

STATEMENT – ASSUMPTIONS

In each of the following questions a statement is followed by two assumptions numbered 1 and 2. An assumption is something that is supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Give answer (a) If only assumption 1 is implicit.

Give answer (b) If only assumption 2 is implicit.

Give answer (c) If either assumption 1 or 2 is implicit.

Give answer (d) If neither assumption 1 nor 2 is implicit.

Give answer (e) If both assumptions 1 and 2 are implicit.

1) **Statement :** Vitamin E tablets improve circulation, keep your complexion in a glowing condition.

Assumptions : 1) People like a glowing complexion.

2) Complexion becomes dull in the absence of circulation.

Answer : e.

Explanation : Both assumptions are implicit. Generally, only those good features of a product are highlighted which people crave for. So, 1 is implicit. If circulation is improved, complexion grows. Hence, 2 is also implicit.

Statement :

2) **Statement :** “The function will start at 6 pm.” You are requested to take your seats before 6 pm.

Assumptions : 1) Function will start as scheduled.

2) If an invitee is not in his seat before 6 pm, the function will not start.

Answer : a.

Explanation : It is mentioned in the invitation that you are requested to take your seats

before 6 pm. It means that function will start as scheduled.

Hence, assumption 1 is implicit. It is not given that the function will not start if invitees do not come in-time.

3) Statement : The X passenger car manufacturing company announced a sharp reduction in the prices of their luxury cars.

Assumptions : 1) There may be an increase in the sale of their luxury cars.

2) The other such car manufacturers may also reduce their prices.

Answer : a.

Explanation : The price of any product is lowered assuming that its demand will increase. Therefore, assumption 1 is implicit. There is no information about the other manufacturers, so assumption 2 is not implicit.

4) Statement : “if you want to give any advertisement, give it in the newspaper A.” – X tells Y.

Assumptions : 1) Y wants to publicize his products.

2) Newspaper A has a wide circulation.

Answer : b.

Explanation : The word ‘If’ in the statement shows that Y may or may not want to publicise his products. So, 1 is not implicit. X advised that advertisements be given in newspaper A. This means that A will help advertise better i.e. it has wider circulation. So, 2 is implicit.

5) statement : Patient’s condition would improve after this operation.

Assumptions : 1) The patient can be operated upon in this condition.

2) The patient can’t be operated upon in this condition.

Answer : a

Explanation : It is very much implied in the statement that the patient is in a position to be operated upon. Therefore, assumption 1 is implicit. But, assumption 2 is not implicit as it is just opposite to assumption 1.

6) Statement : The government has decided to allow the shopping complexes to remain open till midnight to reduce crowding of shoppers in these complexes during the weekends.

Assumptions : 1) The sales of these shopping complexes may increase generating revenue for the govt.

2) People may still prefer to shop during the weekends.

Answer : d.

Explanation : The objective of Govt. behind taking this decision is to facilitate people to shop at their leisure times during the late evening hours and not to increase its revenue. Hence, 1 is not implicit. No such information like people are interested to shop during only weekends. So, 2 is also not implicit.

7) statement : The state government has decided to appoint thousand primary school teachers during next financial year.

Assumptions : 1) There are enough schools in the state to accommodate four thousand primary school teachers during the next financial year.

2) The eligible candidates may not be interested to apply as the Govt. may not finally appoint such a large number of primary school teachers.

Answer : a.

Explanation : As per the requirement of teachers in primary school only, the Govt. may have taken such decision. So, 1 is implicit. Assumption 2 is absurd as it is against the govt.'s decision.

8) Statement : Railway officials have started ten new trains and increased the frequency of fourteen trains.

Assumptions : 1) The existing trains are not sufficient to provide accommodation to all passengers.

2) The new and additional trains would have sufficient passengers so that they will be economically viable.

Answer : e.

Explanation : Such decisions are always taken keeping in mind the public requirements and their economic viability for the concerned department i.e. railways. So, both 1 and 2 are implicit.

9) Statement : A advises B – ‘If you want to study English, join institute ‘Y’.

Assumptions : 1) Institute ‘Y’ provides good coaching for English.

2) B listens to A’s advice.

Answer : e.

Explanation : Since A advises B to join institute ‘Y’ to study English, hence it is assumed that institute ‘Y’ provides good coaching for English. Secondly, it is also assumed that B listens to A’s advice as it is the objective behind giving the advice.

10) Statement : In the recently imposed war, global public opinion was dishonored by the economically strong and scientifically advanced superpower. Assumptions : 1) Superpowers need not take any heed of global public opinion.

2) Global public opinion should have been against the imposition of war.

Answer : d .

Explanation : Dishonouring the global public opinion by the superpower implies that the speaker must be assuming that global public opinion is against the imposition of war. But note that 2 says “....should have been...” hence, not implicit. 1 is not implicit either. It is, in fact, contrary to the speaker’s assumption.

11) Statement : “Graduates with first-class are eligible to apply for the admission to MBA courses in our institute.” – An advertisement by a management institute.

Assumptions : 1) There are plenty of first class graduates who are likely to apply for admission to MBA.

2) Only those who are first-class graduates can cope up with the studies for MBA courses.

Answer : a.

Explanation : Assumption 1 is obvious; that is why graduates with first class only are being considered eligible for the course. 2 is not implicit because of the word 'only'.

12) Statement : Traffic jams on most of the roads in the city have become a regular feature during monsoon.

Assumptions : 1) Material used for road construction cannot withstand the fury of monsoon resulting into innumerable potholes on the roads.

2) Number of vehicles coming on the roads is much more in monsoon as compared to other seasons.

Answer : a

Explanation : The problem of traffic jams arises during monsoons not because of increased number of vehicles but due to slow movement of traffic on account of bad roads. We can not say directly that number of vehicles is more in monsoon as compared to other seasons. So, only 1 is implicit.

13) Statement : If you want to get a good job you must have at least the basic knowledge of computers.

Assumptions : 1) Computer knowledge has been made an essential criterion by most of the companies nowadays.

2) All good jobs involve use of computers.

Answer : a.

Explanation : Assumption 1 is implicit. It is this that makes the speaker say 'you must have at least the basic knowledge of computers. 2 is not implicit because of the word 'All'.

14) Statement : 'Use 'Fair and Lovely'' fairness cream for fair complexion.' – an advertisement.

Assumptions : 1) people respond to the advertisements.

2) People like to use cream for fair complexion.

Answer : e.

Explanation : Advertisement has been used assuming that product is used by people for various uses. Secondly, advertisements are used for publicity because people respond positively to the advertisements. Hence, assumption 1 and 2 are implicit.

15) Statement : “This bridge was built at the cost of Rs. 128 crores and even civil bus service is not utilizing it, what a pity to see it grossly underutilized.” – A citizen’s view on a new flyover linking east and west sides of suburb.

Assumptions : 1) The building of such bridges does not serve any public objective.

2) There has to be some accountability and utility of money spent on public projects.

Answer : b.

Explanation : The citizen’s statement clearly expresses the grave concern over a newly-built flyover not being utilized by public. This implies that such projects need to be taken up only after working out their utility and that the huge expenditure incurred on building such structures is worthwhile only if they prove useful for the public. Thus, only 2 is implicit.

