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Question 1:

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Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.

His fine voice has never heard in this hall again.

1. will never be heard
2. never be heard
3. will never hear
4. No substitution
5. None of the above

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 1 : will never be heard



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Tenses Question 1 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is '**will never be heard**'.

Key Points

- The given sentence is grammatically incorrect.
- Here, '**will never be heard**' should be used instead of '**has never heard**'.
- The given sentence is in **passive voice**. And the notion of the given sentence is **futuristic**.
- Hence, **future tense** will be used.
- The **passive verb** form in the simple future tense is made by putting "**will/shall + be** before the **past participle form of the verb**."
 - Example: *I will be helped by her.*
- Therefore, as per the points mentioned above, we find that the correct answer is **Option 1**.

Correct Sentence: *His fine voice **will never be heard** in this hall again.*

Hinglish

- दिया गया वाक्य व्याकरण की दृष्टि से गलत है।
- यहाँ '**has never heard**' के स्थान पर '**will never be heard**' का प्रयोग करना चाहिए।
- दिया गया वाक्य **Passive Voice** में है और दिए गए वाक्य की धारणा **futuristic** है।
- इसलिए, **future tense** का उपयोग किया जाएगा।
- **Simple future tense** में **passive verb** रूप "**will / shall + be before the past participle form of the verb**" कर बनाया जाता है।
 - Example: *I will be helped by her.*
- इसलिए, ऊपर वर्णित बिंदुओं के अनुसार, हम पाते हैं कि सही उत्तर **विकल्प 1** है।

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**Question 2:**[View this Question Online >](#)

Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.

If I was the queen, I would give a handsome sum towards education.

1. will be the queen
2. were the queen
3. have been the queen
4. would be the queen

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 2 : were the queen

Tenses Question 2 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is **Option 2**.

Key Points

- The sentence involves a hypothetical situation, which is expressed using the second conditional. This form requires "were" instead of "was" after "if" for correct usage in formal English.
- In second conditional sentences, we use "if + subject + were" to describe unreal situations or hypothetical scenarios.
- Thus, the correct form in the sentence is "**were the queen**".

Therefore, the correct answer is **Option 2**.

Correct Sentence: "If I were the queen, I would give a handsome sum towards education."

**Additional Information**

- **Option 1: "If I will be the queen"** – Incorrect, as the future tense ("will") is not used in second conditional sentences.
- **Option 3: "If I have been the queen"** – Incorrect, as this form is in the present perfect tense, which does not fit the context of a hypothetical scenario.
- **Option 4: "If I would be the queen"** – Incorrect, as "would" is used in the result clause of conditional sentences, not in the "if" clause.

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Question 3:

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Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.
 When I saw him, I will ask him to return the book he borrowed.

1. shall see him
2. have seen him
3. had seen him
4. see him

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 4 : see him

Tenses Question 3 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is '**see him**'.

Key Points

- The sentence is in the future tense, and the correct form of the verb to use is "**see him**".

Therefore, the correct answer is **Option 4**.

Therefore, the correct answer is Option 1.

Complete Sentence: *When I see him, I will ask him to return the book he borrowed.*

Additional Information

- **Shall see him:** This is not commonly used in modern English.
- **Have seen him:** This suggests a past action completed before the present.
- **Had seen him:** This suggests a past action completed before another past action.

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Question 4:

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Select the incorrect form of the verb.

1. struck

2. strike

3. stricken

4. strucken

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 4 : strucken

Tenses Question 4 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is **Option 4)**

Key Points

- The word "**struck**" means having hit or been hit. (मारा हुआ)

- **Example:** The clock struck twelve, signaling the start of the new year.
- **"Strucken"** is an incorrect form of the verb "strike" and does not exist in standard English. (गलत रूप)
 - **Example:** The correct form should be "struck" or "stricken" depending on the context.
- Hence, we can infer that the incorrect form of the verb **"strike"** is **"strucken"**.

Additional Information

Here are the other options explained along with their Hindi meanings and example sentences:

- **Struck** (मारा हुआ): The **past tense of "strike"**.
 - **Example:** He struck the ball with great force.
- **Strike** (मारना): To hit or attack someone or something forcefully.
 - **Example:** The workers decided to go on **strike** for better wages.
- **Stricken** (पीड़ित): Affected by an undesirable condition or unpleasant feeling.
 - **Example:** He was **stricken** with grief after hearing the news.

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Question 5:

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Improve the underlined part of the sentence. Choose 'No improvement' as an answer if the sentence is grammatically correct.

The doctor sending his patient to a specialist.

1. send his patient
2. No improvement
3. sent his patient
4. sent his patiently

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 3 : sent his patient

Tenses Question 5 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is **Option 3**.

Key Points

- The primary issue in the sentence is the tense of the verb "sending."
- The sentence should be in the past tense to maintain grammatical correctness.
- The correct phrase should be "The doctor sent his patient to a specialist," ensuring proper tense usage and clarity.
- Thus, the error is located in the verb form.

Therefore, the correct answer is **Option 3**.

Correct Sentence: "The doctor sent his patient to a specialist."

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Question 6

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Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence. In case there is no improvement select 'No improvement'.

Sidharth want to become a football player but needs to practice more rigorously.

1. wanted becoming
2. wants to become
3. is wanting to become
4. No improvement

Option 2 : wants to become

Tenses Question 6 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is - **wants to become**.

Key Points

- The **simple present** tense is used when **an action is happening right now, to state or ask about things in general, or when it happens regularly or unceasingly**.
- The structure is given below:
 - **Subject + V₁ + object.**
- The **verb** will take '**s/es**' if the given **noun/pronoun (3rd person)** is singular.
- Example:
 - He **plays** badminton daily.
- Certain verbs used only in the **simple present tense** are given below:
 - **verbs of perception** (**see, hear, smell, etc.**), **think, know, has/have, possess, like, want, desire, hate, seem, imagine, etc.**
- **Example:**
 - My brother **is owning** a car. (incorrect)
 - My brother **owns** a car. (correct)
- As per the rules given above, the **2nd option i.e. wants to become** is the correct choice.

Correct Sentence: Sidharth **wants to become** a football player but needs to practice more rigorously.

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Question 7

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Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required.'

A tigress has given birth to a cub in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, taking the big cat population to 78.

1. was birthed

2. has give birth

3. is given births

4. no substitution required

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 4 : no substitution required

Tenses Question 7 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is 'no substitution required'.

Key Points

- The given sentence is grammatically correct.
- In the given sentence '**A tigress**' is a **singular subject**.
- Hence, a **singular auxiliary verb 'has'** is used.
- We know that '**has**' is followed by the '**past participle**'. In the given sentence '**given**' is the **past participle** of the verb '**give**'.
- Thus, the correct answer is **Option 4**.

Correct Sentence: A tigress **has given birth** to a cub in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, taking the big cat population to 78.

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Question 8

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Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

The first meeting of the Standing Committee will be hold next week.

1. will be held next week
2. No substitution required
3. will held next week
4. will be holding next week

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 1 : will be held next week

Tenses Question 8 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is '**will be held next week**'.

Key Points

- The given sentence is grammatically incorrect.
- Here, '**will be held next week**' should be used instead of '**will be hold next week**'.
- We know that after '**will + be**' **past participle form** of the **verb(held)** is used as the sentence is in passive voice.
 - Example: He **will be brought** home tomorrow.
- Thus, the correct answer is **Option 1**.

Correct Sentence: *The first meeting of the Standing Committee **will be held next week**.*

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Question 9

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Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.

I have reached the hotel, by the time you call me.

1. will be reaching the hotel
2. No substitution
3. will have reached the hotel
4. had reached the hotel

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 3 : will have reached the hotel

Tenses Question 9 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is **will have reached the hotel**.

Key Points

- **I will have reached the hotel, by the time you call me**- the sentence is in **the future perfect tense**.
- **The future perfect tense** is used to indicate the completion of an action by a certain time in the future.
- When we say that an action will be completed within a certain period of time in the future or between two actions one action will be completed before the other, that means it is future perfect tense.
- Also, between two actions, the one which will be completed before the other action, we use **future perfect tense** in that case, and for the action that will be completed afterward, we use the **simple present tense** of the verb there.
 - Example- I **shall have done** the work before my father **comes**.
- So, here in the sentence, the work that will be completed after is in the **simple present tense**- "**by the time you call me.**" and the action that will be completed before should be in the **future perfect tense**- "**I will have reached the hotel.**"

Correct Sentence: *I will have reached the hotel, by the time you call me.*

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Question 10

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Directions: Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.

The house has been auction before we reached there.

1. had been auctioned

2. No substitution

3. has been auctioned

4. was auctioning

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 1 : had been auctioned

Tenses Question 10 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is '**had been auctioned**'.

Key Points

- In the underlined segment, the use of the **base or root form of the verb "auction"** is **incorrect**.
- The given sentence is in the **past perfect passive tense**, it is used **to talk about actions that were completed before some point in the past**.

- The **past perfect passive tense** format is: **Object + had + been + V3 (past participle)**.
- Therefore, the **past participle form of the verb "auctioned"** should be used in place of the **base or root form of the verb "auction"**.

Hence, the correct answer is **option 1**.

Correct Sentence: *The house **had been auctioned** before we reached there.*

Hinglish

- रेखांकित खंड में 'auction' verb के **base or root form** का प्रयोग गलत है।
- दिया गया वाक्य **past perfect passive tense** में है, इसका उपयोग उन कार्यों के बारे में बात करने के लिए किया जाता है जो अतीत में किसी बिंदु से पहले पूरे हुए थे।
- **Past perfect passive tense** फॉर्मेट है: **Object + had + been + V3 (past participle)**।
- इसलिए, **past participle form of the verb "auctioned"** का प्रयोग **base or root form of the verb "auction"** के स्थान पर किया जाना चाहिए।

अतः सही उत्तर विकल्प 1 है।

सही वाक्य: *The house **had been auctioned** before we reached there.*

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Question 11

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Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Abu said that he saw the picture.

1. he has seen the picture
2. he will have seen the picture
3. he would have seen the picture
4. he had seen the picture

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 4 : he had seen the picture

Tenses Question 11 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is: **he had seen the picture**

Key Points

- The given sentence is divided into two clauses.
- The conjunction (**that**) joins the parts of the sentence.
- Whenever two clauses are joined by a conjunction and one is written in the **simple past tense**, the other one must be written in the **past perfect tense**.
- The **past perfect** refers to a time earlier than before now. It is used to make it clear that one event happened before another in the past.
- The structure follows: **Subject + had + v3+ object**.
- So, "**had seen**" should be used in the given sentence.
- Therefore, the correct answer is **option 4**.

Corrected sentence: *Abu said that he had seen the picture.*

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Question 12

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Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Since 10 o'clock in the morning, he worked on this design.

1. he was working

2. he had worked

3. he has been working

4. No substitution required

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 3 : he has been working

Tenses Question 12 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is- '**he has been working.**'

Key Points

- In the given sentence, the action **started** in the morning and it is **still** going on.
- So the sentence is in the **present perfect continuous tense**.
- We know that the structure of the *present perfect continuous* tense is:
 - *subject + has/have + been + verb + ing + since/for + object.*
 - **Example:** *He has been playing in the garden for 2 hours.*
- Thus **option 3** is the correct answer.

And the correct sentence is: *Since 10 o'clock in the morning, he has been working on this design.*

Confusion Points

- We can use **present perfect continuous** tense for:
 - to talk about a **finished activity** in the **recent past**. Using the present perfect continuous focuses on the activity.
 - **Example:** *I've just been cleaning the car.* (The car is wet and clean.)
 - for a single activity that **began** at a point in the **past** and is **still continuing**:
 - **Example:** *He's been living in the village since 1995.* (He is still living in the village.)
 - to talk about repeated activities that started at a particular time in the **past** and are **still continuing** up until now:
 - **Example:** *I've been going to Spain on holiday every year since 1987.*

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Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

She acted as if she is the one who was hurt.

1. as if she has been
2. as if she will be
3. as if she would
4. as if she were

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 4 : as if she were

Tenses Question 13 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is **option 4**, i.e., 'as if she were.'

Key Points

- The error lies in Part (**as if she is**) of the sentence.
- As per instructions, the remaining portion of the sentence is correct.
- We can note that the sentence is written in the past tense as it begins with '**She acted (V2)**' and ends with '**were (V2) hurt.**'
- Therefore we have to use the V2 form '**were**' in place of the V1 form '**is.**'
- Therefore, in the erroneous part, the **use of 'is'** in the sentence **should be replaced with 'were'** to make it grammatically correct.
- Therefore, the **correct answer is Option 4.**

Correct sentence: She acted as if she were the one who was hurt.

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Question 14

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Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully.

The percentage of employees who called in sick and the number of employees who left their jobs within 2 years (were reflective of the level of job satisfaction).

1. are reflective of the level of job satisfaction
2. is reflective of the level of job satisfaction
3. has reflected the level of job satisfaction
4. were reflective on the level of job satisfaction

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 1 : are reflective of the level of job satisfaction

Tenses Question 14 Detailed Solution

The correct answer is '**are reflective of the level of job satisfaction**'.

Key Points

- The given sentence is grammatically incorrect.
- When **two nouns** are connected by the conjunction "**and**," they generally require a **plural verb** form, as both nouns contribute to the subject of the sentence. In the given sentence, the two subjects "the percentage of employees" and "the number of employees" are connected by "**and**," forming a **compound subject**.
- Hence, they will require a **plural verb 'are'**.
- The verb "**are**" agrees in number with the subject "**percentage**" and "**number**," and the phrase "**reflective of the level of job satisfaction**" correctly completes the sentence.
- It is important to use the correct verb tense and **subject-verb agreement** when constructing sentences to ensure clarity and accuracy.
- Thus, the correct answer is **Option 1**.

Correct Sentence: The percentage of employees who called in sick and the number of employees who left their jobs within 2 years (**are reflective of the level of job satisfaction**)

Confusion Points

- We tend to go for the other options but it would be incorrect because:
 - The **present tense** is used in the sentence because the outcome (the percentage and number of employees) is still relevant and applicable in **the present time**.
 - Even though the events being described (*employees calling in sick and leaving their jobs within two years*) may have happened in the **past**, the effects of those events (*the percentage and number of employees*) are still **present** and relevant. Therefore, it is appropriate to use the **present tense** to describe the ongoing relationship between the **outcomes** and the level of job satisfaction.
 - Using the **past tense** in this sentence would suggest that the outcomes are no longer relevant or applicable, which is not the case.

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Question 15

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Select the most appropriate option to **substitute** the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to **substitute** it, select 'No substitution required'.

I shall certainly write to you when I shall reach Bengaluru.

1. No substitution required

2. I reach

3. I reached

4. I am reaching

Answer (Detailed Solution Below)

Option 2 : I reach

The correct answer is "I reach"



Key Points

- In the given sentence, the usage of "**I shall reach**" is incorrect. Instead of this we need to use "**I reach**".
- In the given sentence, the conjunction of "when" is used. It is a conjunction used for time.
- There are two clauses and in the first clause we have used the future tense; hence, in the subordinate clause we need to use "the present tense".

So the correct sentence is- *I shall certainly write to you **when I reach** Bengaluru.*