

RBI Grade B 2024 English - Recollected Questions

English

Direction (Q1-Q8): Read the passage carefully then answer the questions given below.

The trade relationship between the United States and Singapore has evolved significantly over the past few decades. As a major trading partner in Southeast Asia, Singapore serves as a strategic gateway for US goods and services entering the region. In 2020, bilateral trade between the two countries reached an impressive \$62 billion, encompassing various sectors such as technology, pharmaceuticals, and consumer goods. This dynamic trade relationship has been bolstered by agreements such as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), which provides a framework for trade facilitation and dispute resolution.

Singapore's robust economy, characterized by a strong services sector, has attracted US companies seeking to expand their footprint in Asia. The city-state's investment in innovation and technology creates a favorable environment for American firms, particularly in the areas of finance, logistics, and healthcare. In fact, many US tech giants have established their regional headquarters in Singapore to capitalize on its strategic location and advanced infrastructure. Additionally, both nations have engaged in collaborative initiatives aimed at addressing global challenges, such as climate change, cybersecurity, and public health crises. Despite the favorable trade conditions, challenges remain. Trade tensions, particularly concerning tariffs and regulations, can impact the seamless flow of goods. For instance, recent global events have prompted discussions about supply chain resilience, leading both countries to reassess their trade strategies. Furthermore, as both countries navigate the evolving geopolitical landscape, it is essential for them to maintain open lines of communication and cooperation to ensure mutual benefits. The interconnectedness of their economies suggests that disruptions in one can significantly affect the other.

As the US and Singapore continue to deepen their trade ties, they are also exploring new areas of collaboration, including sustainability and green technologies. This forward-looking approach reflects their commitment to not only enhance economic growth but also to tackle pressing global issues. The focus on innovation is expected to yield long-term benefits for both economies, particularly as they adapt to changing market conditions.

Q1. In the context of the passage, which of the following best illustrates the strategic significance of Singapore for US trade in the region?

- A. Singapore's low labor costs attract US manufacturing.
- B. The country's position as a regional logistics hub enhances US market access.
- C. Singapore's stringent regulations provide a framework for US firms.
- D. The city-state's historical ties with the US foster deeper economic integration.
- E. Singapore's reliance on agriculture limits its trade capabilities.

Q2. The passage mentions the CPTPP. What inference can be drawn about its role in US-Singapore relations?

- A. It primarily benefits Singapore's agricultural sector.
- B. It signifies a shift towards unilateral trade policies.
- C. It establishes a multilateral platform for resolving trade disputes.
- D. It has limited relevance due to existing bilateral agreements.
- E. It reflects a decline in US interest in Southeast Asia.

Q3. Which of the following can be inferred about the nature of trade challenges mentioned in the passage?

- A. They are solely due to external economic pressures.
- B. They suggest a need for stricter trade regulations.
- C. They indicate the complexities of international trade dynamics.
- D. They are temporary and likely to resolve without intervention.
- E. They are primarily driven by technological advancements.

Q4. Considering the information provided, what might be a potential consequence of failing to maintain communication between the US and Singapore?

- A. An increase in agricultural exports from Singapore.
- B. A reduction in technology transfers from the US.
- C. Heightened trade tensions leading to economic isolation.
- D. A surge in cultural exchanges between the two nations.
- E. A shift in Singapore's focus towards Europe.

Q5. What does the passage imply about Singapore's economic strategies in relation to US firms?

- A. They prioritize local companies over foreign investments.
- B. They focus on traditional sectors rather than innovation.
- C. They actively foster a conducive environment for foreign collaboration.
- D. They impose heavy restrictions on foreign businesses.
- E. They solely depend on US investments for growth.

Q6. How does the passage characterize the evolution of the US-Singapore trade relationship over the decades?

- A. As a stable and predictable alliance.
- B. As increasingly reliant on political cooperation.
- C. As a dynamic interplay influenced by global trends.
- D. As marked by frequent trade disputes.
- E. As largely benefiting one side.

Q7. Which statement best captures the underlying theme of collaboration between the US and Singapore?

- A. Both countries prioritize military agreements over economic ones.
- B. Their cooperation is mainly limited to trade agreements.
- C. They work together on shared global challenges beyond trade.
- D. Economic interests overshadow environmental concerns.
- E. Collaborative efforts are mostly symbolic.

Q8. What can be concluded about the potential future of US-Singapore trade relations based on the passage?

- A. They are likely to diminish due to rising nationalism.
- B. They will remain stagnant without further agreements.
- C. They will thrive with continued communication and cooperation.
- D. They will become exclusively focused on technology.
- E. They will pivot towards closer ties with China.

Direction (Q9-Q11): In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts which are jumbled. Rearrange the following parts to form a coherent and grammatically correct sentence:

Q9. The groundbreaking research indicates (A)/ are more severe than previously understood, (B)/ necessitating immediate conservation efforts across multiple ecosystems (C)/ that the implications of climate change (D)/

- A. ABDC
- B. CDBA
- C. DBCA
- D. BACD
- E. ADBC

Q10. In response to emerging threats, such as (A)/ cyberattacks on critical infrastructure (B)/ governments must implement comprehensive strategies (C)/ that not only safeguard data but also enhance overall resilience (D)/

- A. ABCD
- B. DCBA
- C. BADC
- D. ADBC
- E. CABD

Q11. The initiative aims to foster innovative (A)/ and community needs, thereby (B)/ ensuring sustainable development in urban areas (C)/ solutions that bridge the gap between technological advancements (D)/

- A. BADC
- B. DACB
- C. ADBC
- D. CDBA
- E. ABCA

Direction (Q12-Q15): In each of the following sentences, A sentence is divided into 5 parts. Identify the part that contains an error. Select the option corresponding to the error in the sentence.

Q12. The committee, which was (A) constituted to address the growing concerns (B) regarding climate change and sustainability, have (C) submitted their recommendations last week, (D) but the government is yet to act on them. (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Q13. If the project had been (A) approved sooner, it would have significantly reduced (B) the risk of failure that the team is (C) currently facing, illustrating (D) the importance of timely decisions. (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Q14. The author's intention was to provoke (A) thoughts and stimulate discussions, which (B) are often overlooked by (C) readers who take for granted (D) the depth of the narrative. (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Q15. While many scholars argue (A) that technology has revolutionized the way we communicate, there remains (B) a notable absence of evidence (C) supporting the claim that (D) it has significantly improved interpersonal relationships. (E)

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D
- E. E

Direction (Q16-Q18): In each of the following questions a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given with four words underlined in each. Which of the following words should replace each other to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence? The meaning can be different from the one in question.

Q16. After you believe(A), you need to commit time to learning—say an hour every day to explore(B) that new software at your workplace and finally, you will repetition(C) in engage(D) and apply the new knowledge to convert it into a skill.

- A. A-D
- B. C-D
- C. A-C, B-D
- D. A-B, C-D
- E. B-D

Q17. Your command over language is not stepping(A) but what matters is critical(B) into your audience's shoes and working hard to entertaining(C) in a relatable, communicate(D) and informative manner.

- A. A-D
- B. C-D
- C. A-C, B-D
- D. A-B, C-D
- E. B-D

Q18. Although the Central Bureau of Investigation argued(A) that cold-blooded interpreted(B) by security forces would not require any sanction for prosecution(C), the court murder(D) the requirement of sanction widely.

- A. A-D
- B. C-D
- C. A-C, B-D
- D. A-B, C-D
- E. B-D

Direction (Q19-Q20): In each of the following sets of sentences, five sentences are provided. Your task is to rearrange the sentences to form a coherent and logically structured paragraph. Choose the correct order from the options provided.

Q 19.

- A. The intricacies of global trade have necessitated a re-evaluation of traditional economic paradigms.
- B. As a result, policymakers are compelled to consider a multifaceted approach to regulation.
- C. This evolving landscape is characterized by rapid technological advancements and shifting consumer preferences.
- D. Consequently, businesses must navigate a labyrinth of new challenges while seeking competitive advantage.
- E. Such a comprehensive perspective is essential for fostering sustainable growth in a volatile market.

- A. A-C-B-D-E
- B. C-A-D-B-E
- C. A-D-C-B-E
- D. D-B-C-A-E
- E. E-C-A-D-B

Q20.

- A. In an era marked by information overload, discernment has emerged as an invaluable skill.
- B. The ability to critically evaluate sources is paramount in navigating the complexities of the digital age.
- C. Thus, educational institutions must prioritize teaching methods that cultivate this essential competency.
- D. Without such skills, individuals may find themselves susceptible to misinformation and manipulation.
- E. Ultimately, fostering a generation of informed citizens hinges on equipping learners with the tools to assess information rigorously.

- A. B-A-C-D-E
- B. A-C-B-E-D
- C. C-A-B-D-E
- D. E-D-A-B-C
- E. D-B-C-A-E

Direction (Q21-Q23): For each question, you will be given an idiom or phrase used in a sentence along with multiple-choice options. Your task is to select the option that best describes the meaning of the given idiom or phrase. Choose the correct answer from the options provided.

Q21. Sentence: After a successful start to the project, the manager encouraged the team to keep the ball rolling to maintain their momentum.

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom "keep the ball rolling":

What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. To maintain momentum in an ongoing activity
- B. To play a sport that involves a ball
- C. To cause a delay in progress
- D. To make a ball move quickly
- E. To change direction suddenly

Q22. Sentence: After recovering from her injury, Jenna was back in the saddle, ready to ride her horse again.

Choose the correct meaning of the phrase "back in the saddle":

- A. Returning to a previous position or situation
- B. Starting a new job after a long break
- C. Having difficulty with an old task
- D. Enjoying a ride on a horse again
- E. Taking a break from work

Q23. Sentence: When he learned about the sudden change in plans, he was completely taken aback by the news.

Choose the correct meaning of the phrase "taken aback":

- A. Surprised or shocked
- B. Returning to a previous place
- C. Being held back
- D. Moving forward confidently
- E. Feeling regretful

Direction (Q24-Q27): In each of the following sentences, two words or phrases are missing. Choose the most appropriate pair from the options provided to fill in the blanks and create a coherent and contextually meaningful sentence.

Q24. The scientist's groundbreaking research was met with _____, as her radical theories _____ established norms within the academic community.

- A. acclaim / reaffirmed
- B. skepticism / challenged
- C. indifference / validated
- D. enthusiasm / circumvented

E. hostility / diminished

Q25.The diplomat's remarks were deliberately _____ to avoid _____ the sensitive nature of ongoing negotiations.

- A. ambiguous/undermining
- B. verbose/clarifying
- C. provocative/inflaming
- D. forthright/disclosing
- E. insightful/trivializing

Q26.The artist's latest exhibit, filled with _____ imagery, was intended to provoke _____ reflections on societal norms.

- A. mundane/superficial
- B. chaotic/introspective
- C. abstract/contrived
- D. grotesque/trivial
- E. vivid/critical

Q27. The professor's lecture on existentialism was _____ yet profoundly _____, leaving students both puzzled and intrigued.

- A. opaque/enlightening
- B. monotonous/enlightening
- C. lucid/convoluted
- D. esoteric/illuminating
- E. straightforward/perplexing

Direction (Q28-Q30): In each of the following questions, two statements are provided along with five connectors. Only one of the connectors can be used to combine the given two statements into one coherent sentence without changing the meaning. Choose the correct connector as your answer.

Q28.

Statements:

1. The report outlined the dire consequences of climate change, detailing how rising temperatures and extreme weather events could devastate ecosystems and economies worldwide.
2. Critics argued that the document was overly pessimistic and did not adequately consider technological innovations that could mitigate these effects.

Connectors:

- A. notwithstanding
- B. similarly
- C. although
- D. therefore
- E. in light of

Q29. Statements:

1. The author's latest novel weaves a complex narrative that explores the intricacies of human relationships and the profound impact of societal expectations on individual choices.
2. many critics have pointed out that the storyline suffers from pacing issues, which detracts from the overall emotional resonance of the characters' journeys.

Connectors:

- A. consequently
- B. although
- C. even so
- D. in addition
- E. therefore

Q30. Statements:

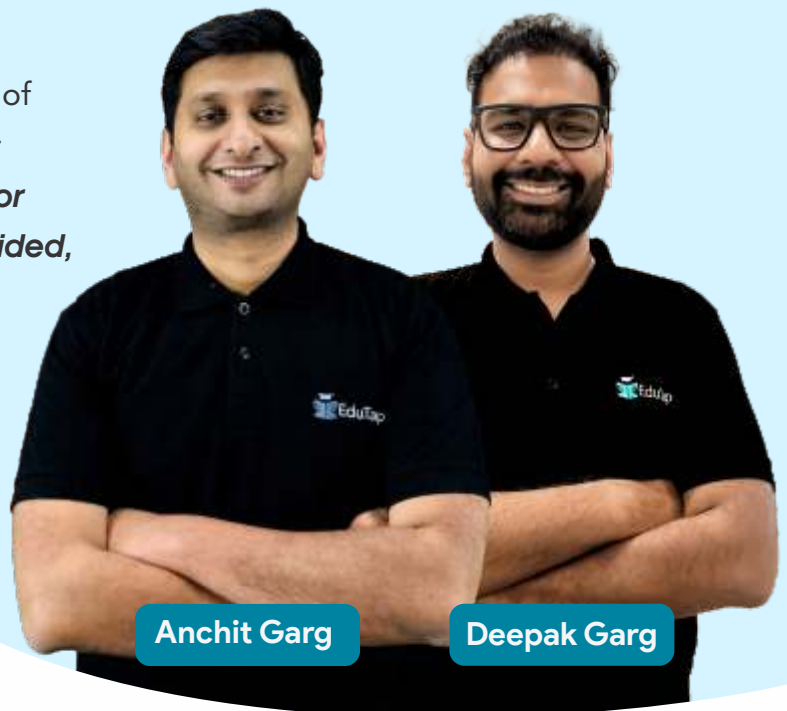
1. The government's new policy initiative aims to promote renewable energy sources, encouraging both private investment and public engagement in sustainable practices.
2. Detractors have raised concerns about the feasibility of the initiative, arguing that it may lead to economic instability in the short term due to job losses in traditional energy sectors.

Connectors:

- A. despite
- B. as a result
- C. therefore
- D. while
- E. in contrast

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