

# **CRITICAL REASONING**

## **CAUSE EFFECT**

**Directions (Qns.1-30):** 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) II is the main cause and I is the main effect.
- d) II is an effect but I is not the main cause.

1. I. The living experience in India is world-class and really inexpensive as compared to those in the west.  
II. There is a sharp increase in the number of people coming to India from neighbouring countries.
2. I. An Indigo airbus was grounded in Mumbai because of a technical snag.  
II. Indigo faces a severe shortage of maintenance engineers.
3. I. The shortage of employable workforce has become severe.  
II. There are more job openings than there are suitable professionals.
4. I. Banks perceive lucrative business opportunities in the insurance segment.  
II. As many as 11 nationalised banks are entering into the insurance market.
5. I : Japan suffered a major earth quake today and the disaster management team could not do anything despite several warnings by the geologists.  
II: The opposition is demanding that the Prime Minister resign.
6. I. Lifestyle of the middle-class society is constantly going up since last few years.  
II. Economy is observing remarkable growth.
7. I. There was a huge collision of cars in the middle of the road last night.  
II. The police had cordoned of entire, area in the locality this morning for half of the day.
8. I. Many students of the government school have failed in English Language examination.  
II. Some questions in the English paper were incorrect.
9. I. Importance of Yoga and exercise is now being realized by all sections of society.  
II. There is an increased awareness about health in society particularly among middle-aged group of people.
10. I. The prices of essential commodities in the open market have risen sharply during the past few months.  
II. The opposition has given a call for general strike to protest against the government's economic policy.
11. I. Large number of primary schools in villages is run by only one team.  
II. There has been a huge dropout from the primary schools in villages.
12. I. The literacy rate in the city has been increasing for the last few years.  
II. The district administration has conducted a training programme for the workers involved in the literacy drive.
13. I. The automobile companies have recently increased the prices of mid-sized cars.  
II. The Government recently increased the duty on mid-sized cars.
14. I. There was a huge rush of people to the shrine last Friday the 15th of the month.  
II. The authority had decided to close down the shrine for renovation from 17th of the month.
15. I. The Ramanujan college authority has decided to break away from the university and become autonomous.  
II. It is rumoured that the university authority has expressed its inability to provide grants to its constituent colleges.
16. I. The performance of Indian athletes in the Olympics could not reach the level of expectation the country had from them.  
II. The training camps did not happen according to schedule.

17. I. The university authority has asked all the colleges under its jurisdiction to ban use of cell phones inside the college premises.  
II. Teachers of the college signed a joint petition to the university complaining the disturbances caused by cell phone ring tones inside the classrooms.
18. I. The number of train passengers has increased this year.  
II. There has been an increase in the prices of plane tickets.
19. I. The young upwardly mobile Indian is a bourgeoisie.  
II. Many young upwardly mobile Indians are buying expensive cars like the Duster.
20. I. Residents of the locality have decided to protest against the authority's decision to allow the construction of a shopping mall in the locality.  
II. Many shopping malls have been opened all over the city.
21. I. The average school fees in Lucknow has gone up by 40 percent this year.  
II. Some schools in Lucknow have started computer-based teaching for junior classes this year.
22. I. Police has recently increased the patrolling during the evening hours in the area.  
II. There has been reduction in the incidents of petty crimes in the area.
23. I. There is a decrease the interest rates on housing loans.  
II. Many people are interested in buying houses.
24. I. The committee by the Government on the fee structure has drastically reduced the fees of various courses in comparison to those charged in the last year.  
II. The parents of aspiring students seeking admission had launched a severe agitation protesting against the high fees charged by the institutes and the admission process was delayed considerably.
25. I. Many of the first-year students of the Law college failed in Torts in the semester examination.  
II. The college authority terminated the contract of the Professor who taught Torts to the first-year students.
26. I. The UP Education Board has decided to do away with preparing merit lists for 10th and 12th examinations.  
II. A large number of students scored very high marks in the recently held 10th examination.
27. I. The Government decided to grant permission for opening more junior colleges in the country.  
II. Percentage of qualified students in 10th examination was higher this year compared to the past few years.
28. I. An increase in shopping during sale season has become a regular trend for the past few years.  
II. People avoid shopping during off-sale season due to high prices.
29. I. The UIDAI has advised citizens of India to get their aadhar cards made right away.  
II. The Govt. of India is making the aadhar card as the proof of citizenship.
30. I. It is compulsory to wear a helmet for the riders of two-wheelers.  
II. The number of road accidents involving two-wheelers has been increasing every year.

## **COURSE OF ACTION**

Directions (Qns.1-30): Each question below contains a Statement and two Causes 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:** The sale of a Keventer's milkshakes has gone down considerably causing great concern to the company.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The company should make a proper study of substitutes available in the market.
- II. The price of the milkshakes should be reduced and quality improved.

2. **Statement:** The World Bank has approved a \$200 million loan to finance a project to construct ports by Paradip and Madras Port Trusts.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. India should use financial assistance from other international organisations to develop such ports in other places.
- II. India should not seek such financial assistance from the international financial agencies.

3. **Statement:** DenTV is concerned about the quality of its programmes particularly in view of stiff competition it is facing from TATA Sky and other satellite TV channels and is thinking of various measures to attract talent for its programmes.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. In an effort to attract talent, the DenTV has decided to revise its fee structure for the participants.
- II. The fee structure should not be revised until other electronic media does the same.

4. **Statement:** The social activist said that the teachers are still not aware of the need, importance and meaning of population education in the higher education system. They do not even know about their role and responsibilities in the population education programme.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. Population education programme should be included in the college curriculum.
- II. Orientation programme should be conducted for teachers on population education.

5. **Statement:** A recent study shows that children die mainly from parasitic intestinal worms.

**Course of Action:**

- I. Governments should take adequate measures to improve the hygiene conditions in the cities.
- II. Children need to be kept under periodic check-up.

6. **Statement:** Most of those who study in premier engineering colleges in India migrate to developed countries for better prospects in their professional career.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. All the students joining these colleges should be asked to sign a bond that they will remain in India for at least ten years after they complete education.
- II. All those students who desire to go in the developed nations should be asked to pay entire cost education which the government subsidises.

7. **Statement:** There is an increase in migration of villagers to cities as repeated failure has put them into precarious financial situation.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The villagers should be provided with alternate sources of income which will make them stay put.
- II. The migrated villagers should be provided with jobs in cities to help them survive.

8. **Statement:** The recent survey shows the female to male ratio is alarmingly low.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The government should conduct another survey to verify the results.
- II. The government should immediately issue orders to encourage people to help improve the ratio.

9. **Statement:** Few cities in Africa have been experiencing severe drought for the last few years resulting into exodus of people from these districts.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. Food for work programme should be started in the district to put a halt to the exodus.
- II. Efforts to provide drinking/potable water to these districts must be made.

10. **Statement:** If the retired Professors of the College are also invited to deliberate on restructuring of the organisation, their contribution may be beneficial to the college.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. Management may seek opinion of the current faculty before calling retired professors
  - II. Management should involve experienced people for the systematic restructuring of the organisation.
11. **Statement:** There is an increase in the number of persons affected by water-borne diseases during monsoon period.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The question should be raised in the next Assembly meeting.
  - II. The Government should spread awareness regarding the pure drinking water to people.
12. **Statement:** Residents from Modern Colony coming under North Ward of City Y have complained to the Ward Officer that for last two days the tap water in the ward is contaminated and no action is being initiated by municipal staff.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The Ward Officer should ask his junior officer to visit Modern Colony to assess the actual condition of water with his staff and to get samples of water tested from laboratories.
  - II. The Ward Officer should ask Ward Engineer to check water installations and pipelines in the Modern Colony area.
13. **Statement:** People residing in tribal areas are far from education.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. Government should render all help to the NGOs to open schools in those areas.
  - II. A mass awareness programme must be initiated in these areas.
14. **Statement:** Nuclear power cannot make a country secure.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. We must destroy our nuclear facilities.
  - II. We must concentrate on improving our diplomatic relations with other countries.
15. **Statement:** Many people in ward K of the city are diagnosed to be suffering from a fatal dengue.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The city municipal authority should take immediate steps to carry out extensive fumigation in ward K.
  - II. The people in the area should be advised to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.
16. **Statement:** Severe drought is reported to have set in several parts of Africa.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. Government should make arrangements for providing financial assistance to those affected.
  - II. Food, water and fodder should immediately be sent to all these areas to save the people and cattle.
17. **Statement:** Since its launch in 1870, Hawadoot has so far accumulated losses amounting to Rs 150 crore.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. Hawadoot should be directed to reduce wasteful expenditure and to increase passenger fare.
  - II. An amount of about Rs 300 crore should be provided to Hawadoot to make the airliner economically viable.
18. **Statement:** A large number of people die in India every year due to drinking polluted water.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The government should make proper arrangements to provide safe drinking water to all its citizens.
  - II. The people should be educated about the dangers of drinking polluted water.
19. **Statement:** "Sabarmati Express" derailed while moving over a bridge and fell into a river, resulting in the death of 50 people.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The Railway Authorities should clarify the reason of the accident to the Government.
  - II. The protection walls of the bridge should be made strong enough to avoid any such accidents.
20. **Statement:** Poverty is increasing rapidly because the people, who are deciding how to tackle it, knows nothing about the poor.  
**Courses of Action:**
  - I. The decision makers should go to the grass root levels to know the actual problems of the poor.
  - II. A new set of decision makers should replace the existing one.

21. **Statement:** There is an increase in the production of rice this season in most parts of the country.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. The farmers should be asked to store the excess produce, to be used for future.  
 II. The government should make its best efforts to export rice to augment its presence in international market.
22. **Statement:** Without the active cooperation between the owner and the employees of the factory, it cannot remain a profitable business for long.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. The factory should be closed down.  
 II. The workers should be asked to cooperate with the owners.
23. **Statement:** The air and rail services have been severely disrupted due to thick fog in the northern parts of the country.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. The rail and air services should be temporarily suspended in those region.  
 II. The government should immediately install modern machines which will enable it to guide the rail and air services even in the thick fog.
24. **Statement:** Any further increase in the pollution level in the city by way of industrial effluents and automobile exhaustions would pose a severe threat to the residents of the city.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. All the factories in the city should immediately be shut down.  
 II. The Government should uphold the issue of fresh licences to factories and automobiles.
25. **Statement:** Lack of coordination between the University, its colleges has resulted in students ousted from one college seeking migration to another.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. If a student is ousted from a college, the information should be sent to all the other colleges of the University.  
 II. A separate section should be made for taking strict action against students indulging in anti-social activities.
26. **Statement:** Over 20,000 bonded labourers identified and freed are still awaiting for rehabilitation.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. More cases of bonded labourers should be looked for.  
 II. Till the proper rehabilitation facilities are available, the bonded labourers should not be set free.
27. **Statement:** The firm has fixed for the investors a validity period of one year for transfer forms for some of its listed schemes.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. The investors should be duly informed about the validity period.  
 II. List of schemes covered under this validity period should be told.
28. **Statement:** The road traffic has increased so much in the past few months that it takes at least one hour to travel between the city and the railway station during peak hours.  
**Courses of Action:**  
 I. Non-railway station bound vehicles should not be allowed to ply on the road connecting the city and the station.  
 II. The load of vehicular traffic should be diverted through various link roads during peak hours.

## Answer Key

### CAUSE EFFECT

1. d	2. c	3. a	4. c	5. a	6. a	7. a	8. b	9. c	10. a
11. a	12. c	13. c	14. c	15. b	16. b	17. c	18. b	19. d	20. c
21. b	22. a	23. b	24. c	25. a	26. c	27. c	28. b	29. b	30. b

### COURSE OF ACTION

1. a	2. a	3. a	4. b	5. d	6. b	7. a	8. b	9. d	10. b
11. a	12. d	13. d	14. b	15. d	16. b	17. a	18. d	19. b	20. a
21. c	22. b	23. d	24. b	25. a	26. c	27. d	28. b		