

Error Spotting Questions - Top 10 MCQs with Solutions

Error Spotting is an essential topic of the English Language section, with a great presence in SSC and Bank exams, having a weightage of 4 - 5 questions. To master Error Spotting questions, a solid grasp of grammar concepts and rigorous practice are essential.

In this blog, we'll comprehensively explore the foundations of error-spotting questions. We've included 10 real exam-level questions to give you a preview of the challenges you'll face. Practice questions are categorised into different difficulty levels, ranging from 1 to 10. 1 denotes the least difficult and 10 denotes the most difficult. We have also given an estimated time to solve each question, to boost your preparation and speed. Moreover, you can also download the Error Spotting questions and answers PDF by clicking on the Download PDF button above.



Questions

Q:1 Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical/idiomatic error in it. Find out the sentence that has a grammatical or idiomatic error in it. If there is no error then mark option 5 i.e. No Error.

The definition of "sustainability" is the study of how natural systems function, (A)/to remain diverse and produce everything they need (B)/ for the ecology to remain balanced. It also acknowledges that (C)/ human civilisation takes resources to sustain our modern way of life (D).

1. C

2. D



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3. A

4. B

[Difficulty: 1, Estimated Time: 2 seconds]

Read the entire sentence properly and understand the context first, you will get the answer automatically!

Q:2 Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical/idiomatic error in it. Find out the sentence that has a grammatical or idiomatic error in it. If there is no error then mark option 5 i.e. No Error.

If people are shifting towards (A)/ a greener and more eco-friendly (B)/ future before COVID-19, the pandemic (C)/ has just strengthened this move. (D)

1. D

2. A

3. B

4. C

[Difficulty: 9, Estimated Time: 10 seconds]

Your ability to handle difficult questions is a testament to your growth as a learner.

Q:3 Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical/idiomatic error in it. Find out the sentence that has a grammatical or idiomatic error in it. If there is no error then mark option 5 i.e. No Error.

"Hindi," he says, "became the language of protest (A)/ in northern parts of India as a lot of poets (B)/ contributed to it. The language is wealth of poems (C)/ which are normally rebellious in nature. (D)

1. C

2. A

3. D

4. B

[Difficulty: 2, Estimated Time: 3 seconds]

If you have your grammar concepts clear, this one must be too basic for you.

Q:4 Direction - Read each sentence carefully to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, choose the answer E. i.e. no error.

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(Ignore the errors of punctuation if any).

The Prince was weak (A)/, and the assailants soon (B)/ made their way through the gates, (C)/ appearing quickly at the palace doors. (D)/ No error (E)

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

[Difficulty: 4 Estimated Time: 5 seconds]

Great job! You aced that easy question.

Q:5 Direction - Read each sentence carefully to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, choose the answer E. i.e. no error. (Ignore the errors of punctuation if any).

Money was needed for the ambition (A)/ upstart, and Jack obtained it by (B)/ robbing the graves of former monarchs (C)/ of the jewels and other valuables buried with them. (D)/ No error (E)

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

[Difficulty: 5 Estimated Time: 6 seconds]

You're building a solid foundation with your correct answers to the basics.

Q:6 Read each sentence carefully to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, choose the answer E. i.e. no error. (Ignore the errors of punctuation if any).

We must take (A)/ regular exercises (B)/ to keep (C)/ourselves fit in this busy schedule. (D)/ No error(E).

1. A

2. B

3. C



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4. D

[Difficulty: 10, Estimated Time: 12 seconds]

Impressive, Facing challenging questions head-on is a key step toward mastering any subject.

Q:7 Directions: Identify the segment in the sentence that contains a grammatical error. Choose the option which is grammatically incorrect from (A), (B), (C), (D) and if there is no error in any part then choose (E) No error.

Everyone loves Richard (A) / as he is the (B) / most intelligent (C) / and helpful student in the class (D) / No Error (E).

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

[Difficulty: 8, Estimated Time: 9 seconds]

Great job! You've proven that with determination and effort, you can conquer even the most challenging questions.

Q:8 Directions: Identify the segment in the sentence that contains a grammatical error. Choose the option which is grammatically incorrect from (A), (B), (C), (D) and if there is no error in any part then choose (E) No error.

Ram said (A) / that they (B) / are enjoying the music (C) / in the concert on Christmas Eve last year (D) / No error (E).

1. A

2. B

3. C

4. D

[Difficulty: 6, Estimated Time: 7 seconds]

You're almost done now. Make sure to not lose focus towards the end.

Q:9 In the following question, multiple sentences have been given. Each sentence has been divided into a few parts which may or may not carry an error. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part and the sentence in which it is will be your answer. If the given sentences carry no error, mark 'All are correct' as your answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

A) Citizen action and litigation have (1)/ forced the project proponents and (2)/ the Ministry of Urban Development to (3)/ state that they will revise their plans. (4)



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B) Much people who ride the free, (1)/ app-based shuttle known as (2)/ the Downtanger are getting (3)/ a shock this month when their drivers pulls up. (4)

C) Despite close diplomatic exchanges (1)/ key defence agreements have (2)/ not yet been completed. (3)

1. A - 4 & B - 4

2. C - 1 & A - 4

3. A - 2 & C - 3

4. A-1

[Difficulty: 7, Estimated Time: 8 seconds]

You've just tackled a tough question like a pro! Your dedication to learning is truly commendable.

Q:10 In the following question, multiple sentences have been given. Each sentence has been divided into a few parts which may or may not carry an error. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part and the sentence in which it is will be your answer. If the given sentences carry no error, mark 'All are correct' as your answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

A) The increased target for agricultural (1)/ credit will empower farmers with much-needed (2)/ funds to procure agricultural (3)/ inputs in a timely manner. (4)

B) The bigger challenge lies ahead when (1)/the contours of the draft assumes a more firmer shape, (2)/ and there is a clearer sense of the numbers that (3)/ do not make it to the Draft Consolidated List. (4)

C) Peace on the border is (1)/ difficult to achieve at (2)/ the tactic level (3)/ by military leaders. (4)

1. A - 4 & C - 1

2. B - 2 & C - 2

3. A - 1 & C - 1

4. B - 2

[Difficulty: 5 Estimated Time: 6 seconds]

If you are unable to get a word in your mind immediately, try fitting each option in the blank.

Now that you are done with the question round, it's time to analyse! Let's check the answers now.

Answer Key

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1. (1)	2. (2)	3. (1)	4. (3)	5. (1)
6. (4)	7. (1)	8. (3)	9. (4)	10. (4)

Okay, so what was your score? Was it a 10 on 10? Or was it somewhere between 5 to 10? Was it below 5? Comment your scores below so that we can share with you your rank among your fellow aspirants. If you scored more than 8, very well done, keep practising and don't lose the command. If you scored between 5 to 8, no problem, you just need a little more practice and you will ace the exam. If you scored less than 5, you need to pace up now. But don't worry. We've brought to you well-detailed solutions where you will not only know the answers to the questions above but will also learn the concepts and rules applied to each question. Once you understand the concept, you can easily tackle a similar type of question the next time.

Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **C**.

The statement may contain some grammatical as well as contextual errors in it as the query suggests.

Statement 'C' seems to have an error with the application of 'for' preceding the term 'balance'.

Looking at the statement i.e. 'for the ecology to remain for balance', it should have been 'in balance' rather than 'for balance' which is more accurate.

The correct sentence is: **The definition of "sustainability" is the study of how natural systems function, remain diverse and produce everything it needs for the ecology to remain in balance. It also acknowledges that human civilisation takes resources to sustain our modern way of life.**

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **A**.

The statement may contain some grammatical as well as contextual errors in it as the query suggests.

Statement 'A' seems to have an error with the application of 'Are' in here. Instead, it should be 'Were' as the entire statement is in past tense form.

The correct sentence is: **If people were shifting towards a greener and more eco-friendly future before Covid-19, the pandemic has just strengthened this move.**

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **C**.

The statement may contain some grammatical as well as contextual errors in it as the query suggests.

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Statement 'C' seems to have an error with the application of 'is wealth'.

It should be **'has wealth of poems.'**

The correct sentence is: **"Hindi," he says, "became the language of protest in northern parts of India as a lot of poets contributed to it. The language has wealth of poems which are normally rebellious in nature.**

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **C.**

The error lies in the third part of the sentence.

'There' means in that place. 'Their' is a possessive form of 'they' and function, particularly as a possessive adjective.

'There' may work as a noun, adverb, pronoun, or adjective, but it never shows possession.

'Assailants' being a plural noun, will be referred to as 'their' in the sentence.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **A.**

The error lies in the first part of the sentence.

We need an adjective 'ambitious' to qualify the noun 'upstart'.

Thus, 'ambition' which is a noun, is incorrect in the sentence and must be replaced by 'ambitious'.

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **D.**

The error lies in the fourth part of the sentence.

In the given sentence 'we' has been used as a subject. 'We' is the first-person plural personal pronoun (nominative case) and being plural reflexive form of 'we' is 'ourselves' and not 'ourself'. 'Ourselves' is used when the subject of the verb is 'we' or the speaker and one or more others, and the object is the same group of people.

The correct sentence is **"We must take regular exercises to keep ourselves fit in this busy schedule."**

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **A.**

Everybody is an indefinite singular pronoun.

Indefinite pronoun refers to non-specific object.

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Singular pronoun uses singular pronoun.

Hence, 'loves' will be used instead of 'love'.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **C**.

The sentence is a part of direct and indirect speech.

Since it is in indirect form, the verb 'present progressive' changes into 'past progressive'.

Hence, it will be 'were enjoying the music'.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **A-1**.

The given question suggests finding a part in the sentence that contains an error (grammatical or contextual).

In sentence A, replace 'much' with 'many' as the noun 'people' is countable and it can be modified by 'many'. 'Much' is only used to modify uncountable nouns.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **B-2**.

The given question suggests finding a part in the sentence that contains an error (grammatical or contextual).

Sentence B carries an error.

In sentence B, the sentence has an error with respect to the degree of the adjective. Adjective 'firm' already uses its comparative degree i.e., 'firmer', thus the use of 'more' before firmer is incorrect.

Congratulations on completing 10 Error Spotting questions of varying difficulty levels. Your dedication to practice is commendable and will undoubtedly enhance your English Language skills. Comment your thoughts below and let us know how was your experience practising these specially curated questions for you. If you have any doubts, you can ask in the comment section and we'll be right there with answers in no time. Keep up the great work, and you'll be well-prepared to tackle similar challenges in your exams.