

# Sentence Arrangement

The section deals with the questions of Jumbled paragraph and sentences and sentence and phrase arrangement of the given phrases or sentences. The student has to choose a logical sequence to make a meaningful sentence or paragraph. This form of exercise tests the student's ability to

- figure out the logic of the events
- sequence of different parts of a combination according to correct grammatical usage.

In either sentence or paragraph structuring, the student has to check which part follows the other according to the logical theme of the sentence/paragraph.

- Phrase arrangement or Jumbled Sentence.
- Sentence arrangement or Jumbled Paragraph.

In a jumbled sentence, a sentence is broken into four parts and the student has to figure out, the right sequence to form a logical, sensible sentence. Consider the following example.

### Example I.

- P: by her indulgent parents  
 Q: the child was so spoiled  
 R: when she did not receive all of their attention  
 S: that she pouted and became sullen
- RQPS
  - QRPS
  - QPSR
  - QSPR

In this question, a single sentence has been broken into four different parts and the student has to find out the logical sequence of the sentence. In order to do that, consider the following.

**Strategy I :** Decide on the opening phrase, first. The opening part of the sentence will usually contain the subject of the sentence. So locate the subject and select that part as the first in sequence. Now, select all options in the answer that begin with the part you have chosen as the first.

In example 1, the subject is the child and the opening part will be Q, thus, we can eliminate option (1). Now, since the subject is passive, the verb form will be followed by 'by' and the doer. So, find the second part beginning with by and containing the doer of the action which in this case is P. Thus, we can reach the right answer, option (3).

**Strategy II :** If the Subject is passive, mostly, the following part will begin with 'by' and contain the doer of the action in the sentence.

### Example II

Unsurpassed power (P)/modern society (Q)/in (R)/ women enjoy (S)

- RQPS
- SRPQ
- SPRQ
- PSRQ

The subject of the sentence is women so the opening part would be S. Thus, we have to choose between options (2) and (3). The subject in this sentence is active. So, we must find the object which will be the next part. In the given question, the object is unsurpassed power. Thus, the answer is (3).

**Strategy III :** When the subject is active, follow the sequence- SUBJECT - VERB - OBJECT

**Strategy IV :** Preposition is never the last part. If a preposition is given as one of the parts match it with other parts to find out what will follow the preposition.

In Example III 'in' could only be followed by Modern society, so the last two parts of the sentence would be (R) and (P).

### Example III

- P: and was at once convinced  
 Q: he sent a few copies of the book to well known poets  
 R: Shaw read the first few lines of the volume  
 S: and awaited their reaction  
 T: that what he was reading was real poetry
- RPTQS
  - QSTPR
  - RSPQT
  - QPRST

Now, in the given questions there will appear two subjects 'shaw' in (R) and 'he' in (Q). But he is a pronoun, used to replace the noun, Shaw and thus, will follow the noun in the sentence

**Strategy V :** If there are noun and pronoun as subjects in the different parts of a sentence, the part with the noun will be the opening part. Thus in example III, the opening part is (R), so we have to choose from Option (1) & (3).

Now, we have to figure out the last part of the sentence. Clearly, the given sentence consists of two parts, one with the subject Shaw and the other with the subject 'he'. The part with the subject 'he' will follow the other so, the predicate of the phrase with the subject 'he' will be the last part of the sentence. Thus, the last part of example III will be (s). The correct answer is (1).

**Strategy VI :** Predicate is the last part of the sentence.

Now, let us consider Jumbled Paragraphs.

In this type of question, a paragraph will be broken into four or more parts and the students will be asked to find out the right sequence.

### Example IV

- P: In emission testing, the govt. fixes the total amount of pollution that is acceptable to maintain a desired level of air quality.  
 Q: Economists argue this approach makes air pollution control more cost effective than the current practice of fixing air pollution standards and expecting all companies to pollute below these standards.  
 R: US A uses emission trading to control air pollution.  
 S: It, then, distributes emission permits to all companies in the region which add up to the overall acceptable level of emission.
- RSQP
  - PRQS
  - QPSR
  - RQPS

**Strategy I :** Find the opening sentence or the concluding sentence.

In Example IV (R) is the probable opening statement, so we have to choose between (1) & (4).

**Strategy II :** Sentences with demonstrative pronouns or word like this, that, these or then, moreover, therefore, meanwhile are not opening sentences.

In example, IV we see, Q follows R and S follow P. If (R) is the first statement then Q cannot be the last. Therefore, S is the concluding statement, so the right answer is (4).

**Example V**

P: In his first inaugural address he concluded with an eloquent plea : “Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country”.

Q: John F Kennedy, Democratic leader in the elections of 1960 was at 43, the youngest man ever to win the presidency

R: On television, in a series of debates with opponent Richard Nixon, he appeared able, articulate and energetic.

S: In the campaign, he spoke of moving aggressively into the new decade, for “the new Frontier is here whether we seek it or not.”

- (1) SPQR                      (2) QRSP  
(3) RPQS                      (4) QPRS

Now, Q will be the opening sentence since all others contain a pronoun and Q contains a noun subject so, we have to choose between (2) & (4).

In (2) R follows Q and in (4) P follows Q but P appears to be a concluding sentence hence, (2) is the right answer.

**3 → 6 SENTENCE**

In this type of jumbled paragraph question, there are six sentences. However, not all six of them are jumbled, the first and the last sentence of the paragraph are given but the included four sentences are jumbled. It is the sequence of these four sentences that the student has to find.

**Example IX :**

S<sub>1</sub> The list of horror goes on

A. And one in every five is malnourished.

B. This is because local clinics, ill equipped to deal with even small things, ethics don't work or simply don't exist.

C. Nobody has been able to figure out a way to reduce the speed that is at the root of India's over-population problems : a baby born every second.

D. There is such a shortage of treatment centres that premier hospitals are choked with patients who show up to treat their coughs and cold

S<sub>6</sub> Kalyan Banerjee, a consultant at the hospital is worried

- (1) DACB                      (2) CDAB  
(3) DBAC                      (4) CADB

**Strategy IV :** For a six sentence question try to find out a link between the first fixed given sentence and any of the four jumbled sentences, that could follow it.

In Example IX A and B can't follow (S<sub>1</sub>) because they begin with conjunctions while (1) ends without a possibility of a conjunction (3) appears to be the logical sentence following (S<sub>1</sub>). (A) follows (C) and (B) follows (D). Thus, the sequence will be S<sub>1</sub>CABD S<sub>6</sub>, that is the option (4). (4) is CADB not CABD.

**Strategy V :** If you cannot find a link between the first fixed sentence and the jumbled sentences, find a link between the last fixed sentence and a sentence from the jumbled ones that may proceed from it.

**Example X**

S<sub>1</sub> As an economy expands, so does the need for cash or fuel growth.

A. An important one is a rule insisting that any purchase of share amounting to 20% or more of the listed stock of a company has to be announced before the purchase goes ahead.

B. It also has computerised trading and a whole host of new regulations.

C. Today the exchange has an impressive new home or the city's major business artery.

D. Pushed by the govt. deregulations, the Jakarata stock exchange is beginning to come of age after emerging from dormancy only 8 yrs. ago.

S<sub>6</sub> Thus, new ruling plus many other improvements to protect investors have helped boost confidence in the market.

- (1) DCBA                      (2) ABCD  
(3) CDAB                      (4) DCAB

Now, we can easily see the link between the concluding fixed line S<sub>6</sub> and A-the rule. Thus, the last part before (S<sub>6</sub>) should be A. This, sequence is available only in option (S<sub>1</sub>) which will be the right answer.

B elaborates the exchange which was already mentioned in C and therefore, must follow (C). So, S<sub>1</sub>DCBAS<sub>6</sub> is the correct sequence.

**Strategy VI :** If you are unable to find links with either of the fixed sentences, use the previous strategies to find links between the jumbled sentences and check out the sequence in the given options.

# Exercise

**DIRECTIONS:** Arrange the sentences A, B, C and D to form a logical sequence between sentences S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>6</sub>.

1. S<sub>1</sub> The list of horrors goes on.  
A. And one in every five is malnourished.  
B. This is because local clinics, ill-equipped to deal with even small things, either don't work or simply don't exist.  
C. Nobody has been able to figure out a way to reduce the speed that is at the root of India's over-population problems: a baby born every second.  
D. There is such an acute shortage of treatment centers that premier hospitals are choked with patients who show up to treat their coughs and colds.  
S<sub>6</sub> Kalyan Banerjee, a consultant at the hospital is worried.  
(1) DACB (2) CDAB  
(3) DBAC (4) CADB
2. S<sub>1</sub> It was something I knew would give me a chance to be my own boss.  
A. I could have more except that supervision becomes difficult.  
B. Today I have 800 on my staff, office and members.  
C. The moment I announced I was starting a business, people started contacting me.  
D. I was sick of working for others.  
S<sub>6</sub> Our clients are well-known industrialists and organizations, many of whom were in touch with me when I was in the services.  
(1) ABDC (2) DBAC  
(3) DCBA (4) BADC
3. S<sub>1</sub> Fire ripped through another pipeline in southern Nigeria, killing at least 40 people.  
A. The explosion was the third in two weeks.  
B. Police were deployed to stop villagers from stealing fuel from other pipelines.  
C. Local politicians have blamed this vandalism on cartels.  
D. Once the cartels have siphoned off fuel, impoverished locals move in to collect what they can for sale to passing motorists.  
S<sub>6</sub> But pipelines often explode, and the practice has left about 2000 people dead in the past two years.  
(1) ABCD (2) ACBD  
(3) CABD (4) CBDA
4. S<sub>1</sub> Reservation should not exceed 50% for the civil services for want of balance and efficiency.  
A. If reservation is 50% it is adequate for aspirants from reserved category and even unreserved category to get an equal opportunity.  
B. The number of aspirants to the civil services in India is very large and they come from various socioeconomic backgrounds.  
C. These aspirants come from both reserved and unreserved category.  
D. But if reservation were to exceed the 50% mark, a lot of deserving candidates from unreserved category would be deprived of a chance.  
S<sub>6</sub> Thus to achieve optimum efficiency, it is essential to maintain a maximum of 50% reservation."  
(1) ADBC (2) BCAD  
(3) CABD (4) BADC
5. S<sub>1</sub> This is a company that prides itself on its carefully matured extensive distribution blocks and mentor network.  
A. The company also plans a foray into the service sector by setting up a chain of laundrettes across the country.  
B. Yet today, pre-cooked chapatis and ready-made mixes are a big market.  
C. And that's not all.  
D. Today the idea may appear a trifle ambitious but remember that it was not so long ago that the same things were said about the market for ready-to-eat foods and branded cereals.  
S<sub>6</sub> Disposable incomes are rising in the metros and big cities and time is at a premium.  
(1) CADB (2) ADBC  
(3) ABDC (4) CABD
6. S<sub>1</sub> It is often said that good actors can get out of the play more than the author has put into it  
A. A good actor, bringing to a part his own talent, often gives it a value that the layman on reading the play had not seen in it, but at the utmost he can do no more than reach the ideal that the author has seen in his mind's eye.  
B. In all my plays I have been fortunate enough to have some of the parts acted as I wanted; but in none have I had all the parts so acted.  
C. That is not true.  
D. He has to be an actor of address to do this; for the most part the author has to be satisfied with an approximation of the performance he visualized.  
S<sub>6</sub> is so obviously inevitable, for the actor who is suited to a certain role may very well be engaged and you have to put up with the second or third best, because there is no help for it.  
(1) BACD (2) DACB  
(3) CADB (4) DCBA
7. S<sub>1</sub> I can think of no serious prose play that has survived the generation that gave it birth  
A. They are museum pieces.  
B. They are revived now and then because a famous part tempts a leading actor, or a manager in want of a stop-gap thinks he will put on a play on which he has no royalties to pay.  
C. A few comedies have haphazardly travelled down a couple of centuries or so.  
D. The audience laughs at their wit with politeness and at their farce with embarrassment.  
S<sub>6</sub> They are not held nor taken out of themselves.  
(1) CDBA (2) CBAD  
(3) ABDC (4) BACD

8. S<sub>1</sub> The wind had savage allies  
 A. If it had not been for my closely fitted helmet, the explosions might have shattered my eardrums.  
 B. The first clap of thunder came as a deafening explosion that literally shook my teeth.  
 C. I didn't hear the thunder, I actually felt it - an almost unbearable physical experience.  
 D. I saw lightning all around me in every shape imaginable.  
 S<sub>6</sub> When very close, it was raining so torrentially that I thought I would drown in mid-air.  
 (1) BCAD (2) CADB  
 (3) CBDA (4) ACDB
9. S<sub>1</sub> A thorough knowledge of the path or course to be followed is essential for achieving success  
 A. Seniors must show the path clearly by laying down the precise expectations of the management in terms of job description, key result areas and personal targets.  
 B. They should also 'light the path' by personal example.  
 C. Advice tendered or help offered must be objectively evaluated for its effectiveness in achieving the desired goal.  
 D. A display of arrogance and a false sense of 'self-worth', in order to belittle those who come to help prove dysfunctional.  
 S<sub>6</sub> The individuality of each employee must be respected.  
 (1) CDAB (2) CADB  
 (3) BADC (4) ABCD
10. S<sub>1</sub> But the vessel kept going away  
 A. He looked anxiously around  
 B. There was nothing to see but the water and empty sky.  
 C. He could now barely see her funnel and masts when heaved up on a high wave.  
 D. He did not know for what.  
 S<sub>6</sub> A breaking wave slapped him in the face, choking him.  
 (1) ADBC (2) ACDB  
 (3) CADB (4) ABCD
11. S<sub>1</sub> All human beings are aware of the existence of a power greater than that of the mortals- the name given to such a power by individuals is an outcome of birth, education and choice  
 A. This power provides an anchor in times of adversity, difficulty and trouble.  
 B. Industrial organisations also contribute to the veneration of this power by participating in activities such as religious ceremonies and festivities organized by the employees.  
 C. Their other philanthropic contributions include the construction and maintenance of religious place such as temples or gurudwaras.  
 D. Logically, therefore such a power should be remembered in good times also.  
 S<sub>6</sub> The top management/ managers should participate in all such events, irrespective of their  
 (1) ADBC (2) BCAD  
 (3) CADB (4) DACB
12. S<sub>1</sub> Currency movements can have a dramatic impact on equity returns for foreign investors  
 A. This is not surprising as many developing economies try to peg their exchange rates to the US dollar or to a basket of currencies.  
 B. Many developing economies manage to keep exchange rate volatility lower than that in the industrial economies.  
 C. India has also gone in for the full float on the current account and abolished the managed exchange rate.  
 D. Dramatic exceptions are Argentina, Brazil, and Nigeria.  
 S<sub>6</sub> Another emerging-market-specific risk is liquidity risk.  
 (1) ADBC (2) CDAB  
 (3) BDAC (4) CABD
13. S<sub>1</sub> The top management should perceive the truth worth of people and only then make friends  
 A. Such 'true friends' are very few and very rare.  
 B. Factors such as affluence, riches, outward sophistication and conceptual abilities are not prerequisites for genuine friendship.  
 C. Such people must be respected and kept close to the heart.  
 D. Business realities call for developing a large circle of acquaintances and contacts: however, all of them will be motivated by their own self-interest and it would be wrong to treat them as genuine friends.  
 S<sub>6</sub> There is always a need for real friends to whom one can turn for balanced, unselfish advice, more so when one is caught in a dilemma.  
 (1) ABCD (2) ADBC  
 (3) ADBC (4) ACBD
14. S<sub>1</sub> Conflicting demands for resources are always voiced by different functions/ departments in an organization  
 A. Every manager examines the task entrusted to him and evaluates the resources required.  
 B. Availability of resources in full measure makes task achievement easy, because it reduces the effort needed to somewhat make-do.  
 C. A safety cushion is built into demand for resources, to offset the adverse impact of any cut imposed by the seniors.  
 D. This aspect needs to be understood as the reality.  
 S<sub>6</sub> Dynamic, energetic, growth-oriented and wise management's are always confronted with the inadequacy of resources with respect to one some of the four M's (men, machines, money and materials ) and the two T's (time and technology )  
 (1) DABC (2) ACBD  
 (3) ABCD (4) BCDA
15. S<sub>1</sub> Managers especially the successful ones, should guard against ascribing to themselves qualities and attributes which they may not have, or may have in a measure much less than what they think they have  
 A. External appearances can be deceptive.  
 B. To initiate action, without being in possession of full facts, can lead to disastrous results.  
 C. Also, one should develop confidants who can be used as sounding boards, in order to check one's own thinking against that of others.  
 D. It is also useful to be open to receive feedback about oneself so that a real understanding of the 'self' exists.

- S<sub>6</sub> A false perception can be likened to wearing coloured glasses - all facts get tainted by the colour of the glass and the mind interprets them wrongly to fit into the perception.
- (1) DCAB (2) BADC  
(3) DABC (4) BCAD
16. S<sub>1</sub> Michael Jackson, clearly no admirer of long engagements, got married abruptly for the second time in three years
- A. The latest wedding took place in a secret midnight ceremony in Sydney, Australia  
B. It is also the second marriage for the new missus, about whom little is known.  
C. The wedding was attended by the groom's entourage and staff, according to Jackson's publicist.  
D. The bride, 37 year old Debbie Rowe, who is carrying Jackson's baby, wore white.
- S<sub>6</sub> All that is known is that she is a nurse for Jackson's dermatologist.
- (1) CBAD (2) BDCA  
(3) DCBA (4) ACDB
17. S<sub>1</sub> Liz Taylor isn't just unlucky in love
- A. She, and husband Larry Fortensky, will have to pay the tab-\$432,600 in court costs.  
B. The duo claimed that a 1993 story about a property dispute damaged their reputations.  
C. Taylor has lost a defamation suit against the National Enquirer.  
D. She is unlucky in law too.
- S<sub>6</sub> Alas, all levels of the California court system disagreed
- (1) CDAB (2) DCAB  
(3) DABC (4) CDBA
18. S<sub>1</sub> Since its birth, rock has produced a long string of guitar heroes
- A. It is a list that would begin with Chuck Berry, continue on through Hendrix, page and Clapton.  
B. These are musicians celebrated for their sheer instrumental talent, and their flair for expensive, showy and sometimes self-indulgent solos.  
C. It would also include players of more recent vintage, like Van Halen and Living Colour's Vernon Reid.  
D. But with the advent of alternative rock and grunge, guitar heroism became uncool.
- S<sub>6</sub> Guitarists like Peter Buck and Kurt Cobain shy away from exhibitionism.
- (1) ACBD (2) ABCD  
(3) BCAD (4) BADC
19. S<sub>1</sub> For many scientists, oceans are the cradle of life
- A. But all over the world, chemical products and nuclear wastes continue to be dumped into them.  
B. Coral reefs, which are known as the most beautiful places of the submarine world, are fast disappearing.  
C. The result is that many species of fish die because of this pollution.  
D. Of course Man is the main cause of these problems
- S<sub>6</sub> Man has long since ruined the places he goes to -- continents and oceans alike.
- (1) ACBD (2) BACD  
(3) ABDC (4) BCAD
20. S<sub>1</sub> Historically, stained glass was almost entirely reserved for ecclesiastical spaces
- A. By all counts, he has accomplished that mission with unmistakable style.  
B. "It is my mission to bring it kicking and screaming out of that milieu," says Clarke.  
C. The first was the jewel-like windows he designed for a Cistercian Church in Switzerland  
D. Two recent projects show his genius in the separate worlds of the sacred and the mundane.
- S<sub>6</sub> The other was a spectacular, huge skylight in a shopping complex in Brazil.
- (1) CBAD (2) BADC  
(3) ABDC (4) DBAC
21. S<sub>1</sub> So how big is the potential market?
- A. But they end up spending thousands more each year on hardware upgrades and software overhauls.  
B. Analysts say the new machines will appeal primarily to corporate users.  
C. An individual buyer can pick up a desktop computer for less than \$2000 in America  
D. For them, the NC's best drawing card is its promise of much lower maintenance costs.
- S<sub>6</sub> NCs, which automatically load the latest version of whatever software they need, could put an end to all that.
- (1) BCAD (2) DABC  
(3) BDCA (4) DCAB
22. S<sub>1</sub> The problem of improving Indian agriculture is both a social and an administrative one
- A. It also appears that there is a direct relationship between the size of a state and its development.  
B. The issues of Indian development, and the problems of India's agricultural sector, will remain with us long into the next century.  
C. Without improving Indian agriculture, no liberalisation and delicensing will be able to help India.  
D. At the end of the day, there has to be a ferment and movement of life and action in the vast segment of rural India.
- S<sub>6</sub> When it starts marching, India will fly.
- (1) DABC (2) CDBA  
(3) ACDB (4) ABCD
23. S<sub>1</sub> Making people laugh is tricky
- A. At times, the intended humour may simply not come off.  
B. Making people laugh while trying to sell them something is a tougher challenge, since the commercial can fall flat on two grounds.  
C. There are many advertisements which do amuse but do not even begin to set the cash thrills ringing  
D. Again, it is rarely sufficient for an advertiser simply to amuse the target audience in order to reap the sales benefit.
- S<sub>6</sub> There are indications that in substituting the hard sell for more entertaining approach, some agencies have rather thrown out the baby with the bath water.
- (1) CDBA (2) DBAC  
(3) BADC (4) DCBA

# Hints

# SOLUTIONS

1. (4) Now logically A will follow C and B will follow D, this sequence is given only in option (4).
2. (2) There is a link between S<sub>1</sub> and D, 'be my own boss' and 'sick of working for others' so we have to choose from (2) & (3) followed by B and then C.
3. (1) There is link between S<sub>1</sub> and A – 'the fire', 'the explosion'. So we have to choose between (1) and (2). Thus we have to choose whether B or C will follow A, but logically C will follow B, as 'this' of C is the predicate of B. So ABCD is the correct sequence.
4. (2) B will follow S<sub>1</sub> because B gives the explanatory background to the idea stated in S<sub>1</sub>. This will be followed by C. So the right sequence is given in (2).
5. (2) There is a link S<sub>1</sub> and A– 'This company', 'The company'. A will be followed by D because 'this idea of D refers to the idea stated in A– 'foray into service sector by setting up a chain of launderies'.
6. (3) Taken in context CADB is the most logical sequence, as the first sentence does not come across as a fully true sentence.
7. (2) CBAD is the correct sequence as sentence C fits in right after sentence S<sub>1</sub> and then in context it is followed by BAD.
8. (1) Thunder comes across as an ally of wind. Thus, B comes after S<sub>1</sub>, and then CAD after B.
9. (4) Taking all four sentences into consideration only A will follow S<sub>1</sub>, then in a logical sequence it will be followed by BCD.
10. (3) As the vessel kept going away he could barely see her funnel and mask and thus, he looked anxiously around. The logical sequence will be CADB.
11. (1) The correct answer is ADBC with sentence A following S<sub>1</sub>, and the rest fitting after A.
12. (2) The first is a general sentence, then followed by a specific one, i.e. on India then followed by DAB taken in context.
13. (4) Sentence A naturally follows S<sub>1</sub> as it refers to true friends in S<sub>1</sub>. C follows A again as it refers to such people B and D fit right after C.
14. (2) Taken in context the sequence ACBD is the only logical one the others do not make any sense.
15. (1) D is a natural extension of sentence S<sub>1</sub>, followed by CAB which taken together make sense.
16. (4) The sequence ACDB is the only one that makes sense following sentence S<sub>1</sub>, and ending with sentence 6.
17. (2) D naturally follows S<sub>1</sub>, as is indicated in the word too at the end of the sentence, C follows D and the A is linked to C, thus, the logical sequence is DCAB.
18. (1) The list of Guitar heroes is mentioned in A so A is the first choice, followed by C which refers to guitar heroes of recent vintage. With B following and D ending is the perfect sequence.
19. (1) ACBD is the most logical sequence as A explains the problems that are occurring to the cradle of the life given in sentence number S<sub>1</sub>. C is directly linked to A because it is the effect. B is also an effect whereas D is the cause of these effects and is linked to sentence number S<sub>6</sub>.
20. (2) Sentence B, logically follows sentence number S<sub>1</sub>, as S<sub>1</sub> is a general statement and B hopes to change the situation. This is followed by A which explains B and then by D and C which fits right in before sentence number S<sub>6</sub>.
21. (3) BDCA is the logical sequence as in B analysts have analysed the appeal of the new machines in the potential market. The promise of lower maintenance cost in D naturally follows B which is followed by C and then by A which is an extension of sentence C as individual buyers in America pickup Desktop computers for less than 2000 dollars spend thousands more on hardware upgrades and software overhauls.
22. (4) The only logical sequence that comes across ABCD which can be explained in context of sentences between S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>6</sub> which they appear, as each sentence follows to each other in a logical sequence and sentence D precedes sentence number S<sub>6</sub>. As the last part of D and the first part of sentence S<sub>6</sub> refers to rural area.
23. (3) Sentence number S<sub>1</sub> and B are linked together through trying to make people laugh and then is followed by A which is one of the two grounds mentioned in B, this is then followed by D which is the second ground. The last choice is C which is an adequate precursor of sentence number S<sub>6</sub>.