

Sentence Improvement - Learn Rules and Practice Previous Year Questions

Welcome to our blog on Sentence Improvements, 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 Sentence Improvement 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 Sentence Improvements and boost your exam preparation.



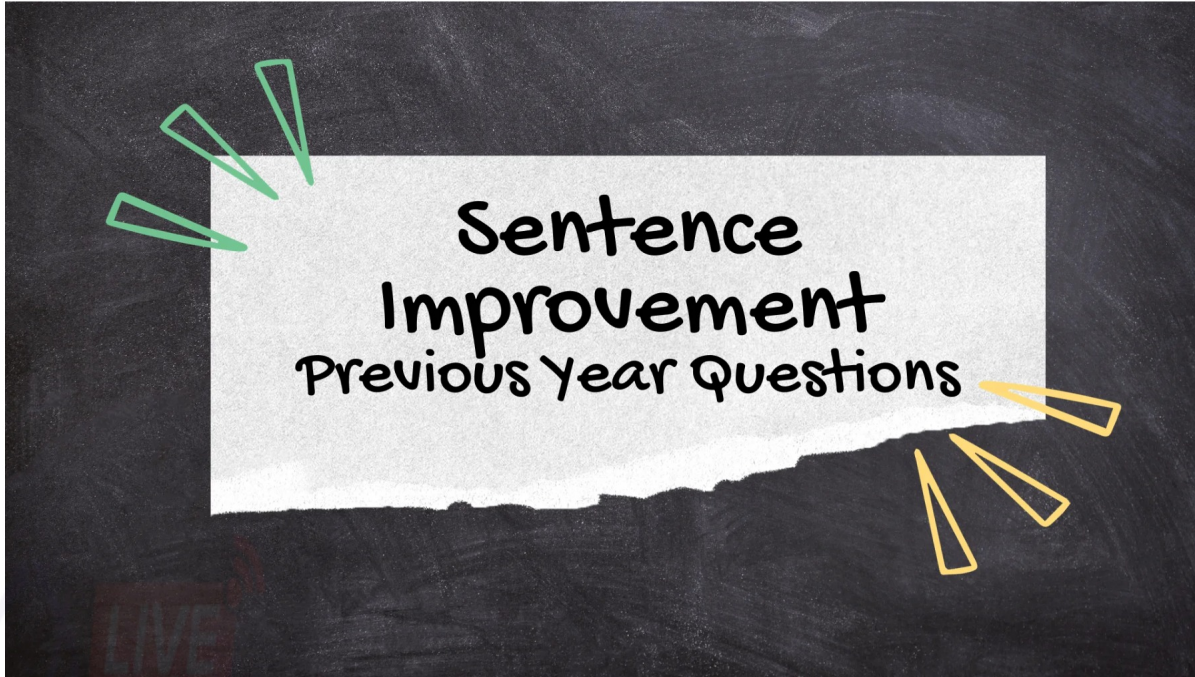
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What is Sentence Improvement ?

Sentence Improvement section is a frequently asked topic in competitive exams. In these questions, the knowledge about the rules of the grammar is checked. The candidate must expect questions that check the concepts of tenses, verbs, suppositories, adjectives, modals, conjunctions, prepositions, articles etc.

A sentence improvement is a type of grammatical practice where a sentence is given with a word or a phrase that requires grammatical changes to improve it.

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SSC Previous Year Questions of Sentence Improvement

Direction (Q:1 - Q:20): Select the most appropriate option to substitute the emboldened segment in the given sentence.

Q:1 The workers of this textile factory **demand higher wages** for a long time. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

- 1.No improvement
- 2.demanded higher wages
- 3.has demanded higher wages
- 4.have been demanding higher wages

Q:2 If you park your car here, the traffic police **has fined you**. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

- 1.will fine you
- 2.fined you
- 3.have fined you
- 4.No Improvement



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Q:3 Fierce competition **against** restaurants has driven up the prices. [SSC CGL Tier I 2021]

1. among
2. through
3. along
4. No improvement required

Q:4 "Can you give me **so many examples of** subordinate clauses?", the teacher asked the class. [SSC CGL Tier I 2021]

1. some many examples of
2. No substitution required
3. some more examples of
4. some few examples of

Q:5 A tigress **has given birth** to a cub in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, taking the big cat population to 78. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

1. was birthed
2. has give birth
3. is given births
4. no substitution required

Q:6 The authorities **are assured** the people that they will look into the matter. [SSC CGL Tier I 2022]

1. have been assured
2. No substitution required
3. has assured
4. have assured

Q:7 Lavanya was happy to see that the tree they had planted the previous year **has grow quite taller**. [SSC CHSL 2021]

1. had grown quite tall
2. had grow quite taller
3. No substitution required
4. had grown quite tallest



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Q:8 India has identified a **nose-based vaccine** against Covid-19 that could be a 'game-changer'. [SSC CHSL 2021]

- 1.No substitution required
- 2.a nasal vaccine
- 3.a sense-based vaccine
- 4.an aural vaccine

Q:9 Those who are **travelling today by train may have delayed** in reaching their destinations. [SSC CHSL 2020]

- 1.travelling today in train may get delayed
- 2.No improvement
- 3.travel today by train may get delayed
- 4.travelling today by train may get delayed

Q:10 Statistical **measure which track the money-saving behaviour** haven't improved much. [SSC CHSL 2019]

- 1.No improvement
- 2.measure which tracks money-saving behaviours
- 3.measures what track the money-saving behaviour
- 4.measures which track the money-saving behaviour

Bank Memory Based Questions of Sentence Improvement

Direction (Q:1 - Q:10): In the following sentence, a part of the sentence is emboldened. Below are given alternatives to the emboldened part, which may improve or replace the meaning of the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, choose the alternative that indicates "No improvement required".

Q:1 Although states are using their veto powers to block decisions in the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly can **be creatively used as a forum for the immediate engagement** with the issue.

- I. is creatively used as a forum for multiple immediate engagements
- II. be creatively used as a forum for any immediate engagement
- III. be creatively using as an forum for any immediate engagement [RRB OA Mains 2021]



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1. Only II
2. Only III
3. Only I
4. Only I and II
5. No improvement required

Q:2 The Constitution abolished untouchability through Article 17 **and did not abolish the caste system even though it is the** cause of untouchability.

- I. and consequently did not abolish the caste system even though it is the
- II. but likewise did not abolish the caste system even though it is the
- III. but did not abolish the caste system even though it is the **[RRB OA Mains 2021]**

1. Only III
2. Only II
3. Only I and II
4. Only I
5. No improvement required

Q:3 As a component of adenosine triphosphate, phosphorus is critical for the conversion of light energy **to chemical energy during photosynthesis, contributes to essential nucleic acids and phospholipids, and hence is important not just for plant growth, but** also for flower and seed formation.

- I. in essential nucleic acids and phospholipids, while is important not just for plant growth, but
- II. for essential nucleic acids and phospholipids, and such is important not just for plant growth, but
- III. by essential nucleic acids and phospholipids, meanwhile is important not just for plant growth, but **[RRB OA Mains 2021]**

1. Only II
2. Only I and II
3. Only III
4. Only II and III
5. No improvement required



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Q:4 I have sent the parcel 2 hours ago. [RRB OA Mains 2020]

- 1.Had sent
- 2.Am sending
- 3.Have been sending
- 4.Sent
- 5.No Improvement

Q:5 He felt exhausted as he was working since 5 O' clock in the morning. [RRB OA Mains 2021]

- 1.Has been working
- 2.Had been working
- 3.Have been working
- 4.Is working
- 5.No Improvement

Q:6 It is a very very hard assignment, and I had to burn the night oil to get it completed on time. [IBPS PO Pre 2021]

- 1.Burn the day oil
- 2.Burn the Night
- 3.Burn out the midnight oil
- 4.Burn the midnight oil
- 5.No Improvement

Q:7 We bent on backwards to help him, and he never ever thanked us. [IBPS PO Pre 2021]

- 1.We bend over backwards
- 2.We bent for backwards
- 3.We bent over backwards
- 4.We bent toward backwards
- 5.No Improvement

Q:8 This time Steve thought to get himself something to eat, so he went outside the station. [IBPS PO Pre 2020]



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- 1.Think to get himself
- 2.Thought to get him
- 3.Thinking to get him
- 4.All 1, 2 and 3
- 5.No improvement required

Q:9 One has **to elbow once ways through** the crowd in order to see the exquisite idols during Durga Puja in Kolkata [IBPS PO Pre 2020]

- 1.to elbow once way through
- 2.to elbow one's ways through
- 3.to elbow one's way through
- 4.to elbow one's way throughout
- 5.No improvement required

Q:10 The traveller asked me if **I known** the way to the nearest hotel. [SBI Clerk Pre 2021]

- 1.I Know
- 2.i have knew
- 3.I knew
- 4.I had known
- 5.No Improvement

Sentence Improvement - Solutions of SSC Previous Year Questions

Q:1 (4) The phrase "**for a long time**" indicates the duration of an activity that started in past and still continues. We use present/past perfect continuous to represent such actions.

Q:2 (1) The correct structure is- If + subject + v1 + object, subject + will + v1 + object + other word.

Q:3 (1) Among is used when talking about people or things that are not distinct and are viewed as a group.

Q:4 (3) Some is a "determiner", it tells us whether the noun phrase is general or specific. **More** is slightly different from both much and many.



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Q:5 (4) The sentence is correct contextually and grammatically.

Q:6 (4) The given sentence is in the present perfect tense. Structure: has/have + past participle.

Q:7 (1) The given sentence is in the past tense, so the underlined part should always be in the same tense.

Q:8 (2) To modify the word 'vaccine' we need an adjective. So, 'nasal' is the correct form to be used.

Q:9 (4) "**Are + present participle**" is the correct verb phrase. "**Get delay**" is the correct pair of words that given sense to each other.

Q:10 (4) "**Which**" will be the correct relative pronoun for "**Measures**".

Sentence Improvement - Solutions of Bank Memory Based Questions

Q:1 (1) The original fragment is incorrect due to the use of article '**the**'. The statement does not mention any specific issue which the UNGA would be discussing while 'the' is used to refer to a specific thing. Option II is correct both grammatically and contextually.

Q:2 (1) The original fragment is incorrect as the two fragments state a contradictory point and using '**and**' as a connector is incorrect. Use of 'and' is used to signify when both fragments complement/ strengthen each other. **Option III** is correct and uses the correct connector to indicate contradiction.

Q:3 (5) The original statement is grammatically and contextually correct. There is no need for improvement.

Q:4 (4) The statement seems to be in simple past tense form, so the accurate replacement would be "sent".

Q:5 (2) The statement would seem accurate with the application of **past perfect continuous tense** as the entire sentence suggests the same.

Q:6 (4) The highlighted sentence "Burn the night oil" seems to be an idiom but the correct one is "Burn the midnight oil" which means "read or work late into the night".

Q:7 (3) The sentence has "Bent on backwards" which seems to be an idiomatic expression. The correct idiom is "Bent over Backwards" which means to try to please or accommodate someone to an unusual degree.

Q:8 (2) The correct option is "**thought to get him**". Himself is a reflexive pronoun which refers to a person or as a thing for itself while he is used after a verb or preposition to refer to a male person.

Q:9 (3) The correct idiomatic expression is 'elbow one's way through' and not 'elbow once ways through'. The idiom '**Elbow one's way**' means 'to force one's way into, or through a crowded place, as by pushing other people with one's elbows.'

Q:10 (3) The sentence should be improved with the application of "**I knew**" in it. The statement is in the **simple past tense**, so the application of the verb will be in the simple past tense form as well.



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This article has provided you with valuable insights into the world of Sentence Improvements. 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. Stay tuned, as KD Live promises to bring you more such informative blogs with comprehensive study material and a thorough analysis of previous year questions on all the topics of English Language section. Best of luck with your exam preparations, and may you excel in your endeavors!

