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ENGLISH LECTURE - 14

REAL QUESTIONS
IBA ADMISSION TESTS

This lecture sheet contains questions that have appeared in the previous years'

BBA and MBA Exams of IBA

VOCABULARY

Instructions: For each question, select the word(s)/phrase(s) that appropriately fill(s) in the gap(s).

1. **The U.S.A. is _____ the most inventive country of the past century, a fact _____ by not only the sheer number of innovations originating from there but also by popular opinion.** (BBA 2013-2014)
A) strikingly- negated B) manifestly- backed C) nebulously- supported
D) conspicuously- undermined E) indiscernibly- bolstered
2. **The investors were not fooled by the manager's – proposal; his plan was obviously – .** (BBA 2015-2016)
A) specious – untenable B) cogent – brilliant C) dubious – infallible
D) lucid – intelligible E) none of these
3. **The study focused on the extent of the country's _____ of import and export processes _____ its access to efficient maritime services.** (BBA 2013-2014)
A) facilitation - as well as B) acceleration- and also C) improvement - coupled to
D) degeneration-caused by E) none of these
4. **If every move you make is being _____, liberty is _____.** (BBA 2013-2014)
A) chronicled - curtailed B) preempted- buoyant C) obstructed - feted
D) observed - reinstated E) none of these
5. **A comedian's biggest – is that his anecdotes will become – .** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. achievement – banal B. fear – fabled C. anxiety – hackneyed
D. apprehension – intelligible E. none of these
6. **No one should go to that club as it is _____ bad people.** (BBA 2010-2011)
A) Purged in B) Purged of C) Purged for D) Purged with E) None of those
7. **The – of the committee must reflect the purpose – created.** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. structure – which it is for B. organization – for which its C. dynamics – intended and
D. composition – for which it is E. none of these
8. **Urbanization is unstoppable; it should only be _____ consistent with the availability of _____.** (BBA 2012-2013)
(A) discouraged; resources (B) regulated; amenities
(C) professed; fund (D) encouraged; facilities (E) none of these
9. **It was _____ rather than genius that led the archeologist to his discovery of the ancient civilization.** (BBA 2010-2011)
A) Tautological discovery of the ancient civilization. B) sacrosanct
C) obfuscation D) serendipity E) None of those
10. **The management's – from fiscal – has led the company to bankruptcy.** (BBA 2015-2016)
A) avoidance – propensity B) dislike – debt C) retreat – responsibility
D) devotion – prudence E) none of these
11. **Life is unpredictable, in a matter of seconds, the mighty are _____ helpless; tranquility _____ turbulent; the familiar becomes alien.** (BBA 2013-2014)
A) made-causes B) created- converts C) rendered- turns
D) habitually- replaces E) none of these

12. The two countries have begun talks on a landmark investment agreement, a positive move _____ between the two sides. (BBA 2013-2014)
 A) through lingering trade tensions B) amid lingering trade tensions
 C) sparking lingering trade tensions D) accentuating lingering trade tensions
 E) none of these
13. There is a huge demand, especially in these _____ markets, to grasp opportunity out of the chaos, but it's really about the management controls that are in place to allow that to happen in a _____ manner. (BBA 2011-2012)
 (A) stable; unstructured (B) fickle; disorganized
 (C) steady; controlled (D) capricious; inchoate (E) volatile; coordinated
14. Because of its inclination to _____, most Indian art is _____ Japanese art, where symbols have been minimized and meaning has been conveyed by the merest suggestion. (BBA 2013-2014)
 A) exaggerate - related to B) imitate - superior to C) understate - reminiscent of
 D) overdraw - similar to E) sentimentalize - supportive of
15. Because of the career breaks she has taken on account of her personal situations, and also the training opportunities that she missed out on, she has reached _____ in her career quite early on compared to her contemporaries. (BBA 2012-2013)
 A) a predicament B) a limit C) a level D) an impasse E) a state
16. The authority _____ the admin officer for his _____ way of redacting. (BBA 2010-2011)
 A) Reprimanded, obstreperous. B) rebuked arabesque C) scolded, picaresque
 D) admonished, phlegmatic. E) None of those
17. Mutual mistrust has _____ countries of the region from _____ building multiple connectivity. (BBA 2011-2012)
 A) promoted; signifying B) compelled; highlighting
 C) prevented; prioritizing D) arrested; applying (E) led; promoting
18. Globalization has led to the contradictory trends of _____ trading partners and the simultaneous _____ of societies. (BBA 2011-2012)
 A) Assimilation: amalgamation B) integration; dissolution
 C) fragmentation: disintegration D) absorption; ingestion
 E) changing; entanglement
19. "Kicking the bucket" is a humorous _____ for "dying". (BBA 2010-2011)
 A) euphemism B) stipulation C) incantation D) dictum E) None of those
20. The lawyer's pleading did not _____ the harsh sentence of the judge; indeed, the lawyer's _____ only _____ the extent of the punishment as if throwing _____. (BBA 2010-2011)
 A) Ameliorate, appeal mitigate, right away
 B) Mitigate, pleading, exacerbated, fuel into fire
 C) Compensate, comment, mitigated, stupidity
 D) Stop, comment, mitigated, in the air
 E) None of those

Instruction: Choose the most appropriate SYNONYM to the word in capital letters.

1. **CULMINATE** (BBA 2012-2013)
(A) Grow (B) Reject (C) Render (D) Conclude (E) Collapse
2. **TANTAMOUNT** (BBA 2012-2013)
(A) Equal (B) Huge (C) Highest (D) Gullible (E) Trifling
3. **SUPPLE** (BBA 2012-2013)
(A) Impressive (B) Dubious (C) Delicate (D) Perfect (E) Agile
4. **ARDOR** (BBA 2012-2013)
(A) Metaphor (B) Passion (C) Agony (D) Mood (E) Severity
5. **MANIFEST** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Discernible (B) Enjoyable (C) Invisible (D) Plenteous (E) Imperceptible
6. **BLIGHT** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Damage (B) Disdain (C) Moderate (D) Painful (E) Pivot
7. **PROFUSION** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Proliferate (B) Glut (C) Infusion (D) Fabrication (E) Insulation
8. **UNRAVEL** (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) Loosen (B) Entangle (C) Twist (C) Knot (E) Wonder
9. **FULMINATE** (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) Approve (B) Denounce (C) Praise (C) Defend (E) Laud
10. **COMMOTION** (MBA Dec 2012)
(A) Abnormal (B) Emotion (C) Illogical (C) Turmoil (E) Sensation

Instruction: Choose the most appropriate ANTONYM to the word in capital letters.

1. **PENSIVE** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Malevolent (B) Despondent (C) Focused (D) Torpid (E) Frugal
2. **PAUCITY** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Hardship (B) Dearth (C) Sparing (D) Surplus (E) Dexterous
3. **CONCORD** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Harmony (B) Thrifty (C) Subtle (D) Scanty (E) Conflict
4. **SMOTHER** (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) Cork (B) Control (C) Scatter (D) Shroud (E) Quench
5. **ROUNDABOUT** (BBA 2016-2017)
(A) Circuitous (B) Lengthy (C) Extensive (D) Precise (E) Vague
6. **DEFIANCE** (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) Insolence (B) Dare (C) Contumacy (D) Lip (E) Humility
7. **AMENABLE** (BBA 2016-2017)
(A) Deferrent (B) Disciplined (C) Acquiescent (D) Open (E) Agreeable
8. **BLATANT** (BBA 2014-2015)
(A) Obvious (B) Deliberate (C) Covert (D) Unconcealed (E) Manifested
9. **LIVID** (BBA 2014-2015)
(A) Irate (B) Worried (C) Angry (D) Unruffled (E) Agitated
10. **OBTUSE** (BBA 2014-2015)
(A) Slow (B) Dull (C) Dense (D) Sharp (E) Thick

SENTENCE CORRECTION

For each of the following questions, the underlined part of the sentence may contain problems in grammar, construction, word choice, and/or punctuation. Part or whole of each sentence is underlined- Given are five alternatives of phrasing the underlined section. Alternative (A) always repeats the underlined section exactly. Choose the best answer choice.

1. It is my earnest request that due considerations to be given to all the proposals in equality, so that we might all have a fair chance. (BBA 2014-2015)
(A) that due considerations to be given to all the proposals in equality
(B) that due consideration to be given to all the proposals equally
(C) that due considerations be given to all the proposal equally
(D) that due considerations to be given for all the proposals equally
(E) that due considerations be given to all the proposals equally
2. The word *boycott* derives from the name of Charles C. Boycott, an English land agent in Ireland, that was ostracized for refusing to reduce rent. (BBA 2009-2010)
(A) that was ostracized for refusing
(B) who was ostracized for refusing
(C) which was ostracized for refusing
(D) ostracized for refusing
(E) none of these
3. Today's technology allows manufacturers to make small cars more fuel-efficient now than at any time in their production history. (BBA 2009-2010)
(A) small cars more fuel-efficient now than at any time in their
(B) small cars that are more fuel-efficient than they were at any time in their
(C) small cars that are more fuel-efficient than those at any other time in their
(D) more fuel-efficient small cars than those at any other time in their
(E) more fuel-efficient small cars now than at any time in
4. The gas filled balloon rose in the air. (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) rose in the air
(B) was rising up in the air
(C) was in the air
(D) rose into the air
(E) would rise in the air
5. There are now many kinds of dictionaries, such as a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms, a biographical dictionary, and a geographical dictionary with pronunciations given. (BBA 2009-2010)
(A) with pronunciations given
(B) that has pronunciations given
(C) with pronunciations' given
(D) that have pronunciations given
(E) that do have pronunciations given
6. Someone gives the school gerbils every year. (BBA 2015-2016)
(A) Someone gives the school gerbils
(B) Someone give the school gerbils
(C) Some one gives the school gerbils
(D) There is a person that gives the school gerbils
(E) An individual give gerbils

7. **Six stories high, with portholes for eyes and a spiral staircase in each hind leg, is the elephant-shaped building known as "Lucy", which towered over Margate City, New Jersey since 1881.** (BBA 2009-2010)
- (A) is the elephant-shaped building known as "Lucy," which towered over Margate City, New Jersey since 1881
 - (B) since 1881 it has towered over Margate City, New Jersey, the elephant-shaped building known as "Lucy"
 - (C) the elephant-shaped building known as "Lucy" has towered over Margate City, New Jersey since 1881
 - (D) towering over Margate City, New Jersey, since 1881 has been the elephant-shaped building known as "Lucy"
 - (E) none of these
8. **After witnessing the declining sales trend, the company decided in favor for a revised sales strategy.** (BBA 2017-2018)
- (A) in favor for a revised sales strategy
 - (B) favoring a revised sales strategy
 - (C) in favor of a revised sales strategy
 - (D) to favor a revision for sales strategy
 - (E) on the favor of a revised sales strategy
9. **John has such bad a sense of humor, that nothing ever appealed to him as funny.** (BBA 2017-2018)
- (A) John had such bad a sense of humor
 - (B) John had such a bad sense of humor
 - (C) John has such a bad sense of humor
 - (D) So bad is John's sense of humor
 - (E) John is having such a bad sense of humor
10. **Who does this shop assistant think he is? He behaves as if he owns the grocery.** (BBA 2017-2018)
- (A) He behaves as if he owns the grocery
 - (B) He behaves as if he owned the grocery
 - (C) He behaves as if he has owned the grocery
 - (D) He behaves as if he is owning the grocery
 - (E) He behaves as if he would own the grocery
11. **It is mandatory that each of the workers have safety equipment.** (BBA 2017-2018)
- (A) It is mandatory that each of the workers have
 - (B) It is mandatory for each of the workers having
 - (C) It is mandatory that each of the workers has
 - (D) It is mandatory that the workers each having
 - (E) It is mandatory to each of the worker for having
12. **Do you know that these gloves have lay on the bureau all week?** (BBA 2015-2016)
- (A) Have lay on
 - (B) have laid on
 - (C) would lie on
 - (D) had lain on
 - (E) have lain on

ERROR IDENTIFICATION

Instruction: Underlined parts of the following sentence may contain error(s) in grammar, diction, usage or idiom. Choose the underlined portion that is incorrect. If there is no error, select (E)

1. Being seen the movie before, she was not much interested in watching it a second time. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2014-2015)
2. You cannot keep putting of for tomorrow what you can do today. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2014-2015)
3. On the contrary, you will find that Arif is better qualified than him for the position of analyst at the office. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2012-2013)
4. Both lawyers interpreted the law differently and they needed a judge to settle its dispute. No Error.
A B C D E (BBA 2011-2012)
5. As a young adult, I want to travel, to learn and, in some indecipherable way, to make a difference in the world around me. No Error.
A B C D E (BBA 2011-2012)
6. Your argument is no different from the last speaker who also opposes this timely legislation. No Error.
A B C D E (BBA 2011-2012)
7. It is human nature to want to leave behind a progeny to carry forth the cycle of life. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2008-2009)
8. Harassment in office is a manly issue. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2008-2009)
9. It is far rewarding to strive and fail than to success without trying. No Error.
A B C D E (BBA 2008-2009)
10. I don't care who you invite as long as you do it on time! No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2015-2016)
11. Please do not blame me! I have repeated the information again for his benefit. No Error
A B C D E (BBA 2015-2016)
12. A panel of students choose the representatives they wish to send to the employers' forum. No Error.
A B C D E (BBA 2015-2016)

Instruction: For each question, select the option that represents the incorrect sentence. If no such option is found, mark (E) in the answer sheet.

01. (a) An expert on this task can do it in a more perfect way. (BBA 2010-2011)
(b) Had I known it before, I would have taken corrective measures.
(c) No one really wants to face such a series of unfortunate events in life.
(d) The contest judges were asked to pick out the essays that showed the most originality.
(e) None of these are incorrect.

02. (a) In spite of having a headache I enjoyed the film. (BBA 2010-2011)
(b) We have to cut down on our driving because of the gas shortage.
(c) How much of a mathematician are you?
(d) The committee had a long discussion last night but could not reach a consensus of opinions.
(e) None of these are incorrect.
03. (a) Having put on 20 pounds since he bought his suit, Sayeem thought it advisable to have its size varied by a tailor. (BBA 2010-2011)
(b) He decided that he would either take his daughter to the matinee show or go himself.
(c) Ever since the introduction of modern education in our country, English has been the most significant medium of instruction.
(d) It was rather presumptuous of the wedding guest to take a seat at the head table.
(e) None of these are incorrect.
04. (a) I am smarter than any other person in my class. (BBA 2007-2008)
(b) I am smarter than everyone else in my class.
(c) I am smarter than anyone else in my class.
(d) I am the smartest person in my class.
(e) I am smarter than any person in my class.
05. (a) It is recommended that our chairperson be given a vote of thanks. (BBA 2007-2008)
(b) The children wish they had visited the zoo last week.
(c) We have made many friends, enough to keep us from being lonely here.
(d) I always enjoy this beautiful scene.
(e) When children watch too much violence on TV, it may affect their behavior.
06. (a) I am anxious to see my friend tomorrow. (BBA 2007-2008)
(b) Please apprise me of your decision.
(c) The attorney was angry at the judge's ruling.
(d) The company comprises six different divisions.
(e) Newspapers recycle a large amount of newsprint every day.

Instruction: Identify the sentence that is correct.

1. (a) Running along the street, I felt as if my nose were frozen. (BBA 2008-2009)
(b) As I ran along the street, I felt as if my nose was frozen.
(c) Running in the street, I felt my nose frozen.
(d) My nose had felt frozen when I was running in the street.
(e) Running along the street, I felt as if my nose was frozen.
2. (a) Spring brings with it signs of renewal that make themselves known in a thousand ways. (BBA 2008-2009)
(A) Spring brings with it signs of renewal that makes themselves known in a thousand ways.
(B) Spring brings with it signs of renewal that makes itself known in a thousand ways.
(C) Spring brings with it sign of renewal that make itself known in a thousand ways.
(D) Spring brings with it sign of renewal that makes itself known in a thousand ways.

3. (A) The good speaker must possess sincerity, a good platform manner, and have the ability to express his thoughts. (BBA 2008-2009)
(B) Good speakers must possess sincerity, good platform manners, and the ability to express their thoughts.
(C) The good speaker must possess sincerity, a good platform manners, and has the ability to express his thoughts.
(D) Good speakers must possess sincerity, a good platform manner, and the ability to express thoughts.
(E) The good speaker must possess sincerity, good platform manner, and ability to express his thought.
4. (A) On a whole, they were satisfied with the deal. (BBA 2007-2008)
(B) Over the whole, they are satisfied with the deal.
(C) On the whole, they were satisfied with the deal.
(D) On the whole, they were satisfied about the deal.
(E) Over the whole, they are satisfied about the deal.
5. (A) Business administration is the subject in which I am mainly interested in. (BBA 2007-2008)
(B) Business administration is the subject which I am mainly interested.
(C) Business administration is the subject which I am mainly interested at.
(D) Business administration is the subject which I find interest.
(E) Business administration is the subject in which I am mainly interested.
6. (A) You should not suppose that just because he has lost a few games that he is not a good coach. (BBA 2007-2008)
(B) You should not suppose that just because he has lost a few games he is not a good coach.
(C) You should not suppose just because he has lost a few games that he is not a good coach.
(D) You should not suppose because he has lost a few games that he is not a good coach.
(E) You should not suppose that because he has lost a few games that he is not a good coach.

ANALOGY

Instructions: A related pair of words in capital letters is followed by five pairs of words. Select the pair of words that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair of words.

1. **LETHARGIC : ENERGY** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. Despondent : Melancholy B. Leisurely : Relaxation C. Notorious : Infamy
D. Mellow : Wrath E. Lavish : Extravagance
2. **DIALOGUE : PLAYWRIGHT** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. Farce : Buffoon B. Narrative : Character C. Overture : Composer
D. Pact : Humorist E. Clarification : Beneficiary
3. **BELLOW : FURY** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. Snicker : Hatred B. Hiss : Joy C. Giggle : Dread
D. Yawn : Excitement E. Gasp : Surprise
6. **INTEREST: FASCINATION** (BBA 2011-2012)
A. Dislike: Abhorrence B. Faith: Belief C. Fire: Torch
D. Story: Fact E. Polite: Courteous
7. **CIRCLE: SPHERE** (BBA 2011-2012)
A. Rectangle: Hand B. Pyramid: Base C. Line: Triangle
D. Square: Cube E. Triangle: Hexagon
8. **CLAIM : SETTLEMENT** (BBA 2006-2007)
A. assertion ; reimbursement B. accusation: Trial C. receipt : purchase
D. application: denial E. collection : assortment
9. **EPHEMERAL : TRANSIENT** (BBA 2006-2007)
A. emotional : stolid B. acrid: fresh C. eradicate : destroy
D. astute: dense E. rush : delay
10. **RELEVANT : CRUCIAL** (BBA 2006-2007)
A. marginal : unique B. perceptible: obvious C. apparent : real
D. possible : desirable E. None of these
11. **FLU : MALADY** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. Finale : Overture B. Felony : Misdemeanor C. Fun : Farce
D. Flea : parasite E. Fire : Hearth
12. **BASKETBALL : HOOP** (BBA 2015-2016)
A. Pool : Cue B. Croquet : Wicket C. Hockey : Puck
D. Tennis : Net E. Baseball : Bat
13. **TOXIC : HARMFUL** (BBA 2011-2012)
A. Iron : Useful B. Police : Awful C. Gay : Cheerful
D. Cruel : Joyful E. Criminal : Lawful
14. **JUDGE : COURTHOUSE** (BBA 2003-2004)
A. carpenter : bench B. lawyer : brief C. physician : infirmary
D. architect : blueprint E. landlord : studio
15. **TAILOR : SCISSORS** (BBA 2003-2004)
A. stenographer : typewriter B. painter : brush C. carpenter : saw
D. lawyer : brief E. drift : snow

16. EVENT: MEMORIES

(BBA 2003-2004)

A. accident : delay
D. wood : splinters

B. fire : ashes
E. regret : melancholy

C. water : waves

PREFIX-SUFFIX

Instructions: In each of the following questions, choose the option where the suffix or prefix has been INCORRECTLY used.

1. A. Equilateral B. Equivocal C. Equilibrate D. Equidivision E. No Error
(BBA 2015-2016)
2. A. Venation B. Attrition C. Doctination D. Diminution E. No Error
(BBA 2015-2016)
3. A. Equilateral B. Equidistant C. Equilibrate D. Equidistribute E. No Error
(BBA 2015-2016)
4. A. Disenthrall B. Disaccordant C. Discolored D. Discrete E. No Error
(BBA 2015-2016)
5. **DIS** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Discontent (B) Dislocate (C) Distrust (D) Disarray (E) None of these
6. **NON -** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Nonarticulate (B) Nonviolent (C) Nonsectarian (D) Nonstandard (E) None of These
7. **EN** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Strengthen (B) Shorten (C) Frighten (D) Delighten (E) None of these
8. **UN** (BBA 2011-2012)
(A) Unaccustomed (B) Unkempt (C) Unruffled (D) Uncourteous (E) None of these

CORRECT USAGE OF WORDS

Instruction: Identify the sentence(s) that is/are showing the correct use of the given word in bold.

1. COWER (BBA 2014-2015)

- (i) Physical and mental abuses that make students cower are unacceptable in schools nowadays.
 - (ii) You cannot cower me into agreeing with you.
 - (iii) Cowards 'die' many times before their death.
- (A) both i and ii (B) both i and iii (C) both ii and iii (D) i only (E) all three

2. SKEWER (BBA 2014-2015)

- (i) There is something very warm and comforting about eating roasted marshmallows in skewers in winter.
 - (ii) It is easier to get away with skewering the political characters through satirical comic strips.
 - (iii) It is unfortunate that when the time came, being in power he had skewed the rules in his favour.
- (A) both i and ii (B) both i and iii (C) both ii and iii (D) i only (E) all three

3. SCATHE (BBA 2013-2014)

- (i) We were advised to buy a lawn mower and get rid of this scathe once and for all!
 - (ii) With perseverance and hard work, you are earning quite a scathing reputation,
 - (iii) It was not the judgment, but his scathing remarks that had truly hurt.
- (A) ii only (B) iii only (C) both i and ii (D) both ii and iii (E) all three sentences

4. ASH (BBA 2013-2014)

- (i) When he returned, he was beyond recognition - with a face ashen and haggard,
 - (ii) It was reported that the new insecticide is taking a toll on the ash trees.
 - (iii) The phoenix is a mythical bird that is reborn from its ashes.
- (A) ii only (B) both i and ii (C) both i and iii (D) both ii and iii (E) all three sentences

5. PRIVY (BBA 2013-2014)

- (i) The parties are surely holding privy meetings with high-level representatives, with the citizens being none the wiser.
 - (ii) Don't point your finger at me! I was not privy to the matter of employee downsizing myself,
 - (iii) In our country home, the privy is not attached to our main house.
- (A) i only (B) both i and ii (C) both i and iii (D) both ii and iii (E) all three sentences

6. HORDE (BBA 2012-2013)

- (i) It is animal nature to horde food for the winter.
 - (ii) This is the time of the year when the roads are crowded as hordes of tourists roam the area.
 - (iii) You have no excuse for your accident. Have you not seen the hoarding cautioning passers-by of the construction of the building?
- (A) i and ii (B) ii and iii (C) i and iii (D) ii only (E) all three

7. THRONG (BBA 2012-2013)

- (i) The shoppers thronged the malls every day before the Bid as shops displayed their latest collections.
 - (ii) The speaker will need a megaphone to address the vast throng of sit-in demonstrators that have gathered today
 - (iii) This throng of business requires hiring a multitude of employees, fast!
- (A) i and ii (B) ii and iii (C) i and iii (D) ii only (E) all three

COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and select the best answer for each of the questions that follow.

(BBA 2013-2014)

But man is not destined to vanish. He can be killed, but he cannot be destroyed, because his soul is deathless and his spirit is irrepressible. Therefore, though the situation seems dark in the context of the confrontation between the superpowers, the silver lining is provided by the amazing phenomenon; that the very nations which have spent incalculable resources and energy for the production of deadly weapons are desperately trying to find out how they might never be used. They threaten each other, intimidate each other and go to the brink, but before the total hour arrives they withdraw from the brink.

1. **The main point from the author's view is that -**
 - A) Man's soul and spirit cannot be destroyed by superpowers.
 - B) Man's destiny is not fully clear or visible.
 - C) Man's soul and spirit are immortal.
 - D) Man's safety is assured by the delicate balance of power in terms of nuclear weapons.
 - E) Human society will survive despite the serious threat of total annihilation.
2. **The phrase 'Go to the brink' in the passage means -**
 - A) Retreating from extreme danger.
 - B) Declare war on each other.
 - C) Advancing to the stage of war but not engaging in it.
 - D) Negotiate for peace.
 - E) Commit suicide.
3. **'Irrepressible' in the second line means -**
 - A) incompatible
 - B) strong
 - C) oppressive
 - D) un-restrain able
 - E) inspired
4. **In the author's opinion -**
 - A) Huge stockpiles of destructive weapons have so far saved mankind from a catastrophe.
 - B) Superpowers have at last realized the need for abandoning the production of lethal weapons.
 - C) Mankind is heading towards complete destruction.
 - D) Nations in possession of huge stockpiles of lethal weapons are trying hard to avoid actual conflict.
 - E) There is a silver lining over the production of deadly weapons.
5. **A suitable title for the above passage is -**
 - A) Destruction of mankind is inevitable.
 - B) Man's desire to survive inhibits use of deadly weapons.
 - C) Mounting cost of modern weapons.
 - D) Threats and intimidation between super powers.
 - E) Cowardly retreat by man

Instruction: Read the following passage and select the best answer for each question.

(BBA 2008-2009)

Rahim was on the verge of a breakdown. It was 2nd October 2008, his first week at work and his supervisor, Ms. Rehana, the Marketing Manager at Sparkle Cleaners Ltd., was mad at him.

Incidentally, the day had started off rather well for Rahim. He had managed to successfully beat the frenzied Dhaka traffic and was actually at work fifteen minutes before 9:00 a.m. He made the best of the fifteen minutes to compose & send out 2 (two) emails to the managers of two big supermarkets that carried Sparkle's products.

Over the next two hours he helped Mr. Ajit (also under Ms. Rehana's supervision) design circular stickers for CD (compact disk) catalogs of Sparkle's products for distribution to stores that were potential customers, both in Bangladesh as well as abroad, a new market Sparkle was planning to get into.

Trouble started brewing after the lunch break. Rahim was asked by Ms. Rehana to calculate this month's Advertisement Spending budget based on last two months' product Profit. The method of calculation was as follows:

Ad Spending = $40,000 + (0.3 \times P_N) + (0.2 \times P_o)$ Where, P_N is the Profit last month, and,
 P_o is the Profit the month before

Note: Ad Spending cannot be negative.

Based on Profits of Tk.1,000,000 last month and Tk.1,200,000 the month before, Rahim calculated this month's Advertisement Spending budget to be Tk.940,000, although he did not feel very confident with his calculations. He handed the calculations over to Ms. Rehana and said, "Maybe you should go over the calculations before you send them to Finance".

While she looked over the numbers, Ms. Rehana asked Rahim to send a sample of their furniture (cleaning product) to Mr. Kalam, the Purchase Manager of the largest supermarket chain in Dhaka. Rahim picked up a sample from the office store and sent it out to Mr. Kalam's office which was close by.

Rahim returned to his desk to find that both his early morning emails have been answered to and the customers were willing to conduct business with Sparkle Cleaners Ltd., impressed with what had been conveyed to them about Sparkle's offerings. Rahim felt a glow of satisfaction.

Right before the end of the work-day at 5:00 p.m., Ms. Rehana stormed out of her room and headed straight for Rahim's desk. She fumed, "Your budget calculation was wrong, which, fortunately, I had the opportunity to correct. But the sample you sent to Mr. Kalam has already expired and he called me to complain about our lack of professionalism. If this is the damage you cause in the first week here, I dread to think of what will happen once you spend a few months in this office". With that she walked off, leaving Rahim floundering in a sea of remorse.

1. At the end of the work-day, Ms. Rehana's sentiment towards Rahim can best be described as:

- (A) Gleeful (B) Amused (C) Appreciative (D) Vexed (E) Apologetic

2. At the end of the work-day, Rahim's emotion can best be described as:

- (A) Apprehension (B) Regret (C) Appreciation (D) Vexation (E) Curiosity

3. Instead of feeling confident about his budget calculation, Rahim felt.

- (A) Doubtful (B) Jubilant (C) Certain (D) Exact (E) None of these

4. Unlike with the budget calculation, with respect to the expiration date calculation, Rahim did not exhibit any:
(A) Preservation (B) Conservation (C) Reservation (D) Observation (E) None of these
5. Based on the narrative, what can you infer about Rahim's skills?
(A) Strong in both Quantitative & Communication
(B) Weak in both Quantitative & Communication
(C) Weak in Quantitative but Strong in Communication
(D) Strong in Quantitative but Weak in Communication
(E) Stronger in Quantitative while Strong in Communication
6. Which of the following may be inferred about Sparkle Cleaners Ltd.?
(A) The company is methodical in their approach to budgeting and marketing
(B) The company utilizes technological tools in their operations
(C) The company is not interested in expanding into new markets and customers as much as they are in retaining their current customers
(D) Both A & B
(E) All of A, B & C
7. Which of the following cannot be inferred about Ms. Rehana's feelings?
(A) She is distressed by Mr. Kalam's impression of Sparkle Cleaners Ltd.
(B) She considers it opportune that the budget numbers were corrected before being sent to Finance
(C) She is annoyed with Rahim's mistakes
(D) She believes in giving job responsibilities to others
(E) She was happy with the emailed customers' responses

WRITING

1. Translate the following paragraph into Bengali (BBA 2006-2007)

Knowledge of any kind is of little value unless it can be used. Men and women who succeed in business are knowledgeable people. But it is not knowledge alone that makes them successful; it is the intelligent use of what they know. Your success thus depends on your understanding and use of knowledge. You also need training in using knowledge to reach desired ends.

2. Write an essay, identifying two major factors, on the threat to the environment due to human intervention. (BBA 2006-2007)