catching fire due to short circuit and endangering the lives of the school children.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The regional transport authority should immediately carry out checks of all the school buses fitted with CNG Kit.  
 II. The management of all the schools should stop hiring buses fitted with CNG Kit.  
 III. The Government should Issue a notification banning school buses for use of CNG Kit.  
 (a) Only I follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only I and III follow  
 (e) None of these

**Q79.**

Statement : A sudden cloud burst over the Island city resulted into unpredicted rainfall causing flood like situation in entire area. Large number of people were caught unaware and were stranded on the road.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The local administration should immediately put in place an action plan for avoiding such situation in

future.

- II. The local administration should immediately deploy personnel to help the stranded people to move to safer places.  
 III. The local administration should advise all the citizens not to venture out on the road till situation , improves.  
 (a) Only 1 follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only II and III follow  
 (e) All I, II and III follow

**Q80.**

Statement : It is reported that during the last fortnight there has been three cases of near miss situation involving two aircrafts over the busy city airport. In all these cases both the aircrafts came perilously close to each other and could avoid collision as the pilots acted just in time.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The pilots of all the six aircrafts involved in these incidents should immediately be destocked.  
 II. Some flights should be diverted to other airports for the next few months to decongest the sky over the city airport.  
 III. Air traffic controllers of the, city airport should be sent for refresher courses in batches to prepare themselves to handle such pressure-situation".  
 (a) Only I follows  
 (b) Only II follows  
 (c) Only III follows  
 (d) Only II and III follow  
 (e) None of these

**Q81.**

**Statement:** Four cases of pick pocketing were reported at one of the most renowned five star hotels last evening.

**Courses of action :**

- I. The hotel staff should be instructed to be vigilant and report any suspicious person or activity.  
 II. More CCTV cameras should be installed near the dining and reception areas of the hotel Where these incidents took place.  
 (a) if only I follows.Give answer  
 (b) if only II follows.Give answer  
 (c) if either I or II followsGive answer  
 (d) if neither I nor II follows.Give answer  
 (e)if both I and II follow.

**Q82.**

Statement : Despite repeated warnings to students and parents from the college, some students have finally not fulfilled the mandatory criteria of 75% attendance in order to appear for exams.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The college should stop adhering to this particular



criteria.

II. Either the parents or guardians of the defaulters should be called for a meeting.

(a) if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

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| 73 a | 74 d | 75 d | 76 a | 77 d | 78 a |
| 79 d | 80 c | 81 e | 82 b | 83 a | 84 e |
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**Q83.**

Statement : The students residing at the hostel of a university had to stay without electricity and water for-48 hours not because of shortages but because of negligence by the hostel staff.

**Courses of action:**

I. The management of the university should look into the matter and take strict action against such negligence.

II. The students should leave the: hostel and find some alternate accommodation.

(a) if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q84.**

Statement: local villagers have reported that instances of illegal cutting of trees have increased over the last few months in the forest area.

**Courses of action :**

I The locals should be encouraged to report any such: activities in the future as well.

II. Authorities should immediately: look into the matter: and put a stop to such illegal activities.

(a) if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

**Q85.**

(a) if only I follows. Give answer

(b) if only II follows. Give answer

(c) if either I or II follows. Give answer

(d) if neither I nor II follows. Give answer

(e) if both I and II follow.

**ANSWERS :**

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| 13 a | 14 d | 15 d | 16 a | 17 d | 18 a |
| 19 b | 20 a | 21 b | 22 a | 23 e | 24 b |
| 25 e | 26 b | 27 e | 28 b | 29 e | 30 b |
| 31 b | 32 b | 33 e | 34 a | 35 d | 36 d |
| 37 d | 38 d | 39 a | 40 b | 41 d | 42 b |
| 43 b | 44 e | 45 a | 46 a | 47 e | 48 e |
| 49 b | 50 d | 51 d | 52 d | 53 d | 54 a |
| 55 b | 56 e | 57 c | 58 b | 59 d | 60 e |
| 61 a | 62 e | 63 a | 64 e | 65 b | 66 d |