



PFRDA Grade A Reasoning Ability Phase 2

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Preface

Dear Students,

We are pleased to present this recollected question paper with answer keys for the **PFRDA Grade A Reasoning Ability** subject, covering the past four years **from 2022 to 2025(Exam held 2 times)**. This document has been meticulously prepared to serve as a valuable resource for candidates preparing for the PFRDA Grade A Phase 1 Exam.

By practising questions that have been actually asked in the examination, aspirants can gain clarity on the **exam pattern, difficulty level, and types of questions** likely to appear in the upcoming exam.

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PFRDA Grade A 2022
Phase 1
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Questions

Direction (21-24):- Study the following information carefully and answer the below questions

Six candidates, namely Aryan, Zara, Krish, Naina, Arjun, and Riya, have emerged victorious in six distinct constituencies, representing different political parties: BSP, BJP, Congress, SP, AAP, and 'Others,' not necessarily in that order. Each candidate is associated with a specific party symbol, namely Harmony, Broomstick, Bicycle, Elephant, Blossom, and Majestic, though not necessarily in the same order.

It should be noted that the Blossom is not the party symbol of the SP. Riya, a member of the Congress party, secured her victory with either the Bicycle or Harmony symbol. The Elephant symbol is affiliated with the AAP party. Aryan is not affiliated with either the AAP or SP parties. Additionally, the Majestic is not the party symbol of the 'Others' party. Arjun and Naina, winners with the Broomstick and Bicycle symbols, respectively, although not in the same order, belong to the BJP and BSP, again not necessarily in that order.

Q.1) What was the party symbol of Krish?

- A. Majestic
- B. Bicycle
- C. Elephant
- D. Can't be determined
- E. Blossom

Q.2) Aryan belongs to which party?

- A. SP
- B. AAP
- C. Others
- D. Can't be determined
- E. None of these

Q.3) Who has won the election with the party symbol of Elephant?

- A. Zara
- B. Krish
- C. Either Arjun or Naina
- D. Either Zara or Krish
- None of these

Q.4) Majestic is the party symbol of which party?

- A. Others
- B. AAP
- C. SP
- D. Can't be determined
- E. None of these

Directions (5-8): Based on the information given below, answer the following questions:

An Art and Culture exhibition is being organised in Goa. 5 different regions will represent their art in the exhibition during six days of a week, starting Monday and ending on Saturday. One of these days shall be a rest day. The five participating states include – Rajasthan, Haryana, Kerala, Nagaland and Madhya Pradesh. Only one region can put up their exhibition per day. The rest day is between the days when Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh exhibit their art. Kerala will put up their artwork right before Nagaland. There is a gap of 2 days between Madhya Pradesh and Kerala's exhibition. Madhya Pradesh organised the exhibition before Kerala. Haryana does not organise the exhibition on Saturday.

Q.5) Which is the rest day?

- A. Monday
- B. Wednesday
- C. Friday
- D. Saturday
- E. Tuesday

Q.6) When does Madhya Pradesh put up their exhibition?

- A. Monday
- B. Saturday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Tuesday
- E. Thursday

Q.7) The exhibition of which state is organised on Thursday?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Nagaland
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Haryana
- E. None of the above

Q.8) Which of the following combinations is correct?

- A. Thursday – Haryana
- B. Wednesday – Rest Day
- C. Friday – Rest Day
- D. Monday – MP
- E. Friday – Nagaland

Direction (9-12): Based on the information given below, answer the following questions.

Seven matches – A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, are scheduled on different dates – 3th, 10th, 17th, and 24th, of the months – October and November, of the year 2022. No match is scheduled on one of the dates that is not October 17. Three matches are scheduled between A and B. Neither A nor B is scheduled at the last. The date on which no match is scheduled is after D. No match is scheduled between A and D. Three matches are scheduled after F, which is held immediately after E; both matches are scheduled in different months. G is scheduled before C and after F.

Q.9) Which of the following matched was scheduled just after match A?

- G
- B. D
- C. C
- D. E
- E. None of these

Q.10) How many matches were scheduled between G and F?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- E. More than three

Q.11) Which of the following match was scheduled on 17th November?

- A. B
- B. F
- C. C
- D. A
- E. None of these

Q.12) How many match(es) were scheduled before A?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three
- More than three

Direction (13-14) :- Each of the following questions consist of a statement followed by two arguments I and II. Select whether the assumption(s) is/are followed or not.

Q.13) Statement: The doctor advised the patient to refrain from further alcohol consumption if the patient wished to recover from the ailment and enhance longevity.

Assumptions:

- I. The patient might adhere to the doctor's advice and discontinue alcohol consumption.
- II. The doctor might achieve a cure for the patient's ailment if alcohol consumption is ceased.

- A. If only Assumption I is implicit
- B. If only Assumption II is implicit
- C. If either Assumption I or II is implicit
- D. If neither Assumption I nor II is implicit
- E. If both Assumption I and II are implicit

Q.14) Statement: The traffic police department has erected substantial notice boards at major junctions across the city, cautioning drivers against the use of cell phones while driving, with the consequence of license impoundment for non-compliance.

Assumptions:

- I. Some drivers might disregard the warning and persist in using cell phones while driving.

II. The traffic police department might successfully apprehend a majority of offenders and impound their licenses.

- A. If only Assumption I is implicit
- B. If only Assumption II is implicit
- C. If either Assumption I or II is implicit
- D. If neither Assumption I nor II is implicit
- E. If both Assumption I and II are implicit

Direction (15-18): Based on the information given below, answer the following questions.

A certain number of individuals are standing in a linear row facing the north direction.

X stands third to the left of Y. Only three persons stand between X and Z. Y stands exactly in the middle of X and W. M stands fifth to the left of Z and stands at the end. The number of persons standing to the left of X is one more than the number of persons standing to the right of W. The number of persons standing to the left of M is the same as the number of persons standing to the right of K. H stands exactly in the middle of Z and K. More than five persons stand between W and K

Q.15) How many persons are standing in the row?

- A. 21
- B. 22
- C. 24
- D. 25
- E. 20

Q.16) Who among the following person stands fifth to the right of M?

- A. Y
- B. The one who stands fourth to the left of X
- C. The one who stands fourth to the left of W
- D. No one
- E. K

Q.17) What is the position of Y from the left end?

- A. 9th
- B. 13th
- C. 12th
- D. 11th
- E. 10th

Q.18) How many persons sit between W and H?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 5
- E. 0

Q.19) In the given number "1296785834" the position of the first and second digits are interchanged, similarly, the position of the third and fourth digits are interchanged, and so on till the end. Then, which of the following digit will be third to the right of the digit which is a sixth from the right end?

- A. 9
- B. 7
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 1

Q.20) If the consonants of the word "COMPETITION" are changed to the immediate previous letter and vowels are changed to the immediate next letter as in the English alphabetical series then how many letters are repeated?

- A. More than three
- B. Three
- C. None
- D. Two
- E. One



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1	D	2	C	3	D
4	C	5	B	6	D
7	C	8	B	9	D
10	A	11	A	12	B
13	E	14	A	15	C
16	B	17	B	18	E
19	C	20	B		

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Direction (1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Eight persons Komal, Ankit, Pooja, Vijay, Ekta, Deepak, Priya, and Shalu live on different floors of an eight-storey building. Each of them likes different sports. The bottommost floor is numbered as 1 and topmost floor is numbered as 8. Person, who likes Polo, lives three floors above Deepak. Two persons live below Deepak. One person lives between Deepak and the person who likes Hockey. Pooja lives three floors above the one, who likes Hockey. Person, who likes Rugby lives immediately below Pooja. Person, who likes Baseball, lives three floors above Priya, who doesn't like Hockey. Person, who likes Football lives immediately above Priya. Shalu lives two floors below the one, who likes Badminton. Vijay lives immediately above Ekta. Person, who lives on floor 1 doesn't like Table Tennis. Ankit lives immediately above the person, who likes Cricket.

Q1. How many persons live before Priya?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Seven
- D. As many as below Pooja
- E. More than one option

Q2. Four of the following five are based on a certain way to form a group. Who among the following doesn't belong to the group?

- A. Pooja
- B. Shalu
- C. Deepak
- D. Ankit
- E. Ekta

Q3. Which of the following statements is correct?

- A. Ankit likes Baseball
- B. Vijay lives below Deepak
- C. Pooja live on an odd-numbered floor
- D. Komal likes Polo
- E. All are incorrect

Q4. How many floors are between Komal and the floor of a person, who likes Cricket?

- A. Four
- B. Three
- C. Two
- D. Five
- E. No one

Q5. Person, who lives immediately above Shalu, likes _____.

- A. Polo
- B. Hockey
- C. Rugby
- D. Football
- E. None of these

Direction (46-50): Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below:

Eight persons, viz. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are celebrating their birthdays on the 6th and 13th of May, June, July, and August of the same year. Each person has a different brand of laptop, such as Dell, Lenovo, Asus, Acer, Apple, Samsung, MSI, and HP. All the information is not necessarily in the same order. H celebrates on the 6th of the month, having 31 days. The person celebrates immediately after H has Dell. Three people celebrate between G and the one who has a Dell. C has Apple and celebrates in the month having 30 days. Two people celebrate between C and D, who has an Asus. Neither D nor F celebrates in May. The number of persons celebrating before D is one more than after E, who has HP. B, who has Lenovo and celebrates before A. A neither has Samsung nor Dell. The one who has an Acer celebrates in July.

Q6. Four of the following five are based on a certain way to form a group. Who among the following doesn't belong to the group?

- A. The one who has a Lenovo
- B. The one who has an MSI
- C. The one who has an Acer
- D. The one who has an HP
- E. The one who has an Asus

Q7. How many people celebrate between B and the one who Acer?

- A. Three
- B. Two
- C. One
- D. Four
- E. No one

Q8. Which of the following is correct?

- A. E celebrates on the 13th of June
- B. F has Samsung
- C. A celebrates just after D
- D. G has MSI
- E. All are correct

Q9. Which of the following laptops has the one who celebrates on 13th May?

- A. Apple
- B. Dell
- C. Lenovo
- D. MSI
- E. None of these

Q10. Which of the following combinations is true with respect to the final arrangement?

- A. E- HP
- B. G- Samsung
- C. F- Dell
- D. A- MSI
- E. All are correct

Directions (11-15) Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

A numerical machine, when given an input, performs certain functions in each step and obtains the final output. The following is the illustration of the numerical machine.

Input: 15 66 27 36 62 93 90

Step 1: 93 15 66 27 36 62 90

Step 2: 93 66 15 27 36 62 90

Step 3: 93 66 90 15 27 36 62

Step 4: 93 66 90 36 15 27 62

Step 5: 93 66 90 36 27 15 62

Step 6: 93 66 90 36 27 62 15

Step 6 is the last and final step of the given input. Find the logic of the given input and perform the same steps in the following input to answer the questions given below.

Input: 54 16 87 25 48 67 32

Q11. How many steps are required to obtain the final output?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six
- E. None of these

Q12. Which of the following numbers is fourth from the right in the penultimate step?

- A. 48
- B. 76
- C. 33
- D. 76
- E. 56

Q13. What is the sum of the third number from the left end in step 2 and second number from the right end in step 3 of the given input?

- A. 89
- B. 92
- C. 82
- D. 74
- E. 66

Q14. What is the difference of the third number from the left end in step 1 and second number from the right end in step 2 of the given input?

- A. 46
- B. 31
- C. 28
- D. 27
- E. 37

Q15. Which among the following is the fifth element from the right end in the final step?

- A. 56
- B. 33
- C. 17
- D. 26
- E. 48

Direction (16-18): In the question below are given three statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Q56. Statements:

Only a few Blue is Yellow

All Yellow is Pink

No Pink is Grey

Conclusions:

I. All Grey can be Blue

II. All Yellow can be Grey

- A. Only I follow
- B. Only II follow
- C. Either I or II follows
- D. Neither I nor II follows
- E. Both I and II follows

Q17. Statement:

All Pens are Pencils.

Some Pencils are Books.

No Book is Eraser.

Conclusions:

I. All Pen being Eraser is a possibility.

II. No Pencil is Book.

- A. Only I follow
- B. Only II follow
- C. Either I or II follows
- D. Neither I nor II follows
- E. Both I and II follows

Q18. Statements:

Only Apple is Mango.

Only a few Apple is Guava.

All Kiwi are Guava.

Conclusions:

I. Some Apple are Kiwi.

II. All Mango being Kiwi is a possibility.

A. Only I follow

B. Only II follow

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and II follows

Directions (19) Below in the question are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Q59.Statements:

A) The government has announced strict water rationing in the city starting next week.

B) The water levels in the city's main reservoirs have fallen drastically due to poor rainfall this year.

A. (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.

B. (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

C. Both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

D. Both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.

E. Both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

Q20.Statement:

The government should impose a heavy tax on junk food. This will discourage people from buying it, leading to better public health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs in the long run.

Which of the following assumptions, if true, weakens the statement above?

A. People may continue to buy junk food despite higher prices, as they are used to its taste and convenience.

B. The government should instead subsidize healthy food options to encourage better eating habits.

C. Tax collection on junk food may not be sufficient to cover healthcare costs.

D. Junk food companies may find loopholes to avoid paying the heavy tax.

E. None of the above.

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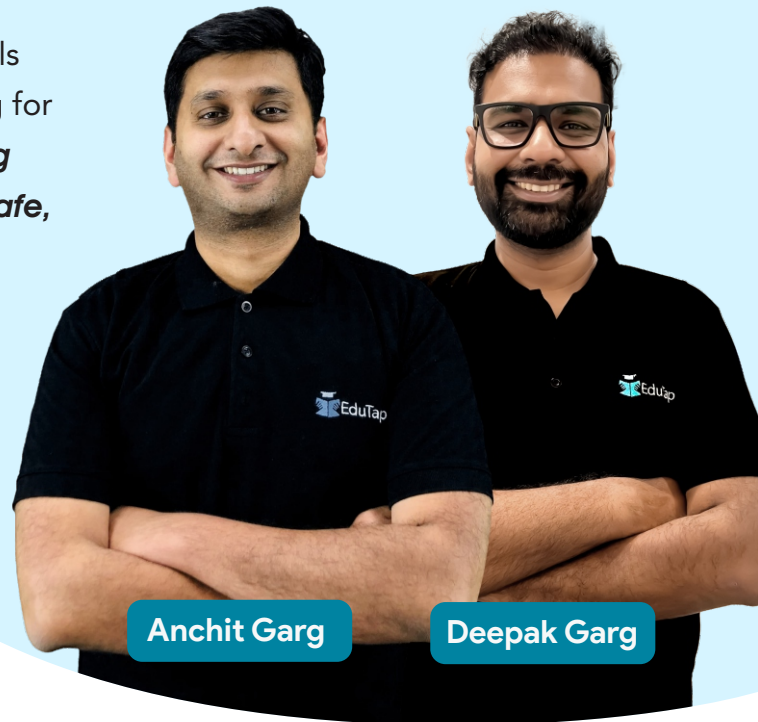
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16	A	17	A	18	D
19	B	20	A		

What Next?

1. **Identify Right Source:** Follow the best study resources (books, online courses, videos, etc.) for each topic on the list. Do not follow multiple sources for the same topic but rather follow good sources multiple times.
2. **Topic Prioritization:** Review the document to identify key topics that require special attention. Prioritize your study schedule based on the significance of each topic in the syllabus. Ensure a balanced approach, allocating more time to critical subjects.
3. **Width of Syllabus:** Merely going through the syllabus is not enough; Regularly revisit the document to reassess what topics actually need to be covered.
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