

Error Correction

The Sentence correction Section of CAT includes different types of Questions. These Questions are designed to test your ability to identify written English that is grammatically correct. They also test your ability to understand the essential message conveyed in that sentence. Therefore, understanding the essential and discarding the unimportant or non-essential in the key point to be focused while attending to these type of questions.

When we analyze the previous question paper of CAT, we find that there are different patterns employed to test these question on Sentence Correction"

Choosing the Grammatically Correct Sentences

In this type of question, four sentences are given and we are asked to choose the grammatically correct sentence. There is no underlined part so you have to observe the entire sentence for its accuracy and grammar.

Choosing the best alternative.

This is a different type of question where a part of the sentence is high-lighted or underlined. You have to choose the best alternative from amount the four given sentences.

Identifying the incorrect sentence or Sentences.

In this type of questions four sentences are given, usually connected to one another. You have to identify the incorrect sentences. At times out, of the four given sentences, three may be incorrect and at times One or Two May be incorrect so you have to study the sentence with concentration.

Inappropriate Usage.

Here, the different usages are tested. it may be a particular use of word.It may be particular usage of phrases. You have to choose the option in which the usage in inappropriate or incorrect.

To score well in the above sections, you need to know Standard English grammar. You must be able to recognize the various parts of speech and identify the way they are used incorrectly in

test Question.

Mainly, your attention should be focused on tenses of verbs, word order, word form, and agreement of the verb with the subject, difference between principal verb and Auxiliary verb, that usage of Infinitives and grounds and proper usage of preposition. You must also have a solid understanding of the different idiomatic phrases and the link between one clause and the other. i.e. principal clause and sub-ordinate clause. Strategies to solve questions on choosing grammatically correct sentences

- The first thing to do is to go through all the four sentences quickly. The common mistake, committed by the examinees, is that the moment they find one error immediately they choose that as error. There may be multiple errors in a sentence. Therefore while choosing the correct sentence; you have to be careful, the correct answer must correct all the errors. Intelligent reading will help you to make a judicious selection.
- While reading the options you may find one or two sentences with glaring grammatical mistakes. Obviously, what you should do is to short list your options. Then closely concentrate on the one or two short listed options out of the four given.
- Do not look for spelling errors or errors in the use of capital letters and punctuation marks. In this type of questions, you can take it for granted that errors, pertaining to spelling, use of capital letters and punctuation marks, are never included.
- Look out for the grammatical errors. We have different types of grammatical errors. You have to concentrate chiefly on the following kinds of errors.
 - 1) Errors of subject verb agreement or concord of the verb with the subject.
 - 2) Errors based on the wrong usage of certain words or group of words.
 - 3) Errors in the use of pronoun
 - 4) Errors in the use of Tenses
 - 5) Errors in the use of Certain Nouns, Adjectives, Adverbs.
 - 6) Errors in the use of Infinitives and gerunds.