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UNIT V - LINGUISTICS SKILLS III

Strategy to Solve Sentence Improvement Questions

1. In sentence improvement questions a sentence is given with a word or phrase in bold letters or underlined.
2. Four substitutes are given under the sentence as alternatives.
3. The candidate has to find the error in the part that is in bold or underlined. Then find the correct answer from among the alternatives.
4. After substituting the alternative the sentence becomes grammatically correct.
5. If the given sentence is correct and no substitute is required then the answer is “No Improvement.”

Practice is the *only trick* to attempt sentence improvement questions. These questions require a good knowledge of common errors, vocabulary, correct use of phrases and overall rules of grammar.

Examples : For Sentence Improvement

Example: 1 He felt exhausted as he was working since 4 O’ clock in the morning

- A) has been working
- B) had been working
- C) is working
- D) No improvement

Answer : B (As the past perfect continuous tense will be used.)

Example: 2 Most people in India like to give a lot of free advice.

- A) advices
- B) advises
- C) advise
- D) No Improvement

Answer : D (The word advice is a noun and has no plural form. Advise is a verb. So option a,b and C all get eliminated)



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Example: 3 Hardly had he finished his work than the peon arrived with another file.

- A) when
- B) then
- C) while
- D) no improvement

Answer : A (With hardly the word when is used)

Example: 4 Rahul has no right to take a claim on his father's property as he did not look after him in his old age.

- A) to make a claim
- B) to stake a claim to
- C) to demand
- D) no improvement

Answer: B (stake a claim is a phrase which means to ask for something as one's own)

Example: 5 I have sent the parcel two hours ago.

- A) had sent
- B) send
- C) sent
- D) no improvement

Answer: C (The usage of two hours ago indicates that the sentence is of simple past tense)