

STATEMENT AND CONCLUSIONS

Statement & Conclusion – Concept

- Questions from the statement and conclusions topic comprise a statement followed by a set of conclusions for the same. Candidates need to choose the most appropriate conclusion regarding the statement given.
- Mostly the biggest mistake which is made by candidates while solving the statement-conclusion questions is that they make assumptions while answering questions which ultimately leads to marking the incorrect option as a conclusion for the given statement.

Statement and Conclusion

Any fact, views, problem, situation or any other condition expressed in words, forms a Statement

A belief, opinion or inference which can be derived from the statement is the Conclusion

A statement is given followed by a set of conclusions. The conclusion which most suitably and appropriately follows the statement is the correct and logical answer

Only One conclusion may follow and all the conclusions given may also follow

No assumptions must be made while answering the statement and conclusion based questions. The given data is the entire information

Purpose of such questions is to test the logical reasoning ability and basis to analyse a situation or condition

- No assumptions, facts or information can be used to answer questions based on this concept and the data given in the statement is the only fact.
- Candidates must know that to answer questions from this topic, a candidate needs to analyse the information given and then select the most logical conclusion based on the statement.

Tips and Tricks to solve Statement and Conclusion Questions

- If there are two or more sentences which are used to frame a statement, then, the sentences must be interrelated, and mutual contradiction should be there.
- Do not look for truthful notions. The information provided in the statement is the only requirement for a candidate to answer the question. No assumptions must be made.
- Read the statement carefully and look for keywords which are common between the statement and the conclusions
- If there is more than one conclusion which is applicable for the statement, candidates must ensure that the conclusions they opt have some relation with each other.
- Do not go by the length of the statement or statements. Make sure that you read the statement carefully before you make a conclusion.

- Candidates happen to lose a lot of marks in negative marking in such questions. So ensure that you do not guess the answers in this topic.

Statement and Conclusion – Solved Examples

Q 1.

Statement: In a T20 match played between India and Australia, the total runs made by the Indian team were 200. 160 runs out of 200 runs were made by spinners.

Conclusion I: 80% of the team consists of spinners

Conclusion II: The opening batsmen were spinners

1. Only Conclusion I is true
2. Only Conclusion II is true
3. Both Conclusion I and II are true
4. Neither Conclusion I nor II is true
5. Either Conclusion I or II is true

Answer: (4) Neither Conclusion I nor II is true; Neither conclusion is logically correct with regard to the statement

Q 2.

Statement: The Team Manager humiliated Varun in front of his colleagues on a Monday morning.

Conclusion I: The Team Manager did not like Varun

Conclusion II: Varun was not as popular as his other colleagues

1. Only Conclusion I is true
2. Only Conclusion II is true
3. Both Conclusion I and II are true
4. Neither Conclusion I nor II is true
5. Either Conclusion I or II is true

Answer: (4) Neither Conclusion I nor II is true; None of the conclusions gives a valid reason for the statement to be correct.

Q 3.

Statement: A metal producing Company in India has moved from a position where there was a shortage of metal production to a position where there is the self-sufficiency of metal.

Conclusion I: India was previously importing metal

Conclusion II: at this speed of self sufficiency, India can soon become a foreign exchange earner

1. Only Conclusion I is true

2. Only Conclusion II is true
3. Both Conclusion I and II are true
4. Neither Conclusion I nor II is true
5. Either Conclusion I or II is true

Answer: (3) Both Conclusion I and II is true

Q 4.

Statement: Only good dancers are invited to the competition. No one without dancing techniques is a good dancer.

Conclusion I: All invited dancers in the competition dance well

Conclusion II: Those dancers who do not have good dancing techniques are not invited to the competition

1. Only Conclusion I is true
2. Only Conclusion II is true
3. Both Conclusion I and II are true
4. Neither Conclusion I nor II is true
5. Either Conclusion I or II is true

Answer: (3) Both Conclusion I and II are true

Practice Questions:

Directions (1 - 10): In each of the following questions, a statement has been given followed by a few conclusions. Consider the statement to be completely true and answer which of the given conclusions can be derived based on the statement.

Q 1.

Statement: Gold prices are rising each day in the market

Conclusion I: Nobody wears gold nowadays

Conclusion II: It has become tougher to locate gold shops in the market

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (4) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Solution: The prices of gold are not rising because of any of the two given statements. Thus, they cannot be concluded based on the statement

Q 2.

Statement: Agrima took part in a State-level singing competition and won it.

Conclusion I: Agrima is the best singer in the country

Conclusion II: Agrima is also a good dancer

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (4) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Solution: Winning the state level singing competition cannot conclude that she is the best singer in the country and neither does the statement give any information about her dancing skills

Q 3.

Statement: Kids nowadays have become extremely tech-savvy and a report suggests that almost all kids between the ages of 5 to 8 years spend 6 to 7 hours each day watching TV, mobiles or tablets. This has resulted in eye-sight issues among young children.

Conclusion I: Kids can be kept busy while they are using such devices

Conclusion II: Using too much of these devices can be harmful to children

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (2) Only conclusion II follows

Solution: Based on the statement, it can be derived that watching TV, mobiles or tables has directly affected the eye-sight of young children

Q 4.

Statement: Going for walks in the morning and evenings can act as an exercise for old people.

Conclusion I: Going for morning walks will help the old and aged people to stay fit

Conclusion II: The youth must not go for walks in the morning and evening

1. Only conclusion I follow

2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (1) Only conclusion I follow

Solution: Nothing about the youth has been given in the statement, which is why Conclusion II does not follow and only the first conclusion follows

Q 5.

Statement: To encourage students to become more active, healthy and fit, the school took up an initiative to have one class dedicated to sports every day. This will also increase the interest of candidates in sports.

Conclusion I: The step has been taken keeping in mind the physical and mental health of the students

Conclusion II: The school is looking for suitable students to compete in the inter-school Cricket competition

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (1) Only conclusion I follow

Solution: The initiative has been taken by the school keeping in mind the health of the students. This the second conclusion does not follow

Q 6.

Statement: The demand for modern art and paintings has increased in the market. People are looking for unique paintings and art pieces to enhance the interiors of their house and offices.

Conclusion I: Presentation and ambience are very important as they create the first impression

Conclusion II: The liking of people in terms of art is modernising

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (3) Both conclusion I and II follow

Solution: Both conclusions can be derived from the given statement

Q 7.

Statement: A Privately run company has declared salary deduction of all its employees by 20 per cent because it has been facing loses over 3 months now.

Conclusion I: Employees are free to resign from their jobs

Conclusion II: The company will not deduct the salary of high scale Managers

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (4) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Solution: None of the given conclusions can be derived. The second conclusion is false as the statement clearly mentions "for all its employees"

Q 8.

Statement: If a candidate is looking forward to applying for any of the competitive exams conducted in the country, there are certain eligibility criteria which they need to follow.

Conclusion I: If someone fulfils all the eligibility criteria, he/she can apply for the exam

Conclusion II: Anyone who has qualified class 12th is eligible to appear for competitive exams

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (1) Only conclusion I follow

Solution: Conclusion II does not follow because the detailed criteria has not been given in the statement and no extra assumption can be made. This conclusion II does not follow

Q 9.

Statement: In a singing concert, singers from different states of India were invited to perform. The tickets for this concert can be bought online only and there are only limited seats available.

Conclusion I: Some seats at the concert are reserved for the singers

Conclusion II: People can reach the concert venue and buy tickets for themselves

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (4) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

Solution: No information about the reserved seats has been mentioned in the statement and the tickets can only be bought online, thus the conclusion II is definitely false

Q 10.

Statement: More than 20 students have been shortlisted from College X to be a part of the Inter-College Sports fest in College Y. The number of girls and boys selected are exactly the same. Each student is good at one sport.

Conclusion I: 10 girls are going to be a part of the Sports fest from College X

Conclusion II: Equal opportunities are provided to both girls and boys in College X

1. Only conclusion I follow
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Both conclusion I and II follow
4. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
5. Either conclusion I or II follow

Answer: (3) Both conclusion I and II follow

Solution: Since 20 students are selected and equal boys and girls are sent, this can be concluded that

there are 10 girls. Equal number of girls and boys have been given the opportunity which makes the second conclusion true as well.