

ORDERING SENTENCES IN A PARAGRAPH

15 Minutes 20 Questions

DIRECTIONS: In the following questions, there are six sentences marked S₁, S₆, P, Q, R, S. The position of S₁ and S₆ are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives given below every passage which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the passage. Mark your response on the Answer Sheet at the appropriate space.

1. S₁: Always remember that regular and frequent practice is essential if you are to learn to write well.
S₆: He lifted the coat, but the bread was gone!
P: After a while, when his horse was tired and he was hungry, the peasant stopped ploughing.
Q: He hid it under a bush and started work.
R: He went to get his coat and his breakfast.
S: He got his plough ready and put his coat round the bread.
The proper sequence should be
(a) SQPR (b) QPRS
(c) PRSQ (d) RSQP
2. S₁: Always remember that regular and frequent practice is essential if you are to learn to write well.
S₆: If you keep your eyes and ears open, you will find plenty of things to write about around you to be able to discipline yourself to write.
P: Even with the most famous writers, inspiration is rare.
Q: Writing is 99 per cent hard work and one per cent inspiration, so the sooner you get into the habit of writing, the better.
R: It is no good waiting until you have an inspiration before you write.
S: You learn to write by writing.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) SRPQ (b) RPSQ
(c) SPRQ (d) QPSR
3. S₁: Human ways of life have steadily changed.
S₆: During the last few years change has been even more rapid than usual.
P: From that time to this, civilization has always been changing.
Q: About ten thousand years ago, man lived entirely by hunting.
R: Ancient Egypt-Greece-the Roman Empire-the Dark Ages and the Middle Ages-the Renaissance-the age of modern science and of modern nations-one has succeeded the other, and history has never stood still.
S: A settled, civilized life began only when agriculture was discovered.
The proper sequence should be
(a) QSRP (b) QSPR
(c) RSQP (d) SPRQ
4. S₁: While on a fishing trip last summer, I watched an elderly man fishing off the edge of a dock.
S₆: Cheerfully, the old man replied, "*Small frying pan.*"
P: "*Why didn't you keep the other big ones?*" I asked.
Q: He caught an enormous trout, but apparently not satisfied with its size, he threw it back into the water.
R: He finally caught a small pike, threw it into his pail, and, smiling happily, prepared to leave.
S: Amazed, I watched him repeat this performance.
The proper sequence should be:

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- (a) PSQR (b) QSRP
(c) RPQS (d) SQRP

5. S₁: The exact cause of migraine is still not known.
S₆: On the other hand physical overexertion, fatigue, irregularities in dietary habits, prolonged eye strain are common precipitating factors.
P: Several factors like digestive disorders and psychological disturbances have been said to be causative factors.
Q: Certain foods like cheese, chocolate, or red wine have also been found to trigger off an attack.
R: The causative factors are numerous: psychologically, anxiety and frustration play an important part.
S: It seems to be hereditary and a majority of sufferers are women.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) QPRS (b) RQPS
(c) SQPR (d) SOQR

6. S₁: The essence of democracy is the active participation of the people in government affairs.
S₆: By and large it is the actual practice of our way of life.
P: When the people are active watchmen and participants, we have that fertile soil in which democracy flourishes.
Q: This democracy of ours is founded upon a faith in the overall judgment of the people as a whole.
R: When the people do not participate, the spirit of democratic action dies.
S: When the people are honestly and clearly informed, their commonsense can be relied upon to carry the nation safely through any crisis.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) RPSQ (b) PRSQ
(c) SPQR (d) PSRQ

7. S₁: Of course, it is silly to try to overcome fears that keep us from destroying ourselves.
S₆: The only fears you need to avoid are silly fears which prevent you from doing what you should do.
P: This is sensible.
Q: You wait until it is out of the way before crossing.
R: You need some fears to keep you from doing foolish things.
S: You are afraid of an automobile coming rapidly down the street you wish to cross.
The proper sequence should be
(a) PRSQ (b) RSQP
(c) RPSQ (d) PQRS

8. S₁: Nobody likes staying at home on a public holiday-especially if the weather is fine.
S₆: It was very peaceful in the cool grass-until we heard bells ringing at the top of the hill.
P: We had brought plenty of food with us and we got it out of the car.
Q: The only difficulty was that millions of other people had the same idea.
R: Now everything was ready so we sat down near a path at the foot of a hill.
S: We moved out of the city slowly behind a long line of cars, but at last we came to a quiet country road and, after some time, stopped at a lonely farm.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) PSQR (b) QSPR
(c) PQRS (d) SPQR

9. S₁: There were finger prints anywhere.
S₆: These conclusions made the detectives think that it was a fake theft.
P: First of all it was impossible even for a child to enter through the hole in the roof.
Q: When the investigators tried to reconstruct the crime, they came up against fact.

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- R: Moreover, when the detectives tried to push a silver vase, it was found to be double the size of the hole.
S: Again, the size of the hole was examined by the experts who said that nothing had been passed through it.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) PQRS (b) SQPR
(c) PSRQ (d) QPRS
10. S₁: The houses in the Indus Valley were built of baked bricks.
S₆: They led outside into covered sewers which ran down the side of the streets.
P: This staircase sometimes continued upwards on to the roof.
Q: Access to the upstairs rooms was by a narrow stone staircase at the back of the house.
R: The drains were incorporated in the walls.
S: The houses had bathrooms and water closets, rubbish chutes and excellent drainage systems.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) SPQR (b) PSQR
(c) QRPS (d) QPSR
11. S₁: This is the story of a tram that woke up at dead of night and went off on a trip all by itself to end in a disaster.
S₆: As a result, when the power supply was restored in the early morning the tram began to move.
P: In the early morning of 19 January it suddenly started backing out of the depot on its own.
Q: Tramways sources explained that power supply to the overhead wires at the siding had been switched off for some repair work.
R: It went up a quarter mile away, crashed into a state bus which caught fire when it smashed into an electric feeder box and a water tap.
S: There was presumably, some defect in the reversal handle of the tram and its main switch had not been put off.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) PQRS (b) PRQS
(c) RPSQ (d) RSPQ
12. S₁: Perhaps migrating birds are the greatest mystery of all.
S₆: An address and number is put on the ring.
P: There are other birds too that leave England in the late summer for the south.
Q: Swallows leave England in August and September, and they fly to Africa where they stay during winter.
R: A lot has been found out about the journeys of migrating birds by marketing the birds with aluminum rings put on one leg.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) SPRQ (b) QSPR
(c) RSPQ (d) PRQS
13. S₁: Hieroglyphic inscriptions were first carved on pottery, tablets and tombs.
S₆: More strips were positioned across them at right angle.
P: Later they were inscribed on papyrus rolls.
Q: Papyrus was made from papyrus reeds which grow abundantly in the Nile Valley.
R: The development of writing was greatly helped by the invention of papyrus – from which we get the word paper.
S: Strips of the stem of the plant were laid out side by side in lengths
The proper sequence should be:
(a) SQRP (b) PRQS

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- (c) RSPQ (d) QSRP
14. S₁: There are five enduring values for your child.
S₆: They give us lovely memories to warm the history of our lives.
P: Happiness is, by no means, life's greatest goal, and it is not necessary to be happy all the time.
Q: Happy experiences help to make generous and outgoing personalities.
R: First, I would teach a child to be happy.
S: But the habit of being pleased has sustained many a broken heart, just as the fretful inability to enjoy has dissolved many lives in bitterness.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) PQRS (b) SQRP
(c) RPSQ (d) RPQS
15. S₁: A large number of people get killed each year in automobile accidents.
S₆: He must have a clear vision and must be able to judge distance and speed.
P: Even a trained driver must be physically fit when he takes the wheel.
Q: A driver who has not learnt to drive from a qualified instructor is likely to make errors on the road.
R: Most of the accidents are caused by bad driving.
S: But training is not everything.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) PSRQ (b) RQSP
(c) PSQR (d) QSRP
16. S₁: All organisms display a distinct bilateral symmetry.
S₆: There is a certain degree of specialization for each half.
P: The plane of symmetry, passing through the middle and dividing the body into left and right halves extends right into the brain.
Q: Of course, the two halves are not entirely unconnected.
R: They are joined together by a bundle of nerves.
S: This is particularly conspicuous in the mammalian brain, where even a casual glance reveals the division of the cerebral hemisphere into two-left and right halves.
The proper sequence should be:
(a) SRPQ (b) PSQR
(c) QSPR (d) RQSP
17. S₁: In the present day it is not necessary that generals or great officers should fight with their own hands, because it is their duty to direct the movements of their followers.
S₆: Robert Bruce was so remarkably active and powerful that he came through many personal dangers.
P: But in the ancient times, kings and great lords are obliged to put themselves into the very front.
Q: Therefore, it was of great consequence that they should be strong men and dextrous in the use of their arms.
R: The artillery and the soldiers shoot at the enemy, and men seldom mingle and fight hand to hand.
S: They fought like ordinary men with the lance and the other weapons.
(a) RPSQ (b) SQRP
(c) QRSP (d) PQSR
18. S₁: Kailash Babu is the last flicker of this extinct magnificence.
S₆: Therefore, he left his ancestral place and came to Calcutta.
P: what little ready money was left, was altogether insufficient to keep up the ancestral glory.
Q: Before he grew up, his family had very nearly burned itself out.
R: The property was sold to liquidate the debt.

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- S: When his father died, there was one dazzling outburst of funeral extravagance and then insolvency.
- (a) QSRP (b) PRSQ
(c) SPQR (D) PSRQ
19. S₁: Will man be so very different in forty years' time?
S₆: I doubt whether we shall have overcome the necessity of growing old.
P: I imagine we shall have mastered the viruses.
Q: But I suspect the illness and hurts of old age will still be with us.
R: I do not think so.
S: Healthier, yes.
(a) RSPQ (b) QPSR
(c) QSPR (d) RQPS
20. S₁: The real cause for the rise and fall of the sea level was not known to men for a long time.
S₆: So they concluded that the Moon and the tide are connected in some way.
P: They found out that the Moon is a satellite and it travels a regular path around the Earth.
Q: As time passed and knowledge increased, men began to learn more about the heavens and the stars and the planets.
R: They noticed that the Moon rose each day about an hour later than it rose the day before and the peak of the high tide also comes about an hour later each day.
S: Some imagined that the Earth itself was alive and the rising and falling of the tide was caused by the breathing of the Earth's big body.
(a) SRQP (b) PRQS
(c) SQPR (d) QPRS

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1. (c)
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19. (c)
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