

# Statement & Conclusion

## INTRODUCTION

In this type of questions, a statement is given followed by two or more conclusions. We have to find out which of these conclusions definitely follows from the given statement.

## WHAT IS A 'CONCLUSION'?

'Conclusion' means a fact that can be truly inferred from the contents of a given sentence. Conclusion is the art of judging or deciding, based on reasoning.

It will be more clear from the following examples.

**Directions (Qs. 1 to 3) :** In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by two conclusions I and II. Give answer :

- (a) if only conclusion I follows;
- (b) if only conclusion II follows;
- (c) if either I or II follows;
- (d) if neither I nor II follows;
- (e) if both I and II follows;

### Example 1.

**Statement :** The oceans are a store house of practically every mineral including uranium. But like most other minerals, it is found in extremely low concentration – about three gms per 1000 tonnes of water.

#### Conclusions :

- I. The oceans are a cheap source of uranium.
- II. The oceans harbour radiation hazards.

**Sol. (d)** I. Uranium is found in extremely low concentration in oceans. Hence oceans are not a cheap source of uranium.  
II. It is out of context of the sentence.

### Example 2.

**Statement :** Today, out of the world population of several thousand million, the majority of men have to live under government which refuses them personal liberty and the right to dissent.

#### Conclusions :

- I. People are indifferent to personal liberty and the right to dissent.
- II. People desire personal liberty and the right to dissent.

**Sol. (b)** It is mentioned in the statement that most people are forced to live under governments which refuse them personal liberty and right to dissent. This means that they are not indifferent to these rights but have a desire for them. So, only II follows.

### Example 3.

**Statement :** It has been decided by the Government to withdraw 33% of the subsidy on cooking gas from the beginning of next month—a spokesman of the Government.

#### Conclusions :

- I. People no more desire or need such subsidy from government as they can afford increased price of the cooking gas.
- II. The price of the cooking gas will increase at least by 33% from the next month.

**Sol. (d)** I does not follow because a govt's policy is not determined merely by people's needs.

II does not follow. Let the present price be x

$$\therefore \text{Price if subsidy is removed} = \frac{x}{0.67} = 1.49x$$

Hence increase in price will be around 49%

**Directions (Qs. 4 to 5) :** In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by two conclusions I and II. Give answer :

- (a) if only conclusion I follows;
- (b) if only conclusion II follows;
- (c) if either I or II follows;
- (d) if neither I nor II follows;
- (e) if both I and II follow.

### Example 4.

**Statement :** Interest rate will be fixed on the basis of our bank's rate prevailing on the date of deposit and refixed every quarter thereafter.

#### Conclusions:

- I. It is left to the depositors to guard their interest.
- II. The bank's interest rates are subject to change on a day-to-day basis depending on market position.

**Sol. (b)** I does not follow because the statement is silent about the depositors. II follows from the phrase "bank's rate prevailing on the date of deposit" which means the rates are subject to day-to-day changes.

### Example 5.

**Statement :** The government of country X has recently announced several concessions and offered attractive package tours for foreign visitors.

#### Conclusions :

- I. Now, more number of foreign tourists will visit the country.
- II. The government of country X seems to be serious in attracting tourists.

**Sol. (e)** Clearly, the government has taken the step to attract more tourists. So, both I and II follow.

# EXERCISE

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-10):** In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

1. **Statements:** In a one day cricket match, the total runs made by a team were 200. Out of these 160 runs were made by spinners.

**Conclusions:**

I. 80% of the team consists of spinners.

II. The opening batsmen were spinners.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

2. **Statements:** The old order changed yielding place to new.

**Conclusions:**

I. Change is the law of nature.

II. Discard old ideas because they are old.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

3. **Statements:** Government has spoiled many top ranking financial institutions by appointing bureaucrats as Directors of these institutions.

**Conclusions:**

I. Government should appoint Directors of the financial institutes taking into consideration the expertise of the person in the area of finance.

II. The Director of the financial institute should have expertise commensurate with the financial work carried out by the institute.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

4. **Statements:** Population increase coupled with depleting resources is going to be the scenario of many developing countries in days to come.

**Conclusions:**

I. The population of developing countries will not continue to increase in future.

II. It will be very difficult for the governments of developing countries to provide its people decent quality of life.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

5. **Statements:** Prime age school-going children in urban India have now become avid as well as more regular viewers of television, even in households without a TV. As a result there has been an alarming decline in the extent of readership of newspapers.

**Conclusions:**

I. Method of increasing the readership of newspapers should be devised.

II. A team of experts should be sent to other countries to study the impact of TV. on the readership of newspapers.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

6. **Statements:** A man must be wise to be a good wrangler. Good wranglers are talkative and boring.

**Conclusions:**

I. All the wise persons are boring.

II. All the wise persons are good wranglers.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

7. **Statements:** "The Government will review the present policy of the diesel price in view of further spurt in the international oil prices". – A spokesman of the Government.

**Conclusions:**

I. The Government will increase the price of the diesel after the imminent spurt in the international oil prices.

II. The Government will not increase the price of the diesel even after the imminent spurt in the international oil prices.

(a) Only conclusion I follows

(b) Only conclusion II follows

(c) Either I or II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

(e) Both I and II follow

8. **Statements:** The Government of country X has recently announced several concessions and offered attractive package tours for foreign visitors.

**Conclusions:**

I. Now, more number of foreign tourists will visit the country.

- II. The Government of country X seems to be serious in attracting tourists.
- (a) Only conclusion I follows  
(b) Only conclusion II follows  
(c) Either I or II follows  
(d) Neither I nor II follows  
(e) Both I and II follow
9. **Statements:** After this amendment to the Constitution, no child below the age of 14 years will be employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Before this amendment, children below 14 years were employed to work in factory or mine.  
II. The employers must now abide by this amendment to the Constitution.
- (a) Only conclusion I follows  
(b) Only conclusion II follows  
(c) Either I or II follows  
(d) Neither I nor II follows  
(e) Both I and II follow

10. **Statements:** It has been decided by the Government to withdraw 33% of the subsidy on cooking gas from the beginning of next month. – A spokesman of the Government.

**Conclusions:**

- I. People now no more desire or need such subsidy from Government as they can afford increased price of the cooking gas.  
II. The price of the cooking gas will increase at least by 33% from the next month.
- (a) Only conclusion I follows  
(b) Only conclusion II follows  
(c) Either I or II follows  
(d) Neither I nor II follows  
(e) Both I and II follow

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-30):** In each questions below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement. Give answer

- (a) if only conclusion I follows.  
(b) if only conclusion II follows.  
(c) if either I or II follows.  
(d) if neither I nor II follows; and  
(e) if both I and II follow.

11. **Statement:** Many people and media alleged that Mr. X, the opposition leader, met the Chief Minister yesterday to seek certain favours, an allegation which was strongly rejected by Mr X.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Mr X did meet the Chief Minister yesterday to seek certain favours.  
II. Mr X did not meet the Chief Minister to seek certain favours.

12. **Statement:** For over three decades company 'X' has been totally involved in energy conservation, its efficient use and management.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The company has yet to learn and acquire basic things in this area.  
II. It is dedication that is more important than knowledge and expertise.

13. **Statement:** This book 'Z' is the only book which focuses its attention on the problem of poverty in India between 1950 and 1980.

**Conclusions:**

- I. There was no questions of poverty before 1950.  
II. No other books deals with poverty in India during 1950 to 1980.

14. **Statement:** Applications of applicants who do not fulfil eligibility criteria and/or who do not submit applications before last date will be summarily rejected and will not be called for the written test.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Those who are called for the written test are those who fulfil eligibility criteria and have submitted their applications before last date.  
II. Written test will be held only after scrutiny of applications.

15. **Statement:** On metro section of railways, the motormen are frequently required to do overtime during May and June though all vacancies are completely filled as per requirement of this section.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Many motormen take leave of shorter or longer duration during this period.  
II. Some motormen desire to earn overtime whenever possible.

16. **Statement:** The President of XYZ party indicated that 25 independent Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) are seriously considering various options of joining some political party. But in any case all of them collectively will join one party only.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The 25 independent MLAs will join XYZ party in a short period of time.  
II. The 25 independent MLAs will join some other political party in a short period of time.

17. **Statement:** 'Our approach of fund management is based on science as much as on common sense and discipline because our goal is consistent performance in the long term. –Advertisement of a mutual fund company.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Only the approach of science of investment can lead to high gains in short-term investment.  
II. It is not necessary to go for long-term investment when low-return short-term investment is available.

18. **Statement:** 'We follow some of the best and effective teaching learning practices used by leading institutes all over the world.' — A statement of a Professor of MN Institute.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The MN Institute is one of the leading institutes of the world.
  - II. Whatever is being followed by world's leading institutes will definitely be good and useful.
19. **Statement:** The Bank of England's move to auction 25 metric tons of gold drew plenty of bidders looking for a bargain, but was criticised by major gold producers worldwide.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The Bank of England should not auction gold which it possesses to keep steady international prices of gold.
  - II. Bidders should quote higher gold prices to retain present value of gold in the international markets.
20. **Statement:** The oceans are a storehouse of practically every mineral including uranium. But like most other minerals, it is found in extremely low concentration—about three gms. Per 1000 tonnes of water.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The oceans are a cheap source of uranium.
  - II. The oceans harbour radiation hazards.
21. **Statement:** The minister questioned the utility of the space research programme and suggested its replacement by other areas of felt national needs.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Exploring the space does not contribute to critical national needs.
  - II. Research should be oriented to national needs.
22. **Statement:** The laws and statutes framed by the Government for the purpose of providing equal treatment to every citizens, on implementation perpetuate corrupt working system.

**Conclusions:**

- I. the laws and statutes should be framed but they should not be implemented to avoid corrupt working system.
  - II. There should be obvious method to investigate corrupt working system.
23. **Statement:** Mrs X is nominated for one of the two posts of which one post is reserved by the Managing Committee for the female of other religious minority community and the other for the female of scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.

**Conclusions:**

- I. Mrs X is the member of religious minority community.
  - II. Mrs X is the member of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.
24. **Statement:** We do not need today in India extraordinary specialists but those trained ordinary doctors who are dedicated to their profession.

**Conclusions:**

- I. We should promote medical profession with dedicated ordinary doctors rather than promoting high specialised medical education.
  - II. Extraordinary specialists are not dedicated to their profession.
25. **Statement:** The maximum number of vacancies for the clerical cadre is 40, which will be filled through this recruitment round – An advertisement of Company W.

**Conclusions:**

- I. The Company 'A' may appoint less than 40 clerks in this round.
- II. The Company 'A' may appoint 40 clerks in this round.

## Hints & Solutions

- 1. (d) According to the statement, 80% of the total runs were made by spinners. So, I does not follow. Nothing about the opening batsmen is mentioned in the statement. So, II also does not follow.
- 2. (a) Clearly, I directly follows from the given statement. Also, it is mentioned that old ideas are replaced by new ones, as thinking changes with the progressing time. So, II does not follow.
- 3. (e) According to the statement, Government has spoiled financial institutions by appointing bureaucrats as Directors. This means that only those persons should be appointed as Directors who are experts in finance and are acquainted with the financial work of the institute. So, both I and II follow.
- 4. (b) The fact given in I is quite contrary to the given statement. So, I does not follow. II mentions the direct implications of the state discussed in the statement. Thus, II follows.
- 5. (d) The statement concentrates on the increasing viewership of TV and does not stress either on increasing the readership of newspapers or making studies regarding the same. So, neither I nor II follows.
- 6. (d) According to the statement, good wranglers are wise men. But it doesn't mean that all wise men are good wranglers. So, neither I nor II follows.
- 7. (c) The Government seeks to review the policy so as to determine whether the diesel price needs to be increased or it can be kept stable by adjusting certain other factors. So, either decision may be taken. Thus, either I or II follows.
- 8. (e) Clearly, the government has taken the step to attract more tourists. So, both I and II follow.
- 9. (e) The statement mentions that after the amendment, no child below 14 years will be engaged in hazardous employment. This means that before the amendment, the practice of employing children below 14 years

was in vogue. This in turn means that employers will have to abide by the amendment. So, both I and II follow.

10. (d) The decision to withdraw subsidy has clearly been taken to compensate for the loss and not because people can now afford to pay more for cooking gas. So, I does not follow. Also, the statement talks of withdrawing 33% of the prevailing subsidy and not of reducing 33% of the actual price. So, II also does not follow.
11. (c) In such a context, surrounded by allegations and refusals, it is difficult to estimate the authenticity of any of the options. henceforth, neither the fact of Mr. X meeting the Chief Minister for certain favours, nor Mr. X's refutation of the allgations can be ascertained.
12. (d) Both these alternatives are inappropriate with regards to the statement. The first conclusion speaks about expertise acquisition. However the statement contradicts the same as company 'X' is already having thirty years of expertise in energy conservation, utilisation and management. The second conclusion holds no relevance absolutely.
13. (d) From the statement, conclusion (I) is irrelevant as it is ambiguous and has no relation to the flow of information. Even the second conclusion also provides partial information to testify the aforementioned statement.
14. (e) Both the conclusions follow. Even if we consider being practical, those who are called for any written test are provisionally the applicants who fulfil eligibility criteria and have submitted applications within deadlines; also written test will be held after verification of the applications.
15. (a) It is clearly given that manpower is complete as per requirement of the section. Because there is no hint of heavy rush and introduction of new trains, we can consider conclusion I exhaustive. Because of the term *required to do*, nothing can be concluded about their desire. Hence, II does not follow.
16. (c) As the independent members will join one party only they may join either XYZ party or any other existing party. Hence, I and II together are exahustive.
17. (d) Neither option (I) nor (II) follows. The statement highlights the concept of fund management as science, common sense and discipline. Only a scientific approach would not work out, nor there is any information provided about duration to investment vis-a-vis returns.
18. (d) II may be an assumption which the professor is assuming before passing his statement. Hence, II does not follow. I may or may not be possible. Hence, I does not follow.
19. (d) Neither of the two conclusions throw light on justifying the statement. Bidding for higher prices would prove futile. Also, the first option does not leverage relevant information related to the statement.
20. (d) Option (I) cannot be concluded as most of the minerals are available in similar concentration level in the oceans. The second option (II) has no relevance to the statement.
21. (d) Space research definitely is a priority for most of the countries globally. It may be postponed but cannot be eradicated from government projects, as has been the Minister's opinion. However, there is no mention of the fact that space research does not contribute to economy or that research should be need-based.
22. (d) Both the conclusions are irrelevant. Option (I) suggests framing of laws and statutes, but avoiding implementation to avoid corruption. This is a contradiction and meaningless. Also, there is not suggestion about investigation to eradicate corruption, as far as the original statement is concerned.
23. (c) Since there is a mention of two posts, one reserved for the minority community and the other for the scheduled caste or scheduled tribes, Mrs. X (the nominee) could either belong to the religious minority or a member of the SC/ST category.
24. (a) There is a huge dearth of medical professionals in India. Today, the WHO reports have projected a 1 : 1000 (doctor : patient) ratio which is below the benchmark for that of a developing country. The country does not need specialists. Rather, the peoploe wish to have better medical amenities, besides ordinary doctors, with an attitude for serving the society with dedication. Beggars cannot be choosers.
25. (c) The maximum no. of vacancies is 40. Mathematically, we may represent this as  $< 40$ , i.e. either less than 40 or 40. Hence, either I or II.