

Error Spotting - Learn Rules and Practice Previous Year Questions

Welcome to our blog on Error Spotting, an essential topic in English Language that plays a crucial role in all competitive exams. Approximately 3 - 4 questions are certain to appear from this topic in the exam, making it imperative for you to grasp the concepts of Error Spotting thoroughly and practice a variety of questions.

In this blog, we will comprehensively cover all the theoretical concepts and rules of this topic. Additionally, we have included previously asked questions from various competitive exams, to help you get a feel for what to expect. So, let's dive into the world of Error Spotting and boost your exam preparation.



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What is Error Spotting

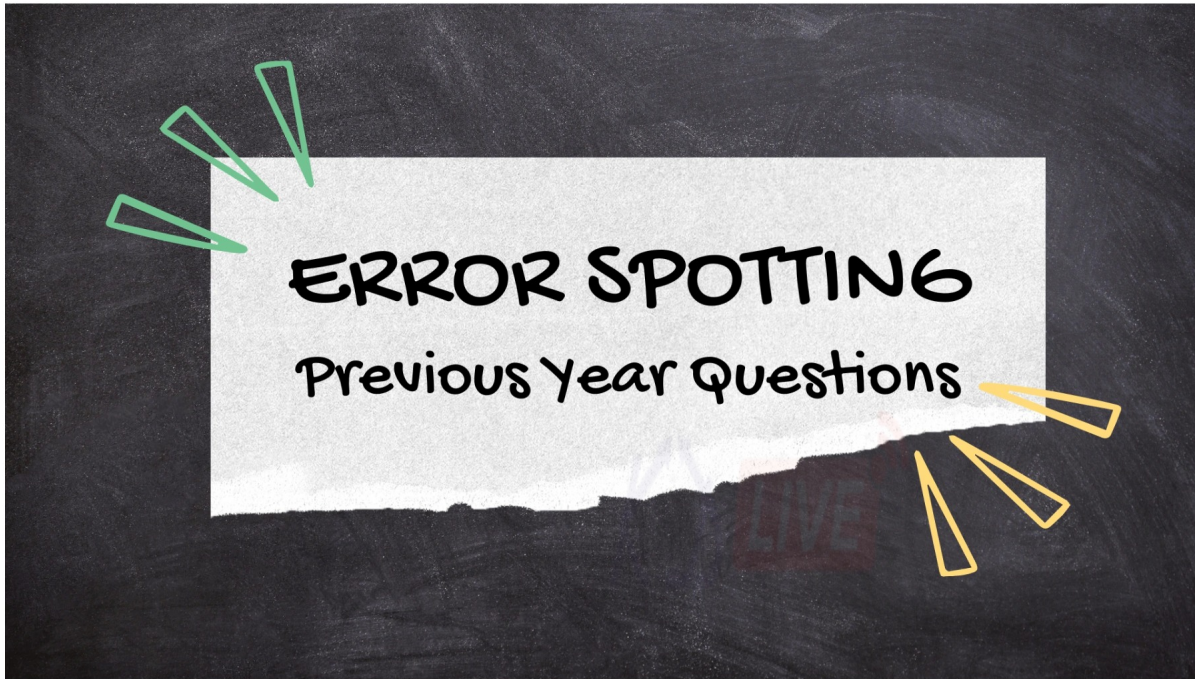
ERROR SPOTTING usually contains sentences which are grammatically incorrect. These errors could be of any kind and it mostly encompasses all the basic Parts Of Speech.

For this the candidate needs to have a good command over English Grammar and Vocabulary to be able to ace spotting errors.

A considerable number of aspirants have problems in attempting this section as it is comparatively difficult than the rest but it's the most interesting one as well, since it mostly contains errors related to parts of speech, genders, infinitives, participles, the forms of tenses, use of articles etc. Hence, you need to be well acquainted with all the rules of grammar to solve spotting error questions.

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Direction (Q:1 - Q:14) The following sentence has been split into segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

Q:1 Rehan and Ronit are / good friends and / it don't matter to them / as to who is wealthier. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

1. good friends and
2. it don't matter to them
3. Rehan and Ronit are
4. as to who is wealthier

Q:2 The river appears to have / got its name / from the town nearby. [SSC CGL Tier I 2021]

1. got its name
2. from the town nearby
3. The river appears to have



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4.No error

Q:3 The woodcutter felled / some trees / with hardly / many effort at all. [SSC CGL Tier I 2021]

- 1.with hardly
- 2.The woodcutter felled
- 3.many effort at all
- 4.some trees

Q:4 No one were/present when I / entered the hall. [SSC CGL Tier I 2020]

- 1.present when I
- 2.No one were
- 3.No error
- 4.entered the hall

Q:5 If the economy fails / this year it reflect badly / on the government. [SSC CHSL 2020]

- 1.No error
- 2.on the government
- 3.this year it reflect badly
- 4.If the economy fails

Q:6 Has Gita any previous knowledge of work with junior colleagues? [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

- 1.with
- 2.has
- 3.any
- 4.work

Q:7 During an earthquake, / it is advised to take / cover above a table / to save your life. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

- 1.cover above a table
- 2.During an earthquake,
- 3.it is advised to take



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4.to save your life

Q:8 The sports day events / will be conducted / from 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. / on Saturday. **[SSC CGL Tier I 2022]**

1.The sports day events

2.will be conducted

3.from 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

4.on Saturday

Q:9 A probe has been ordered / by the incident / that occurred at the celebrations. **[SSC CHSL 2021]**

1.by the incident

2.that occurred at the celebrations

3.A probe has been ordered

4.No error

Q:10 A clear and defined perception enabled her to dismissed the suggestion given by some people around her. **[SSC CGL Tier I 2022]**

1.suggestion given by

2.clear and defined

3.some people around her.

4.enabled her to dismissed

Error Spotting - Bank Memory Based Questions

Direction (Q:1 - Q:6): Given below is a sentence divided into four parts A, B, C, and D. There may / may not be an error in one of the parts. Read the sentence carefully and spot which part has the error.

Q:1 A. Several families are left scarred as they try to cope for the loss of loved ones.

B. The tragedy has highlighted the lack of emphasis in safety in the way such events are organised.

C. Indeed, if there is any lesson that can be learnt from the episode, it is that such adventures should place safety above everything else and that the government has a key role to play in evolving the protocols.

D. In a country with rich landscapes and forests, the wish to briefly leave the urban life behind and take to the outdoors is but natural. **[SBI PO Pre 2022]**



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1. Only D
2. Only B
3. B and C
4. A and B
5. All are incorrect

Q:2 A. As much with ease with the pen, Ram Prasad Bismil was equally adept at wielding the pistol too.

B. This fire-spitting revolutionary believed in attaining freedom by force.

C. Bismil's life and writing along with that of others is essential to make today's generation aware in the country's freedom struggle.

D. It will help tackle today's prevailing corruption and communalism. **[SBI PO Pre 2022]**

1. Only B
2. A and C
3. B and D
4. A, C and D
5. All are incorrect

Q:3 A. Foreign bourses, however, will likely find other ways to list derivatives linked to Indian stocks and indices without any help over Indian exchanges soon.

B. The present move, thus, is unlikely to rein in the vast offshore market for Indian derivatives.

C. It also leaves a lot to be desired.

D. Index derivatives such as the SGX Nifty that are linked to stocks that form Nifty have gained the patronage of large foreign investors for many reasons. **[SBI PO Pre 2022]**

1. Only B
2. A and C
3. A and D
4. A, B and D
5. All are incorrect

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Q:4 Deliberate practice refers to a special type of practice that is purposeful and systematic. (A)/ Though regular practice might include mindless repetitions, (B)/ deliberate practice requires focused attention (C)/ and is conducted with the specific goal of improving performance. (D) **[IBPS Clerk Pre 2021]**

- 1.B
- 2.D
- 3.A
- 4.C
- 5.No error

Q:5 Decision-making is just what it sounds like: (A)/ the action or process of making decisions. (B)/ Sometimes we make logical decisions, (C)/ but there are many times when we made emotional, irrational, and confusing choices. (D) / No error (E) **[IBPS Clerk Pre 2021]**

- 1.C
- 2.D
- 3.A
- 4.B
- 5.No error.

Q:6 It is not an easy task to bring up (A) four children together by a (B) single working woman in a (C) developed place like New Delhi. (D) **[IBPS Clerk Pre 2021]**

- 1.A
- 2.B
- 3.C
- 4.D
- 5.No Error

Solutions - SSC Previous Year Error Spotting Questions

Q:1 (2) The third segment, "it don't matter to them," contains a grammatical error. The verb "don't" is incorrect as it is the contraction of "do not," which is plural in nature. The correct verb in this context should be "doesn't," which is the contraction of "does not" and is singular in nature.



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Q:2 (4) Sentence is contextually and grammatically correct.

Q:3 (3) To make the sentence correct '**many**' should be replaced with '**any**'. Correct phrase that will be used is '**hardly any**' which means **almost none**.

Q:4 (2) The indefinite pronouns are always singular. So, "no one were" should be replaced by "no one was."

Q:5 (3) The given sentence is a conditional sentence. So, 'this year it reflect badly' should be replaced by 'this year it will reflect badly.' Type 1 conditional sentence refers to the present or future.

Q:6 (2) The word 'work' is erroneously placed in the given sentence. Since, the preposition 'of' is placed right before the word 'work'. A 'gerund' must always come after a preposition ('of' in the given sentence). Thus, in the given sentence, instead of 'work', 'working' should have been used.

Q:7 (3) The error is in segment three, which says "cover above a table." This segment has a grammatical error because it does not use the correct preposition. The correct preposition to use in this sentence is "under" rather than "above." The correct segment would be "cover under a table."

Q:8 (3) The preposition "from" is followed by "to". They talk about a range. Hence **from - to** should be used.

Q:9 (1) The error is in the part "by the incident". It should be replaced by "for the incident" which means an instance of something happening; an event or occurrence.

Q:10 (4) The error lies in option 4 because of the wrong use of "Infinitive". We need to replace "Dismissed" with "Dismiss" because "To + v1" is the correct infinitive phrase.

Solutions - Bank Memory Based Error Spotting Questions

Q:1 (4) A: 'cope' is an intransitive verb that is grammatically followed by the preposition 'with' instead of 'for'. B: We always lay an emphasis 'on' something.

Q:2 (2) A: We need to replace the preposition 'with' with 'at' here. C: We can make people aware 'of' things.

Q:3 (3) A: The preposition 'over' should be changed to 'from' in sentence A, as it is used to refer to the place where someone or something starts or originates. D: The verb needs to be in agreement with the immediate noun that precedes the verb. So, 'are' should be replaced by 'is'.

Q:4 (1) The statement "B" seems to have an error in it. The word "though" is wrong here instead it should be "while" as the statement seems to be talking about the difference between regular and deliberate practice.

Q:5 (2) The statement "D" seems to have an error in it. The word "made" is wrong here instead it should be "make" as the statement is in the present tense and we use the second form of the verb in the past tense.



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Q:6 (5) The above given sentence does not contain any error. The phrasal verb used in this sentence is 'bring-up' which means 'to raise' is correctly used.

Tools, Tips and Tricks to do well in Error Spotting

- Be very well versed with the Parts of Speech.
- Be very familiar with the sentence structure and Punctuations.
- Take special care of Singularity and Plurality
- Question Tags and Errorless Combinations should be handled well.

This article has provided you with valuable insights into the world of Error Spotting. We sincerely hope that you have found this blog useful and that it has contributed to enhancing your understanding of this crucial topic. As you continue to gear up for your upcoming exam, we encourage you to share your thoughts, or any doubts you may have in the comments section below.

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