

## NMAT Verbal Reasoning Exercise 2

### ASSERTION REASON

**Directions (Qns.1-20):** In the questions given below are two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R): In the context of the two statements, which of the following is correct?

- a : Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
  - b : Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
  - c : A is true but R is false.
  - d : A is false but R is true.
1. (A): Chandragupta Maurya failed in his campaign against Magadh.  
(R): He did not begin with the frontiers, but invaded the heart of Magadh.
  2. (A): The Mauryas achieved political supremacy over the whole of India.  
(R): The Mauryan army was the largest known to ancient India.
  3. (A): The Kushans issued the largest number of copper coins in northern and north-west-India.  
(R): Extraction of gold was unknown to the Kushans.
  4. (A): The essence of joint liability under section 149 of the IPC is that the criminal act must have been done with a view to fulfill the common object of an unlawful assembly.  
(R): Any sudden and provocative act done by a member of an unlawful assembly would render the other members of that assembly liable.
  5. (A): India is the 7th largest nation in the world.  
(R): The population of India is 1 billion.
  6. (A): Restriction end nucleases are also called molecular scissors or chemical scalpels.  
(R): They attach themselves between the same two bases on the opposite strands and cause a break in two.
  7. (A): In India, people elect their own representatives.  
(R): India is a democracy
  8. (A): vaccines prevent diseases.  
(R): vaccines must be given to children.
  9. (A): A welfare State is wedded to the principle of promoting the general welfare and well being of the people.  
(R): India in principle is a welfare State.
  10. (A): Special provision for the protection of children is made in Art. 24.  
(R): Children below the age of fourteen years, if employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment, are deprived of education and proper physical and mental development.
  11. (A): The structure of the government in India is essentially 'quasi-federal'.  
(R): The Constitution of India divides administrative powers between the Centre and the states.
  12. (A): The Constitution of India guarantees an independent status to the Judiciary.  
(R): Judiciary is the law-making body.
  13. (A): Excise duties are the largest source of revenue to the central government.  
(R): Excise duties are the commodity taxes imposed on the production of an item without any relevance to its sale.
  14. (A): The number of stock exchanges rose from 7 in 1939 to 21 in 1945.  
(R): Stock exchanges increase the market ability of existing securities by providing simple methods for public and others to buy and sell securities.
  15. (A): The Reserve Bank of India is the supreme monetary and banking authority of the country.  
(R): The Reserve Bank of India regulates and controls the money of the country.
  16. (A): When a magnetic substance is placed near a magnet, it gets magnetised due to induction.  
(R): Magnetism is caused due to the movement of electric charges which results in objects being attracted or pushed away.
  17. (A): Monopoly is characterised by a single seller and multiple buyers.  
(R): The prevailing market conditions do not permit the entry of new firms due to legal restrictions.
  18. (A): The exchange rates fluctuate each day.  
(R) : Banks, corporations, brokers, individuals, and governments buy and sell currencies each day.
  19. (A): Various landforms are created on account of the transportation, erosion and the depositional work of a glacier.  
(R): Ice causes friction with its movement.
  20. (A): No continent of the world except Asia has a larger population than that of India.

(R): The area of India is nearly equal to the area of the continent of Europe excluding Russia.

### **CAUSE EFFECT TEST**

**Directions (Qns1-20):** Each question below has 2 statements given. These statements may be related to each other. Code your answers in the manner given below:

- a : I is the main cause and II is the main effect.
- b : I is effect but II is not the main cause.
- c : I and II are independent causes.
- d : I and II are effects of independent causes.

1. I. The average day temperature of the city has increased by about 3 degrees in the current year over the average of past few years.  
II. More people living in rural areas of the state have started migrating to the urban areas in comparison with the earlier year.
2. I. The population of India is going to bypass that of China by the year 2040.  
II. The Indian Govt. is not doing anything to curb the population increase.
3. I. The private engineering colleges have increased the tuition fees in the current year by 200 per cent over the last year's fees to meet the expenses.  
II. The Government engineering colleges have not increased their fees in spite of price escalation.
4. I. It started pouring early this year.  
II. Many cloudbursts happened this year in Northern India.
5. I. Majority of the first year students failed in Mathematics in the semester examination.  
II. The college authority terminated the contract of the Professor who taught mathematics to the first year students at the beginning of the year and did not hire another teacher for the rest of the year.
6. I. State Govt. has ordered immediate ban on certain tv channels on television.  
II. Few social activists have come together and demanded ban on telecasting "Adult" shows on television.
7. I. Employment condition in the country has remarkably improved .  
II. The number of prospective job-seekers going abroad has increased recently.
8. I. Security checks at all important places and also at various public places have been tightened.  
II. Incidences of terrorist attacks are increasing day by day.
9. I. The court has fixed a time limit for repairing all potholes on the roads in the city.  
II. Development Authorities in the city are carrying out road repair work on urgent basis.
10. I. There is an outbreak of several natural disasters in Japan.  
II. There was a worst flood situation ever experienced in the past in Japan.
11. I. The prices of fruits have fallen considerably during the last few months.  
II. There has been improvement in quality of fruits produced.
12. I. The state Govt. has appointed a large number of teachers in all the Government run schools.  
II. There has been a considerable reduction in number of school dropouts in the Govt. run schools.
13. I. The prices of petrol and diesel have been increased by 10 per cent with immediate effect.  
II. The oil producing countries have decided to increase the crude oil production by about 20 percent during the next quarter.
14. I. It has been raining heavily during the last few days.  
II. The municipal authority warned people not to consume readymade eatables from road-side food joints.
15. I. China has surpassed the value of tea exports this year over all the previous years due to an increase in demand for quality tea in the European market.  
II. There is an increase in demand of coffee in the domestic market during the last three years.
16. I. The prices of petrol and diesel in the domestic market have remained unchanged for the past few months.  
II. The crude oil prices in the international market have gone up substantially in the last few months.
17. I. The government has recently fixed the fees for vocational courses offered by the unaided institutions which are much lower than the fees charged last year.  
II. The parents of the aspiring students launched an agitation last year protesting against the high fees charged by the unaided institutions.
18. I. The Central Bank has recently put restrictions on few small banks in the country.  
II. The small banks in the private and co-operative sector in India are not in a position to withstand the competitions of the bigger in the public sector.

19. I. All the schools in the area had to be kept closed for most days of the week.  
II. Many parents have withdrawn their children from the local schools.
20. I. Today a historic judgment was passed by the Supreme Court .  
II. The Collegium has nominated Mr. Rai, an eminent lawyer to the Allahabad High Court.

### **COURSE OF ACTION TEST**

**Directions (Qns.1-20):** Each question below contains a Statement and two Courses of Action I and II. Assuming the statement to be true, decide which of the two suggested Course of Action logically follows, using the Code given below.

- a. only I
- b. only II
- c. neither I nor II
- d. Both I and II.

1. **Statement:** One of the problems facing the jute industry is the irregular supply of raw material. The producers of raw material are not getting a suitable price for it.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The government should regulate the supply of raw material to other industries also.
- II. The government should start lucrative package for regular supply of raw material for jute industry.

2. **Statement:** Many tourist visiting India from country C have been tested positive for carrying viruses of a killer disease.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The government should immediately put a complete ban on people coming from country C including those Indians who are settled in country C.
- II. The government should immediately set up detection centres at all its airports and seaports to identify and quarantine those who are tested positive.

3. **Statement:** The authority has criticized the College for its failure to implement many of regular programmes despite an increase in the faculty and not drawing up a firm action plan for studies and research.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The broad objectives of the College should be redefined to implement a practical action plan.
- II. The College should give a detailed report on reasons for not having implemented the planned programmes.

4. **Statement:** The vegetable vendors feel that the prices of tomatoes will again go up shortly in the State 'N'

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The 'N' State Government should purchase and store sufficient quantity of tomatoes in advance to control prices.
- II. The 'N' State Government should make available network of fair price shops for the sale of tomatoes during the period of shortage.

5. **Statement:** India has been continuously experiencing war threats from its neighbouring countries.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. India should engage into an all out war to stop the nagging threats.
- II. India should get the neighbouring countries into a serious dialogue to reduce the tension at its borders.

6. **Statement:** It is stated that Vitamin A present in fresh fruits and vegetables is beneficial for human body, though capsule Vitamin A does not have the same effect on human body.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The sale of capsule Vitamin A should be banned.
- II. People should be advised to take fresh fruits and vegetables to meet the body's requirement of Vitamin A.

7. **Statement:** Teenage boys are often found staring at obscene posters.

#### **Courses of Action:**

- I. Teenage boys should be punished and penalized if they are found doing so.
- II. Display of such material should be banned.

8. **Statement:** There was less than thirty percent voter turnout in the recent elections.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The election commission should cancel the entire election as the votes cast are not sufficient to represent people.
- II. The election commission should take away the voting rights of those who did not turn up for voting.

9. **Statement:** Majority of development plans are in papers only.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The officers should be instructed to supervise the field-work regularly.
- II. The supply of paper to those departments should be reduced.

10. **Statement:** The wheat crops have been affected by the insects for consecutive two years in the district and the farmers harvested less than sixty percent of produce during these years.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The farmers should seek methods to control the attack of insects to protect their crops for coming year.
- II. The Government should increase the minimum price of wheat considerably to protect the economic interests of farmers.

11. **Statement:** Five coaches of “ Vacation Special train” have derailed and blocked the track.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The railway authorities should immediately send men and equipment to the spot to clear the railway track.
- II. All the trains running on that track should be diverted to other routes.

12. **Statement:** Every year, at the beginning or at the end of the monsoons, we have some cases of oxijunctivitis, but this year, it seems to be a major epidemic, witnessed after nearly four years.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. Precautionary measures should be taken after every four years to check this epidemic.
- II. II. People should be advised to drink boiled water during rainy season.

13. **Statement:** There has been a drop in the water level of all the lakes supplying water to the Karnataka.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The water supply authority should have a partial cut in supply to tackle the situation.
- II. The government should request all the residents through mass media for minimal use of water.

14. **Statement:** The army has come under a cloud with recent revelations that at least two senior officials are suspected to have been involved in the illegal sale of a large quantity of guns from the armoury.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. A thorough investigation should be ordered by the Government to bring out all those who are involved into the illegal sale of arms.
- II. The armoury should be kept under Government's control.

15. **Statement:** The car dealer found that there was a tremendous response for the new Jeep's Compass ,car-booking with long queues of people complaining about the duration of business hours and arrangements.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. Buyers should make their arrangement of snacks while going for car booking and should be ready to spend several hours.
- II. More booking desks should be organized and increased business hours to serve more people in lesser time.

16. **Statement:** The State Government was restricted from paying salaries to its employees because of financial stringencies.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The State Government should immediately cut the staff strength by least 20%.
- II. The State Government should reduce expenditure and arrange to pay the salaries of its employees first.

17. **Statement:** The Finance Minister submits his resignation two months before the new budget is to be presented in the Parliament.

### Courses of Action:

- I. The resignation should be accepted and another person should be appointed as the Finance Minister.
  - II. The resignation should not be accepted.
18. **Statement:** The multiplexes are incurring heavy losses as majority of people prefer to watch movies at home on TV than to visit cinema halls.

### Courses of Action:

- I. The multiplexes should be demolished and residential multi-storey buildings should be constructed there.
- II. The multiplexes should be converted into shopping malls.

19. **Statement:** There is an increase in the number of successful students in this year's XII examination.

### Courses of Action:

- I. The government should increase number of seats of intermediate courses in existing colleges.
  - II. The government should take initiative to open new colleges to accommodate all these successful students.
20. **Statement:** The Government has declared 'Kala Fever' as a notifiable disease under the Epidemics Act. Family members or neighbours of the patient are liable for punishment in case they did not inform the government authorities.

### Courses of Action:

- I. Efforts should be made to implement the Act.
- II. The cases of punishment should be communicated through mass media so that more people became aware of the stern actions.

## STATEMENT ASSUMPTION TEST

**Direction (Qns. 1-20):** In each question below is given statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement. Mark answer

- a : If only I assumption is implicit
- b : If only assumption II is implicit
- c : If neither I nor II is implicit
- d : If both I and II are implicit.

1. **Statement :** "The real impact of the Dubai crisis would be felt only during year end". - A news headline.  
**Assumptions :** I. There was a good stock of oil before the crisis began.  
II. World is not generally dependent on Dubai oil.
2. **Statement :** "Available Alto-800 car, new and unused". - An advertisement.  
**Assumptions :** I. People generally prefer new cars.  
II. Alto-800 are in demand.
3. **Statement :** If Seema has finished reading the manual then let her begin the task accordingly.  
**Assumptions :** I. Seema would understand the manual.  
II. Seema is capable of performing the tasks.
4. **Statement:** We need not worry about mistakes but we must try to learn from our mistakes.  
**Assumptions:** I. Mistakes may take place when we are doing certain work.  
II. We are capable of benefitting from the past and improve our chances of mistake free work.
5. **Statement :** It is advised to put the child in school at the age of 3 or so.  
**Assumptions :** I. At that age the child reaches appropriate level of brain development and is ready to learn  
II. The schools do not admit children after 5 years of age.
6. **Statement :** Even with the increase in the number of cotton factories in India, we still continue to import cotton.  
**Assumptions :** I. The use of cotton per capita has increased in India.  
II. Many of the factories are not in a position to produce cotton to their fullest capacity.
7. **Statement:** No funds have been provided for leisure activities in this year's budget of the factory.  
**Assumptions:** I. The factory does not desire to carry out leisure activities this year.  
II. Budgetary provision is necessary for carrying out leisure activities.
8. **Statement:** In case difficulty about Mr. Deepak's case you may contact our company's lawyer.  
**Assumptions** I. Each company has a lawyer of its own.  
II. The company's lawyer is thoroughly briefed about this case.
9. **Statement :** A good businessman must draw the utmost from each employee.  
**Assumptions:** I. It is possible to get the maximum from each employee.

- II. Businessman are expected to get the best from their employees.
10. **Statement:** Mohan can take you quickly from Delhi to Agra by my cab but then you must pay him double the normal charges.  
**Assumption:** I. Normally, it will take more time to reach Agra from Delhi.  
 II. People want to reach quickly but they will not pay extra money for it.
11. **Statement:** "The orientation will start at 6 p.m. but you can come there up to 7 p.m. or so and still there is no issue".  
**Assumption:** I. The orientation will continue even after 7 p.m.  
 II. The orientation may not even start by that time.
12. **Statement:** The coffee powder of Nescafe is better in taste than the much advertised coffee of company Bru.  
**Assumptions:** I. If your product is not good you spend more on advertisement.  
 II. Some people are tempted to buy a product by the advertisement.
13. **Statement:** A good manager has to be task — oriented as well as people — oriented.  
**Assumptions:** I. Some managers are only people —oriented  
 II. Some managers are not at all oriented to people.
14. **Statement:** Never before such a lucid article was available on SuperNova.  
**Assumptions:** I. Some other article was available on SuperNova.  
 II. You can write lucid articles on very few topics.
15. **Statement:** How is that the City is not shown in this so called official map of this state?  
**Assumptions:** I. The official state map is expected to show all the cities of that state.  
 II. This is not an authentic and official map.
16. **Statement:** Arvind is one of the popular leaders of the political party Congress.  
**Assumption:** I. Some leaders of Congress are not popular.  
 II. A political party consists of leaders and followers.
17. **Statement:** "As the last show was a hit, every person seeking tickets of the next show will be given only 2 tickets."  
**Assumptions:** I. The organizers are not keen on selling the ticket.  
 II. No one is interested in getting more than 2 tickets.
18. **Statement:** A notice board at help desk- 'Please come in queue'.  
**Assumptions:** I. Unless instructed people will not form queue.  
 II. People any way want to seek help.
19. **Statement:** Restaurant should settle all the payment due to their suppliers within two working days.  
**Assumptions:** I. They will always have necessary funds in our account to settle the bills.  
 II. They are capable of verifying and clearing the bills in less than two working days.
20. **Statement:** Humans can get freedom from rat race only through wisdom.  
**Assumptions:** I. Wisdom can bring freedom.  
 II. Expect wisdom there is no other method of getting freedom.

### **STATEMENT CONCLUSION TEST**

**Directions (Qs. 1 – 20):** In the following questions, each question has a statement followed by two conclusions. Taking the statement to be true, decide which of the given conclusions definitely follows from the given statement. Indicate your answer as

- a : only I follows  
 b : only II follows  
 c: neither I nor II follows  
 d : both I and II follow

1. **Statements:** The company had asked its employees to declare their income but it has been strongly resisted by employees union and no employee is going to declare his income.  
**Conclusions:** I. The employees of this company do not seem to have any undisclosed income besides their salary.  
 II. The employees union wants all senior officers to declare their income first.
2. **Statements:** Monitoring has become a crucial part in the development programmes. It is recommended that Management Information System be developed for all programmes. This is expected to give a feedback on the performance of the functionaries .  
**Conclusions:** I. All the development programmes should be evaluated.



- II. There is a need to monitor the performance of workers.
3. **Statements:** The T.V shows specially for women are packed with a variety of recipes and household hints. A major portion of magazines for women also contains the same items.  
**Conclusions:** I. Women are not interested in other things.  
 II. An average woman's primary interest lies in home and specifically in the kitchen.
4. **Statements:** The distance of 1000 km by road between Bombay and Kerala will be reduced to 280 km by sea. This will lead to a saving of Rs. 6 crores per annum on fuel.  
**Conclusions:** I. Transportation by sea is cheaper than that by road.  
 II. Fuel must be saved to the greatest extent.
5. **Statements:** the number of child migrants in large cities is increasing. These children leave their families to join the ranks of urban poor doing odd jobs.  
**Conclusions:** I. Migration to big cities should be checked.  
 II. The plight of poor children should be thoroughly examined.
6. **Statements:** No country is self-dependent these days.  
**Conclusions:** I. It is impossible to grow and produce all that a country needs.  
 II. Countrymen in general have become lazy.
7. **Statements:** The national income shared by the top 20 per cent of households in India is 40%.  
**Conclusions:** I. When an economy grows fast, concentration of wealth in certain pockets of population takes place.  
 II. The national income is unevenly distributed in India.
8. **Statements:** Players who break records in a fair way get special awards. Player A broke the world record but was found to be under the influence of a drug.  
**Conclusions:** I. A will get the special award.  
 II. A will not get the special prize.
9. **Statements:** Levon has marketed the laptop. Go ahead; purchase it if price and quality are your considerations.  
**Conclusions:** I. The laptop must be good in quality.  
 II. The price of the laptop must be reasonable.
10. **Statements:** Quality has a price. Government is allocating lots of funds to education.  
**Conclusions:** I. Quality of education would improve soon.  
 II. Funding alone can enhance quality of education.
11. **Statements:** Although we have rating agencies like Crisil, ICRA, there is demand to have a separate rating agency for IT companies to protect investors.  
**Conclusions:** I. Assessment of financial worth of IT companies calls for separate set of skills, insight and competencies.  
 II. Now the investors investing in IT companies will get protection of their investment.
12. **Statements:** The quality of education in private schools is much better than government schools.  
**Conclusions:** I. The government should make serious efforts to improve standard of their schools.  
 II. All government schools should be closed down immediately.
13. **Statements:** Every systematic person finds time for rest. Rekha, in spite of her very busy schedule, finds time for rest.  
**Conclusions:** I. Rekha is a systematic person.  
 II. Rekha is an industrious person
14. **Statements:** Domestic demand has been increasing faster than the production of indigenous spices.  
**Conclusions:** I. Spices must be imported.  
 II. Domestic demand should be reduced.
15. **Statements:** Minister stressed the need to stop the present examination system and its replacement by other methods which would measure the real merit of the students.  
**Conclusions:** I. Examinations should be abolished.  
 II. The present examination system does not measure the real merit of the students.
16. **Statements:** Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every four months.  
**Conclusions:** I. Fashion designers do not understand the public mind very well.  
 II. The public by and large is highly susceptible to novelty.
17. **Statements:** Until any nation achieves economic equality, political freedom and democracy would be meaningless.  
**Conclusions:** I. Political freedom and democracy go hand in hand.  
 II. Economic equality leads to real political freedom and democracy.
18. **Statements:** The country has faced growing international opposition for its decision to explode eight nuclear weapons at its test site.  
**Conclusions:** I. The citizens favoured the decision.

II. Some powerful countries do not want other nations to become as powerful as they are.

19. **Statements:** In a highly centralised power structure, in which even senior cabinet ministers are prepared to reduce themselves to pathetic countries or yesmen airing views that are primarily intended to anticipate or reflect the Prime Minister's own performances, there can be no place for any consensus that is quite different from real or contrived unanimity of opinion, expressed through a well orchestrated endorsement of the leader's actions.

**Conclusions:** I. The Ministers play safe by not giving anti-government views.

II. The Prime Minister does not encourage his colleagues to render their own views.

20. **Statements:** The Steel Company has moved India from a position of shortage to self-sufficiency in the metal.

**Conclusions:** I. Previously, India had to import steel.

II. With this speed, it can soon become a foreign exchange earner.

## STRONG WEAK ARGUMENT TEST

**DIRECTIONS (Qns. 1-20):** Read carefully and decide which of the arguments strongly support the statement.

- a: Argument I is strong.  
 b: Argument II is strong.  
 c: Both I and II are strong.  
 d: Neither I nor II is strong.

1. Should the parents in India be forced to opt for only one child as against many at present?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes, this is the only way to check the population of India.

II. No, this type of pressure tactic is not adopted by any other country.

2. Should the sex determination test in pregnancy be completely stopped?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes, this leads to female foeticide and will lead to social imbalance.

II. No, people have a right to know about their unborn child.

3. Should all the slums in cities be demolished and the people living there be relocated outside the city limits?

**Arguments:**

I. No, all these people will lose their home and livelihood and hence they should not be re-located.

II. Yes, the cities need more and more spaces to carry out developmental activities and hence these slums should be demolished.

4. Should there be a complete ban on coal mining in India?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes, the present stock of coal will not last long if mining is continued at the present rate.

II. No, we do not have alternate energy source of sufficient quantity to cater the population.

5. Should there be uniforms for students in colleges be made compulsory?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes, this will improve the environment of the colleges as all the students will be dressed properly.

II. No, college students should be left to choose their clothes for coming to college.

6. Should young entrepreneurs be applauded more?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes. They will help in industrial development.

II. Yes. They will reduce the burden on employment market.

7. Should all the examinations up to Std. V be abolished in schools?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes. The young students should not be burdened with examinations which dampens their natural mental growth.

II. No. The students will not study seriously as they will get automatic promotion to the next class and this will affect them in future.

8. Should Indian workforce working abroad be called back to India?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes. They must serve India first and forget about growth, lifestyle, facilities and all.

II. No. We have enough talent; let them stay where they want.

9. Should we scrap the system of formal education after graduation?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes. It will mean taking job at an early date.

II. No. It will mean lack of knowledge.

10. Should there be an upper age limit of 60 years for contesting elections?

**Arguments:**

I. Yes. Generally, people above the age of 60 lose their dynamism and will power.



II. No. The life span is so increased that people remain active even up to the age of 80.

11. Should new big industries be started in Chennai?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. It will create many job opportunities.
- II. No. It will further add to the pollution.

12. Should high chimneys be installed in factories?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. It reduces pollution at ground level.
- II. No. It increases pollution in upper atmosphere.

13. Does India need so many plans and policies for development?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. Nothing can be achieved without proper planning and good policies.
- II. No. Too much time, money and energy is wasted on planning policies.

14. Should articles of credible authors be allowed to be printed?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. It will save a lot of paper which is in short supply.
- II. No. It is not possible to draw a line between the credible and the non credible authors.

15. Should colleges be given the status of a university in India?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. Colleges are in a better position to assess the student's performance and therefore the degrees will be more valid.
- II. No. It is Utopian to think that there will not be nepotism and corruption in awarding degrees by colleges.

16. Should the popular people who have committed crime mistakably, be met with special treatment?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. The popular people do not commit crime intentionally.
- II. No. It is our policy that everyone is equal before the law.

17. Can pollution be checked?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. If everyone realizes the problems it create and join hands to get rid of it, pollution may be controlled.
- II. No. The ever-growing population eager to acquire more and more land for constructing houses are beyond control.

18. Should the railways in India be privatized like other public sector enterprises? Arguments:

- I. Yes. This is will bring in competitiveness and provide better services .
- II. No. This will pose a threat to the national security of our country as multinationals will enter into the fray.

19. Should internal assessment in colleges be scrapped?

**Arguments:**

- I. Yes. This will help in reducing the possibility of favouritism.
- II. No, teaching faculty will lose control over students.

20. Should all the unauthorized buildings be demolished?

**Arguments:**

- I. No. Where will the people residing in such houses live?
- II. Yes. This will send a message to general public and they will refrain from construction unauthorized buildings.

## Answer Key

### Reason Assertion

1. a	2. a	3. c	4. c	5. c	6. a	7. a	8. b	9. b	10. a
11. b	12. c	13. a	14. a	15. a	16. a	17. c	18. a	19. a	20. c

### Cause Effect

1. d	2. b	3. c	4. c	5. b	6. b	7. d	8. b	9. a	10. b
11. d	12. a	13. b	14. a	15. c	16. d	17. b	18. b	19. d	20. c

### Course of action

1. b	2. b	3. d	4. d	5. b	6. b	7. b	8. c	9. a	10. d
11. d	12. b	13. d	14. a	15. b	16. b	17. b	18. c	19. a	20. d

### Statement Assumption

1. c	2. c	3. d	4. b	5. a	6. c	7. a	8. b	9. b	10. a
11. a	12. c	13. d	14. a	15. a	16. a	17. c	18. a	19. b	20. a

### Statement Conclusion

1. c	2. d	3. b	4. b	5. c	6. a	7. b	8. b	9. d	10.
11. a	12. a	13.	14.	15.	16. b	17. b	18. c	19. a	20.

### Strong Weak Argument

1. d	2. a	3. c	4. b	5. c	6. c	7. c	8. d	9. b	10. d
11. c	12. a	13. a	14. b	15. d	16. b	17. c	18. d	19. a	20. b