

Detecting Errors

Verb Basic

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Verb (Basic)

1. The new taxation rates (1)/ announced by the government (2)/ are bound to effect the export sector. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 1997)
2. I never considered him to be a person who would (1)/ go back on his promise and (2)/ then do not even apologise. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 1997)
3. Females (1)/ are not appointed (2)/ in our college. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 09.09.2001)
4. When students are ill (1)/they find that they have a lot of work (2)/to catch up with when they return. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Statistical Investigators Grade-IV Exam. 31.7.2005)
5. The firemen wore (1)/ inflammable clothing (2)/ for protection. / (3) No error. (4)
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 11.12.2005)
6. The well-known pianist (1)/ had to practice for several hours a day (2)/ even after he rose to fame. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 11.12.2005)
7. I must complement you (1)/ on your good manners (2)/ and your impeccable behaviour. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 11.12.2005)
8. The value of the dollar (1)/ declines as the rate (2)/ of inflation raises (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 10.12.2006)
9. I will send my servant (1)/ but I cannot insure (2)/ that he will reach there in time. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 25.11.2007)
10. The boy laid in the shelter (1)/ for a long time before (2)/ somebody came to rescue him. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) Exam. 10.12.2006)
11. Scenes from the film (1)/ had to be censured (2)/ before it was released. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Section Officer (Audit) November 2008)
12. I would appreciate if readers (1)/ would write to me (2)/ about how they meditate. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 29.03.2009)
13. The doctor advised Mr. Murugan that, (1)/ because of his severe cramps, (2)/ he should lay in the bed for a few days. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Tax Assistant (Income Tax & Central Excise) Exam. 29.03.2009)
14. I don't (1)/ want to (2)/ loose it. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC CISF ASI Exam. 29.08.2010 (Paper-I))
15. Do not (1)/ get panicked (2)/ in emergencies. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC CISF ASI Exam. 29.08.2010 (Paper-I))
16. I use (1)/ to go out (2)/ to work earlier. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC CISF ASI Exam. 29.08.2010 (Paper-I))

17. The relatives of the deceased (1)/ threatened to avenge (2)/ his death. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC Higher Secondary Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 27.11.2010 (Ist Sitting))
18. You should (1)/ be always grateful (2)/ to your mentor. (3)/No error (4)
(SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D' Exam. 09.01.2011))
19. Due to the heavy rains (1)/ the ship drowned (2)/ in the middle of the ocean. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (IInd Sitting (Delhi Zone))
20. You are (1)/ always doing (2)/ this mistake. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (Ist Sitting (East Zone))
21. These poisonous gases (1)/ will effect (2)/ our health. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 11.12.2011 (Ist Sitting (East Zone))
22. According to the radio (1)/it can rain (2)/this evening.(3) No error (4)
(SSC Graduate Level Tier-II Exam. 16.09.2012)
23. The servant (1)/ hanged the lamp (2)/ on the wall. (3)/ No error.(4)
(SSC CPO (SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer Exam. Paper-II 28.08.2011))
24. The President (1)/overtakes (2)/in Bangladesh.(3)/No Error (4)
(SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC Exam. 21.10.2012 (2nd Sitting))
25. After rising the flag to (1)/ inaugurate the sports meet, the Chairman (2)/ gave a long speech. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Multi-Tasking Staff Exam. 10.03.2013)
26. Though the police tried all sorts of methods to illicit (1)/ information from the public (2)/ they remained silent. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC Multi-Tasking Staff Exam. 24.03.2013, Ist Sitting)
27. If we have no definite aim before us (1)/ we would only wonder about in aimless pursuits (2)/ and achieve nothing. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)
28. The streets (1)/ are so wet (2)/it should have rained last night. (3)/ No Error (4)
(SSC Multi-Tasking Staff Exam. 10.03.2013, Ist Sitting : Patna)
29. Increasing racism and hate crimes (1)/ casted a shadow (2)/ over elections. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Graduate Level Tier-I Exam. 19.05.2013)
30. He was present (1)/ in the court (2)/ to give witness. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC CAPFs SI & CISF ASI Exam. 23.06.2013)
31. The reporter (1)/ was unable (2)/ to illicit information from the police. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC Graduate Level Tier-II Exam. 29.09.2013)
32. The river (1)/ has overflown (2)/ its banks. (3)/ No error (4).
(SSC GL Tier-I Exam. 19.10.2014, Ist Sitting)
33. The United Nations (1)/ enquired for (2)/a cease fire. (3)/No error (4)
(SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam. 16.11.2014)
34. Most of my friends (1)/ heard the earthquake (2)/ but I was totally unaware of it. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam. 16.11.2014)
35. I was (1)/ laying down (2)/ when the door bell rang. (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC GL Tier-II Exam. 21.09.2014)

36. The arm was so badly injured (1)/ that he must have (2)/ it amputated (3)/ No error. (4)
(SSC GL Tier-II Exam. 21.09.2014)
37. You need not tell a lie (1)/ when the judge asked you where you were (2)/ When the crime was committed. (3) No error. (4)
(SSC GL Tier-II Exam. 21.09.2014)
38. Jewellery retailers across India decided to suspend sold of gold coins and bars for six months.
(1) to suspend sold
(2) of gold coins and bars for six months.
(3) No Error
(4) Jewellery retailers across India decided
(SSC CGL Tier-II Exam. 12.04.2015)
39. As soon as they (1)/ entered the temple (2)/ they prayed to the gods on bent knees. (3)/ No error (4)
(SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC Exam. 16.11.2014 , Ist Sitting TF No. 333 LO 2)
40. He adviced me (1)/ to join (2)/ the computer course later in the year.(3)/ No error (4)
(SSC CGL Tier-II Exam.12.04.2015 Kolkata Region, TF No. 315 RI 3)
41. It is to certify that he has won (1)/ the essay writing competition organised (2)/ by the Department of Arts and Culture.(3)/ No error (4)
(SSC CGL Tier-II Exam.12.04.2015 Kolkata Region, TF No. 315 RI 3)
42. He was conferred to his bed by illness.
(1) by illness
(2) to his bed
(3) No error
(4) He was conferred
(SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI Exam, 30.08.2015 TF No. 4039770)
43. It is not good to breed over past failure.
(1) to breed over
(2) It is not good
(3) No error
(4) past failure
(SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI Exam, 30.08.2015 TF No. 4039770)
44. The Ph.D. degree was confide on him in the convocation.
(1) The Ph.D. degree
(2) him in the convocation
(3) was confide on
(4) No error
(SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI Exam, 30.08.2015 TF No. 4039770)
45. The kitchen need painting badly and I must get it done.
(1) need painting badly
(2) The kitchen
(3) No error
(4) and I must get it done
(SSC Constable (GD) Exam, 04.10.2015, Ist Sitting)
46. Some members of the committee were opposed to use the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.
(1) the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.
(2) No error
(3) Some members of the committee
(4) were opposed to use
(SSC CGL Tier-II Exam, 25.10.2015, TF No. 2148789)
47. In twenty wrecks five lives were fortunately lost.
(1) In twenty wrecks
(2) five lives were
(3) No error
(4) fortunately lost.
(SSC CGL Tier-II Exam, 25.10.2015, TF No. 2148789)

48. She was annoyed (1)/ when she found that (2)/ the chewing gum was stuck to her hair. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
9th Jan, Evening
49. Ramesh is far arrogant (1)/ to learn the error (2)/ of his ways. (3)/ No error (4) .
SSC CHSL-2016
20th Jan, Morning
50. Could you (1)/ like to read (2)/ his speech? (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
25th Jan, Afternoon
51. I wonder if they (1)/ could treat me nicely (2)/ if I went there again. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
29th Jan, Evening
52. She said a number of lies (1)/ and left without (2)/ completing her work. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CHSL-2016
(31st January, Evening)
53. I used (1)/ a pair of black trousers (2)/ for a week (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(27th August, Morning)
54. He has made a mistake (1)/ of which (2)/ I am certain (3)/ No error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(27th August, Morning)
55. My lawn (1)/ which is overgrown (2)/ needs weeding (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(6th September, Afternoon)
56. His parents usually spent (1)/ their summer in Ooty (2)/ but this year they are spending it in Darjeeling. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(8th September, Afternoon)
57. If you turn the corner, (1)/ you will found a house (2)/ built of stone. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC CGL-2016
(9th September, Afternoon)
58. Much of modern scholarship of "To Kill a Mockingbird" have focused on its treatment of race and gender.
(1) Much of modern scholarship
(2) have focused
(3) on its treatment of race
(4) No error
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2016
59. The young child singed a very sweet song for the audience.
(1) The young child
(2) singed
(3) a very sweet song
(4) for the audience
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2016
60. The fire in the apartment building effected over 20 families.
(1) The fire in
(2) the apartment bulding
(3) effected over 20 families.
(4) No error
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2016
61. Jayesh loved his Guru immensely (1)/ and gave him fullest loyalty, (2)/ yet he have his own independent way of thinking. (3)/ No error (4)
SSC (CPO) MAINS- 2016
62. A lot of efforts may (1)/ fell like they (2)/ are going unnoticed. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (Steno.) 2017, 11 Sept., Morning
63. Oh dear, (1)/ do have some relief (2)/ on my nerves (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (Steno.) 2017, 14 Sept., Evening
64. Tell me (1)/ what all you know about it (2)/ before I take a decision in the matter. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
1 July, 2018 Morning

- 65.** I was born (1)/ on 14th July, 1990 (2)/ in Allahabad. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
2 July, 2018 Morning
- 66.** This master book concludes with pages (1)/ that contain lists of all (2)/ MBA colleges across India. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
3 July, 2018 Morning
- 67.** If you inform me of Kanika's (1)/ arrival time I shall go to (2)/ attend her at the airport. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
3 July, 2018 Evening
- 68.** Because copper prices are going down (1)/ demand for alternative (2)/ products to copper are lessening. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
3 July, 2018 Evening
- 69.** We were living (1)/ in Canada for (2)/ around eight years. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
4 July, 2018 Morning
- 70.** Rohan and I am (1)/ best friends and (2)/ we often meet each other. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
7 July, 2018 Evening
- 71.** On the way(1)/he was bited on his(2)/toe by a poisonous snake.(3)/ No error(4).
SSC PRE - 2018
10th June, 2019 Evening
- 72.** I visited my friend to whom I had made an appointment.
 (1) I visitied my firend
 (2) I had made
 (3) to whom
 (4) an appointment
CHSL-2018
2 July, 2019, Morning
- 73.** Had she not known (1)/ about it she should (2)/ have stayed longer. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
6 July, 2018 Morning
- 74.** I would (1)/ rather to (2)/ die than beg. (3)/ No Error (4)
SSC (CPO) PRE- 2017
6 July, 2018 Morning
- 75.** I had to go to the doctor because I was not bear the pain in my tooth.
 (1) had to go
 (2) in my tooth
 (3) to the doctor
 (4) was not bear
CGL MAINS 2018
12 September, 2019
- 76.** I think boys and girls must be learning to do household chores from an early age.
 (1) think (2) to do
 (3) from (4) be learning
STENOGRAPHER - 2018
6 Feb., 2019 Morning

Answers with Explanation

1. (3) Replace 'effect' with 'affect'.
'Affect' is a verb which means 'to produce a change'.
2. (3) Remove 'do' as 'would' is assumed to be there as helping verb for the part too.
3. (2) Replace 'appointed' with 'employed'.
4. (3) Replace 'return' with 'recover'.
'recover' means 'to get well again after begin ill'.
5. (2) Replace 'inflammable' with 'non-flammable' because 'inflammable' means 'easily set on fire' but 'non-flammable' means 'not likely to burn easily'.
6. (2) Replace 'Practice' with 'Practise'.
Practice is a Noun and Practise is a verb.
7. (1) Replace 'complement' you with 'compliment'.
'Compliment' means to express admiration of (प्रशंसा करना)
'Complement' means 'to make complete' (पुरा करना)
8. (3) Replace 'raises' with 'rises'.
'Rise' means 'to increase in amount'.
'Raise' means 'to move something to a higher level'.
9. (2) Replace 'insure' with 'assure'.
'Insure' means 'provide insurance cover in respect of'.
(सुरक्षित करना/ बीमा करना)
'Assure' means 'make sure of something'. (आश्वासन दिलाना)
10. (1) Replace 'laid' with 'lay'.

Lie		lied		Lied	Meaning is
$\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{V_1}$		$\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{V_2}$		$\underbrace{\hspace{1em}}_{V_3}$	

'to make untrue statement'.
- Lay laid laid →
- Meaning $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{to sacrifice} \\ \text{to keep in a horizontal position} \\ \text{Hens lay eggs} \end{array} \right.$
11. (2) Replace 'censured' with 'censored'.
'Censor' means 'to examine (a book, film etc.) officially and suppress unacceptable parts of it'.
'Censure' means 'to express severe disapproval. (निन्दा करना)
12. (2) Remove 'would'.
13. (3) After modal 'should' V_1 is used.
Replace 'lay' with 'lie'.
14. (3) Replace 'loose' with 'lose'. Lose-खोना, loose- ढीला
15. (2) Change 'get panicked' into 'panic'. We simply use 'do not panic'.
16. (1) Replace 'use to' with 'used to'.
'Used to' is used for past habitual actions.
17. (4) No error.
18. (2) Replace 'greatful' with 'grateful'.
'Grateful' means 'thankful'.
19. (2) Replace 'drowned' with 'sank'.
'Sink' is used for non-living things.
20. (2) Replace 'doing' with 'making'.
'Make a mistake' is correct usage.
21. (2) Replace 'effect' with 'affect'.
'Affect' is a verb which means 'to produce a change'. (असर करना)
22. (2) Replace 'can' with 'may'. For 'weather forecasting' may is used as this science of weather forecasting (meterology) predicts only possibility.

- 23.** (2) Replace 'hanged' with 'hung'.
Hang (V_1) (फाँसी पर लटकाना)- to suspend by the neck
Hanged (V_2), Hanged(V_3)
Hang (V_1) (ढंगना)- to suspend from the peg.
Hung (V_2), Hung (V_3)
- 24.** (2) Replace 'overtakes' with 'takes over'.
'Overtake' means 'catch up with and pass while travelling in same direction'.
'take over' means 'assume control of something'.
- 25.** (1) Replace 'rising' with 'hoisting'.
'Rise' – उगना, उठना
'Hoist' – फहराना
- 26.** (1) Replace 'illicit' with 'elicit'.
'Elicit' means 'draw out (an answer, or information) from someone. (प्रकाश में लाना)
'Illicit' means 'forbidden by law'. (अवैध)
- 27.** (2) Replace 'wonder' with 'wander'.
'Wander' means 'move in aimless way'. The sentence is of strong possibility.
- 28.** (3) Replace 'should have' with 'must have'. Here we are talking about high possibility.
- 29.** (2) Change 'casted' into 'cast' because V_3 form of 'cast' is 'cast'.
- 30.** (3) Replace 'witness' with 'evidence' or 'statement'.
Witness – गवाह (a person who sees a crime)
Evidence – गवाही
- 31.** (3) Replace 'illicit' with 'elicit'.
- 32.** (2) Replace 'overflowed' with 'overflowed'.
The V_3 form of 'overflow' is 'overflowed'.
- 33.** (2) Replace 'enquired' with 'appealed'.
- 34.** (2) Replace 'heard' with 'felt'. The earth quake is always 'felt' not 'heard'.
- 35.** (2) Replace 'laying down' with 'lying down'.
- 36.** (2) Replace 'must have' with 'had to have'. This action is of past forced action.
- 37.** (1) The first part of the sentence should read as 'You need not have told a lie'. It is a suggestion for a past action.
- 38.** (1) Replace 'sold' with 'sale'.
- 39.** (3) Remove 'On bent knees' with 'On bended knees'. 'Bent' is ' V_3 ' form of verb 'Bend'. Here we need an adjective (bended).
- 40.** (1) Replace 'advised' with 'advised'.
Advise (Noun) - an option or suggestion.
Advise (Verb) - to give suggestion.
- 41.** (1) Change 'it' into 'this'. When we issue a 'certificate', we use the word 'certify'. The correct formation is 'This is to certify that'.
- 42.** (4) Replace 'conferred' with 'conferred'.
'Confer' means 'to give someone a degree, award, honour etc.
'Confine' means 'to keep a person in a small place'.
- 43.** (1) Replace 'breed over' with 'brood over'.
'Brood' means 'think deeply about something'.
- 44.** (3) Replace 'confide' with 'conferred'.
'Confer' means 'to give someone a degree, award, honour etc.
- 45.** (1) Kitchen (a singular noun) takes singular verb (needs)
- 46.** (4) Replace 'were opposed to use' with 'were opposed to using'.

47. (4) Replace 'fortunately' with 'unfortunately'. Death is not a fortunate event.
Fortunately - सौभाग्यवश
Unfortunately - दुर्भाग्यवश
48. (4) Be careful when you deal with verb 'stick'. Its simple past and past participle forms are the same 'stuck'.
49. (2) 'Change' learn into 'see'. 'To see the error of one's ways' means 'to accept that one has been wrong about something'.
50. (1) For 'offers' and 'invitations' we use 'would' instead of 'could'.
51. (2) 'Could' is used to say that an action or event is possible. It shows capability. 'Would' is used to talk about a possible or imagined situation. Hence change 'could' into 'would'.
52. (1) You 'tell' a lie not 'say' a lie. Change 'said' into 'told'.
53. (1) Replace 'used' with 'wore'.
54. (4) No error
55. (4) No error
56. (1) Given sentence is in present tense. Hence replace V₂ (spent) with V₁ (spend).
57. (2) According to the meaning of the sentence it should be 'find'.
Find (V₁) - मिलना, पाना
Found (V₁)-to establish (स्थापित करना). To see the difference between 'find' and 'found' - (refer to chapter-1 of English volume-1)
58. (2) Replace 'have' with 'has'. Much takes singular verb.
59. (2) Replace 'singed' with 'sang'. V₂ of 'sing' is 'sang'.
60. (3) Replace 'effected' with 'affected'.
Affect - असर करना
61. (3) Replace 'have' with 'has'. He takes singular verb 'has'.
62. (2) Change 'fell' into 'Fail'.
63. (2) Change 'relief' into 'mercy'. Have mercy - (दया करना)
64. (3) Replace 'take a decision' by 'make a decision'.
65. (4) No error.
66. (2) Replace 'contain' by 'contains'.
67. (3) Replace 'attend' by 'receive'.
68. (3) Use 'is' instead of 'are'.
Demand is singular.
69. (1) Replace 'were' by 'have been'.
70. (1) Use 'are' in place of 'am'. When two subjects are joined by 'and' plural verb follows.
71. (2) Replace 'bited' with 'bitten'.

V ₁	V ₂	V ₃
Bite	Bit	Bitten
72. (2) Change 'made' into 'given'.
73. (2) Replace 'should' by 'would'. There is no suggestion here.
Conditional sentence - Had + S + past participle + principle clause - would/should/could/have + past participle.
Should have - to say that a different action was recommended in past.
Could have - to talk about possibilities if something had been different in past.
Would have - to imagine a result if something had been different in past.
74. (2) Remove 'to' Modals are followed by base form of verb.
75. (4) Replace 'was not bear' with 'could not bear'. For past ability we use 'could'.
76. (4) Replace 'must be learning' (सीख रहे होंगे) with 'must learn' (सीखना चाहिए). Here we are talking about an action strongly suggested.