



# SSC CGL Tier-I

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Year : 2025

Date : 12 Sep 2025

Shift : Shift-1

Topic : Noun Error Detection

Q. No. : 1

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

That the report failed to address the root causes  
of the community unrest. (1)

were surprising (2) given the exhaustive data (3)

compiled over several months. (4)

## OPTIONS

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- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)

✓ Correct Answer: were surprising

✓ Correct Option: (2)



## RULE TESTED

Noun Clause + Singular Verb



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Sentence begins with a noun clause.
- Entire clause acts as singular subject.
- Singular subject requires singular verb.
- Verb agreement creates the error.



## CORRECTION



were surprising



was surprising



## SSC EXAM TIP

When a sentence begins with That + clause, treat the clause as a singular subject and check verb agreement.

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## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error :

What renders the draft legislation particularly contentious <sup>①</sup>

is not its proposed realignment of fiscal powers per se,  
but that it presumes, without empirical substantiation,

a fiscal equivalence among states <sup>②</sup> whose developmental

baselines are incommensurable by any normative <sup>③</sup> metric. <sup>④</sup>

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)

✓ Correct Answer: No Error

✓ Correct Option: No Error



## RULE TESTED

Noun Clause Usage



## CORRECTION



No Correction Required



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Noun clauses are correctly used.
- Subject and verb agreement is maintained.
- Noun phrase structure is correct.
- No noun-related error is present.



## SSC EXAM TIP

Check whether noun clauses function properly as subjects, objects, or complements before marking an error.

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Q. No. : 3

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

Much of what appears to be coordination among the

①

regulatory bodies and private stakeholders

are, in fact, coincidental overlaps caused by

②

differing mandates.

③

④

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## OPTIONS

(A) (1)

(B) (2)

(C) (3)

(D) (4)

✓ Correct Answer: are

✓ Correct Option: (2)



## RULE TESTED

Noun Phrase + Singular Verb



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Main subject begins with "Much of".
- Subject is treated as singular.
- Singular subject requires singular verb.
- Verb agreement creates the error.



## CORRECTION



are



is



## SSC EXAM TIP

Expressions like Much of, Each of, Every, and Either usually take singular verbs.

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Q. No. : 4

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

That the framework lacks provisions for backward (1)

compatibility is less problematic than the assumption that

all peripheral institutions (2)

will, without coercion, adheres (3) (4) to the central directive

as framed. (5)

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)

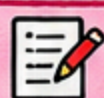
✓ Correct Answer: adheres

✓ Correct Option: (4)



## RULE TESTED

Noun Subject + Modal Verb Structure



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Subject is plural: institutions.
- Modal verb "will" is already present.
- Base form verb must follow a modal.
- Verb form creates the error.



## CORRECTION

✗ will, without coercion, adheres

✓ will, without coercion, adhere



## SSC EXAM TIP

After will, shall, can, could, may, might, must, use only the base form of the verb. 💡

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Topic : Noun Error Detection

Q. No. : 5

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The more senior the position was (1) / ①

the more urgent became the need (2) / ②

for discretion, decorum, and (3) / ③

refraining from premature disclosure. ④

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)

✓ Correct Answer: **refraining**

✓ Correct Option: (4)



## RULE TESTED

Parallel Noun Structure



## CORRECTION



refraining



restraint



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- **discretion** and **decorum** are nouns.
- Items in a series must remain parallel.
- **refraining** is not parallel with the noun forms.
- Parallel structure creates the error.



## SSC EXAM TIP

When words are joined by commas and "and", check whether all items belong to the same grammatical category.

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Q.No. : 6

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The report's emphasis on techno-optimism, while commendable, overlook the structural inequities that persist in data accessibility and digital literacy across demographic and regional divides.

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)

✓ Correct Answer : overlook

✓ Correct Option : (2)



## RULE TESTED

Singular Noun Subject +  
Verb Agreement



## CORRECTION



overlook



overlooks



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Main subject is "emphasis".
- emphasis is singular.
- Singular subject requires singular verb.
- Verb agreement creates the error.



## SSC EXAM TIP

Ignore long phrases between subject and verb; match the verb with the real subject only.

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Shift : Shift-1

Topic : Noun Error Detection

Question No. : 7

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The reforms being recommended by the panel (1)/  
are not only intended to streamline administrative functions (2)/  
but also **addressing** the asymmetries in resource allocation (3)/  
that have long plagued rural districts. (4)

## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)



Correct Answer: (3)



## RULE TESTED

Parallel structure after  
"not only ... but also".



## CORRECTION

- ✗ but also addressing
- ✓ but also address / to address



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- Parallel verb form required.
- "intended to streamline" must match second structure.
- "addressing" breaks parallelism.



## SSC EXAM TIP

Check both parts after  
"not only ... but also"  
for parallel grammar.





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Shift : Shift-1

Topic : Noun Error Detection

Question No. : 8

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

What the committee failed to deliberate on adequately (1) /

were not the policy's objectives themselves, (2) /

but the political ramifications it (3) /

might have had if implemented without broader consensus. (4)

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)



Correct Answer: (2)



## RULE TESTED

Noun clause as subject takes singular verb.



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- "What the committee failed to deliberate on adequately" is singular.
- Singular subject requires singular verb.
- "were" should be singular.



## CORRECTION

- ✗ were not
- ✓ was not



## SSC EXAM TIP

"What + clause" generally functions as a singular subject.

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Shift : Shift-2

Topic : Noun Error Detection

Question No. : 9

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

The regulator's decision to postpone the implementation (1) /  
was attributed partly to industry pressure (2) /  
and partly due to legal ambiguity (3) /  
surrounding the recent amendments. (4)

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)



Correct Answer: (3)



## RULE TESTED

Parallel prepositional structure.



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- "attributed partly to" is already established.
- Second part must remain parallel.
- "due to" breaks structure.



## CORRECTION

- ✗ partly due to
- ✓ partly to



## SSC EXAM TIP

Check paired structures joined by "and".

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Date : 13 Sep 2025

Shift : Shift-2

Topic : Noun Error Detection

Question No. : 10

## QUESTION

Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

That there exists no recourse for citizens (1) /

if environmental violations are condoned at the ministerial level (2) /

underline a systemic erosion of (3) /

constitutional accountability. (4)

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## OPTIONS

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)



Correct Answer: (3)



## RULE TESTED

Noun clause + singular verb.



## QUICK EXPLANATION

- "That there exists no recourse..." is singular.
- Singular subject requires singular verb.
- "underline" should be singular.



## CORRECTION



underline



underlines



## SSC EXAM TIP

"That-clause" subjects are usually singular.

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