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# REARRANGEMENT OF SENTENCES IN A PARAGRAPH

## EXERCISE 8A

### For SSC CHSL Exam

**Direction (Q1-20):** The sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order, arrange them in correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1. A. The fire destroyed many buildings which were rebuilt with red clay tiles.  
B. In the year 1689, a huge fire engulfed the city.  
C. Prague in the Czech Republic is known for its striking red roofs. D. Even now, traditional red roofs are included in any repairs or new construction.  
**SSC CHSL 05/07/2019 (Shift-1)**  
(a) CADB (b) CBAD  
(c) DCBA (d) BADC
2. A. The subjects taught in the Gurukul varied from Sanskrit to Mathematics.  
B. Indian education has its roots in the ancient ages.  
C. However this system changed when the British came to India.  
D. In those days the Gurukul system was followed. **SSC CHSL 03/07/2019 (Shift-3)**
3. A. But once when Mark disturbed the whole class with his pranks I had to reprimand him.  
B. He was in third grade when I taught at Saint Mary's School.  
C. All 34 students were dear to me, but Mark Eklund was one in a million.  
D. He had a happy-to-be-alive attitude that made even his occasional mischievousness delightful.  
**SSC CHSL 03/07/2019 (Shift-2)**  
(a) CBDA (b) BADC  
(c) ADBC (d) CADB
4. A. Once Oliver made a big snowman.  
B. The fat snowman wore an old top hat and a muffler.  
C. Now, it looked very grand indeed and Oliver's friend loved it.  
D. It was as big as him but much fatter.  
**SSC CHSL 03/07/2019 (Shift-2)**  
(a) ADBC (b) CBAD  
(c) ACBD (d) BADC
5. A. on the morning of April 12, Gopal rose at 5:30 am.  
B. Then he drove to the Joggers Park which was 4 km away.  
C. There he met his group of walking enthusiasts.  
D. He put on his track suit and walking shoes. **SSC CHSL 04/07/2019 (Shift-1)**  
(a) CBAD (b) ADBC  
(c) DCAB (d) ACBD
6. A. He meets me in the same frank friendly way as he always without mentioning it.  
B. He has owed it to me for twelve months now.  
C. I can realise whenever I meet him that he has forgotten that he owes me a dollar.  
D. My friend Todd owes me a dollar.  
**SSC CHSL 04/07/2019 (Shift-1)**  
(a) CBAD (b) CBDA  
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7. A. At this speed the rocket soon attained the height of 190 miles above the earth.  
B. At 9 am the great rocket lifted in the air with a mighty roar.  
C. It rose smoothly at first, then quickened to a speed of 17,500 miles an hour.  
D. Gagarin now pulled himself towards the window to look down.  
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8. A. They have no mind of their own.  
 B. It is misleading to imagine that computers can think like humans.  
 C. However, they make it possible for people to accumulate thoughts.  
 D. They can not do so.

**SSC CHSL 04/07/2019 (Shift-2)**

- (a) BDAC (b) BACD  
 (c) ACBD (d) ABCD

9. A. Children are the most adversely affected.  
 B. Their eyesight goes weak from their very childhood.  
 C. Watching television continuously is very harmful for the eyes.  
 D. This debilitating effect on eyes results in severe headaches as well.

**SSC CHSL 04/07/2019 (Shift-2)**

- (a) ABDC (b) CABD  
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10. A. They had come from different parts of the city.  
 B. Men, tall and skinny, short and fat gathered in Dubai.  
 C. They were all named Mohammad!  
 D. But, all of them had one thing in common.

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- (a) BADC (b) BDAC  
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11. A. You've probably noticed, with great disappointment, that the battery doesn't seem to last as long as it did when it was brand new.  
 B. Partial charging is just fine for lithium-ion batteries and can actually have some positive benefits for cell longevity.  
 C. Smartphone users are forever in search of longer battery life, but unfortunately, battery capacity inevitably declines with age.  
 D. However, one thing you can do to prolong the life of your battery and handset is partial charging.

**SSC CHSL 19/10/2020 (Shift-1)**

- (a) CDAB (b) CADB  
 (c) BADC (d) ACDB

12. A. So, what exactly are we eating?  
 B. They found that the vegetables contained very high, toxic levels of banned pesticides, and the pesticide

levels were more than 1000 times the permissible levels.

- C. And is our food giving rise to the many health problems today?  
 D. A survey conducted by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under the Union Agriculture Ministry tested random samples of vegetables in markets all over India.

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**SSC CHSL 19/10/2020 (Shift-2)**

- (a) BACD (b) CABD  
 (c) BCDA (d) CBAD

14. A. People in a small Chinese town were shocked to see a wild elephant wandering in their town.  
 B. The elephant eventually left the town.  
 C. Authorities followed the large mammal's every movement.  
 D. But the locals will probably never forget this special visit.

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 C. A local meteorological centre explained that reflection is caused by sunshine high in the sky and light passing through snow crystals in the air.  
 D. A rare celestial phenomenon appeared in Mongolia.

**SSC CHSL 19/10/2020 (Shift-3)**

- (a) ACBD (b) DBCA  
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16. A. Put equal quantities of water and milk in a sauce pan and keep it on the flame.  
 B. Now put some ginger, tea powder and sugar as per taste and boil it for a couple of minutes.  
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17. A. In December 2019, Typhoon Kammuri came to the Philippines.  
 B. They closed schools and evacuated hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.  
 C. Officials closed the international airport in the capital city of Manila for 12 hours.  
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**SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Shift-1)**

- (a) ADCB (b) CBDA  
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18. A. The cable was thick as pack-thread, and the bars were the size of knitting needles.  
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**SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Shift-2)**

- (a) BDCA (b) ADDB  
 (c) CBAD (d) BCAD

20. A. In reality, however, we exist in compartments, separated by walls of caste, religion, and geography.  
 B. But we find that ignorance levels are growing as well because the rate at which we are accumulating information is not commensurate with the rate at which our awareness is growing.  
 C. Technologically we live in a borderless world.  
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## EXPLANATIONS

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## EXERCISE 8B

### For SSC CGL & CPO Exams

**Direction(Q1-30):** The sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order, arrange them in correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

1. A. Only the fittest creatures can survive while competing for the food.  
 B. Why do some species survive and others become extinct?  
 C. His answer was that there is ceaseless struggle for life among all creatures.  
 D. This was the question that Darwin asked himself? **SSC CGL 07/06/2019 (Shift-3)**  
 (a) ADCB (b) ABDC  
 (c) BDCA (d) BCDA
2. A. Since then Boeing has received over 5000 orders for the aircraft and has delivered 371 to date.  
 B. The Max first started flying commercially in 2017.  
 C. Boeing has huge hopes for its 737 aircraft and viewed it as a key part of its future.  
 D. However, the company's market value has plummeted by nearly \$26 billion since the crash in Ethiopia. **SSC CGL 07/06/2019 (Shift-2)**
- (a) ABCD (b) CBAD  
 (c) DCBA (d) BCDA
3. A. Here, the picture perfect French Quarter and heritage laden Tamil streets blend into one another.  
 B. The conflict of coexistence is evident in many metropolitan cities.  
 C. The old and new, like two different worlds, surviving side by side yet never crossing that chasm.  
 D. There is a place through - Puducherry, where contrasts are celebrated like nowhere else. **SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-2)**  
 (a) BACD (b) BCDA  
 (c) DCBA (d) CDAB
4. A. It has been a leading producer of both industrial and agricultural goods.  
 B. The United States of America holds a dominant position in the world because of its high economic development.  
 C. Because of its enormous output, the United States has a major share in world trade.  
 D. It is also a leader in the development and application of innovative technology. **SSC CGL 07/06/2019 (Shift-2)**



- (a) BCAD (b) ABCD  
(c) BACD (d) DABC
5. A. What can we do to avoid anger and provocation?  
B. Anger and tension are prevalent due to conflicts arising out of these differences.  
C. The society is full of people who think and act differently.  
D. We need to develop in ourselves the capacity for conversion to turn negative experiences into positive thinking.

**SSC CGL 07/06/2019 (Shift-3)**

- (a) ACBD (b) CBAD  
(c) CADB (d) ABDC
6. A. For a split second, as the stranger stepped into the light, his furry head was clearly visible.  
B. At first, all seemed still outside the house, except the sound of the rain.  
C. Recognizing him, Joe stood petrified staring at the man wearing a long coat, wet from rain.  
D. But then, footsteps approached the house and a stranger emerged out of the darkness. **SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-1)**
- (a) CABD (b) BCDA  
(c) DACB (d) BDAC
7. A. The students often go about their business, singing along in the corridors.  
B. But for the students of St. Ambrose High School, it no longer dictates their day.  
C. A bell can sound gloomy or cheerful depending on when it is rung.  
D. It has been scrapped in favour of music which now breaks up the timetable of the school. **SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-1)**
- (a) CADB (b) BDAC  
(c) CBDA (d) ACBD
8. A. European cloth manufacturers therefore had to depend on a plant called woad to make dyes.  
B. However, cloth dyers preferred indigo which produced a rich blue colour.  
C. Being a plant of the temperate zones, woad was easily available in Europe.  
D. Indian indigo was very expensive and only small quantities reached the European markets. **SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-2)**

- (a) CBDA (b) DCAB`  
(c) ACBD (d) DACB
9. A. Soon, flames ignited the wooden beams of the grand palace built by Xerxes.  
B. Men and women holding aloft flaming torches, raced up and down the palace terraces.  
C. When the fire died out, all that remained of the magnificent palace were the stone columns.  
D. Looters fought off the heat of the inferno to drag out gold and silver vessels.

**SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-3)**

- (a) BADC (b) BCAD  
(c) CDBA (d) ACBD
10. A. It was very unusual that boys were not supposed to be out of school at this late hour.  
B. He moved closer to the boy in anger so that he could recognise the miscreant and punish him.  
C. He felt angry as teachers ought to be about school rules being broken.  
D. Mr. Oliver, the school teacher saw a lonely boy sitting on a rock, weeping soundlessly. **SSC CGL 10/06/2019 (Shift-3)**
- (a) DBAC (b) DACB  
(c) ABCD (d) ACBD
11. A. The brain is active too during sleep, sending messages for the heart to beat regularly.  
B. However, the body utilizes the sleeping time effectively.  
C. We spend about one third of our time sleeping.  
D. It produces energy and releases hormones for repair and growth during the night. **SSC CGL 11/06/2019 (Shift-1)**
- (a) CBDA (b) BADC  
(c) ABDC (d) CABD
12. S-1 Rahul was alone at home.  
A. He hesitated for a moment but then picked up the receiver.  
B. Suddenly the phone rang.  
C. He repeated 'Hello' but still no one replied from the other end.  
D. Though he said 'Hello', there was no response from the other side.

S-6 The phone rang again but this time somebody asked if his father was at home.

**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

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13. A. They say that Jupiter punished him so, because he was such a lazy stay-at-home that he would not go to Jupiter's wedding, even when especially invited.  
B. The Tortoise, you know, carries his house on his back.  
C. After many years, Tortoise began to wish he had gone to that wedding.  
D. No matter how hard he tries, he cannot leave home.

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14. S-1 A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day.  
A. One day the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream and the salt bag also fell into the water.  
B. The donkey was happy.  
C. On the way they had to cross a stream.  
D. The salt dissolved in the water and hence the bag became very light to carry.

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15. A. "Impossible," said the people when they heard the condition.  
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C. Just then a villager came carrying a string cot over his head and claimed the prize.  
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- (a) CDAB (b) ABCD  
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16. A. On a holiday they went walking into a forest, enjoying the beauty of nature.  
B. Suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them.

- C. They became frightened and Raju, who knew all about climbing trees, climbed up one quickly.  
D. Vijay and Raju were friends.

**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

- (a) DABC (b) DCAB  
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17. A. First it is received by the sub-editors through the correspondents, the reporters, and via the news agencies.  
B. Next it is passed on to the chief sub-editor who thoroughly checks the matter again and makes changes, if necessary.  
C. The sub-editors then examine the news and reword it, if needed.  
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**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

- (a) DCBA (b) DACB  
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18. S1 The salt seller came to understand the trick and decided to teach the donkey a lesson.  
A. But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry and the donkey suffered.  
B. It learnt a lesson.  
C. Again it played the same trick hoping that the cotton bag would become lighter.  
D. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey.  
It didn't play the trick anymore after that day, and the salt seller was happy.

**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

- (a) CBAD (b) DBCA  
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19. S-1 One night Mulla Nasruddin Hodja had a dream.  
A. At the mention of ten gold coins, Hodja agreed and showed him to his room.  
B. The next morning, the man thanked Hodja and began taking out the gold coins from his purse.  
C. He said he would pay ten gold coins to Hodja if he was allowed the privilege.  
D. A man knocked at his door and asked if he could spend the night in his house.

S-6 But he took out only nine from it and stopped.

**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

- (a) CDBA (b) DCAB  
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20. S-1 The moment Hari stepped down from the train he was greeted at the platform by the people of his small town.

- A. They considered him a real patriot.
- B. Now he was back after a victorious battle.
- C. Though he had retired from the army, he had offered his services once again to help.
- D. They had gathered there with garlands and a band, to welcome him home.

S-6 It was raining but people enjoyed it with a real hero and considered the rain a pious sign.

**SSC CPO TIER II 27/9/2019**

- (a) DACB
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- (d) ACBD

21. S-1 Both the boys were without helmets and were bleeding profusely.

- A. The timely help saved the lives of the boys who were ashamed of their actions after meeting Mohan.
- B. He informed their family members using one of the boys' mobile phone.
- C. With the help of some passers-by, he picked them up and immediately took them to a hospital in his car.
- D. Mohan wasted no time.

S-6 Mohan forgave them and advised them to follow the traffic rules as they are meant for people's safety.

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B. Now he was back after a victorious battle.  
C. Though he had retired from the army, he had offered his services once again to help.  
D. They had gathered there with garlands and a band, to welcome him home.

S-6 It was raining but people enjoyed it with a real hero and considered the rain a pious sign.

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A. But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry and the donkey suffered.  
B. It learnt a lesson.  
C. Again it played the same trick hoping that the cotton bag would become lighter.  
D. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey.

It didn't play the trick anymore after that day, and the salt seller was happy.

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## EXPLANATIONS

1. (a) ADCB; The correct order is: Why do some species survive and others become extinct? This was the question that Darwin asked himself. His answer was that there is ceaseless struggle for life among all creatures. Only the fittest creatures can survive while competing for the food.
2. (b) CBAD; The correct order is: The Max first started flying commercially in 2017. Boeing has huge hopes for its 737 aircraft and viewed it as a key part of its future. Since then Boeing has received over 5000 orders for the aircraft and has delivered 371 to date. However, the company's market value has plummeted by nearly \$26 billion since the crash in Ethiopia.
3. (d) CDAB; The correct order is: There is a place through - Puducherry, where contrasts are celebrated like nowhere else. The conflict of coexistence is evident in many metropolitan cities. Here, the picture perfect French Quarter and heritage-laden Tamil streets blend into one another. The old and new, like two different worlds, surviving side by side yet never crossing that chasm.
4. (c) BACD; The correct order is: The United States of America holds a dominant position in the world because of its high economic development. It has been a leading producer of both industrial and agricultural goods. Because of its enormous output, the United States has a major share in world trade. It is

- also a leader in the development and application of innovative technology.
5. (a) ACBD; The correct order is: The society is full of people who think and act differently. Anger and tension are prevalent due to conflicts arising out of these differences. What can we do to avoid anger and provocation? We need to develop in ourselves the capacity for conversion to turn negative experiences into positive thinking.
  6. (b) BCDA; The correct order is: At first, all seemed still outside the house, except the sound of the rain. But then, footsteps approached the house and a stranger emerged out of the darkness. For a split second, as the stranger stepped into the light, his furry head was clearly visible. Recognizing him, Joe stood petrified, staring at the man wearing a long coat, wet from rain.
  7. (c) CBDA; The correct order is: But for the students of St. Ambrose High School, it no longer dictates their day. The students often go about their business, singing along in the corridors. A bell can sound gloomy or cheerful depending on when it is rung. It has been scrapped in favor of music which now breaks up the timetable of the school.
  8. (a) CBDA; The correct order is: European cloth manufacturers, therefore, had to depend on a plant called woad to make dyes. Being a plant of the temperate zones, woad was easily available in Europe. However, cloth dyers preferred indigo which produced a rich blue color. Indian indigo was very expensive and only small quantities reached the European markets.
  9. (a) BADC; The correct order is: Men and women holding aloft flaming torches raced up and down the palace terraces. Soon, flames ignited the wooden beams of the grand palace built by Xerxes. Looters fought off the heat of the inferno to drag out gold and silver vessels. When the fire died out, all that remained of the magnificent palace were the stone columns.
  10. (b) DACB; The correct order is: Mr. Oliver, the school teacher, saw a lonely boy sitting on a rock, weeping soundlessly. It was very unusual that boys were not supposed to be out of school at this late hour. He moved closer to the boy in anger so that he could recognize the miscreant and punish him. He felt angry as teachers ought to be about school rules being broken.
  11. (c) ABDC; The correct order is: The brain is active too during sleep, sending messages for the heart to beat regularly. It produces energy and releases hormones for repair and growth during the night. However, the body utilizes the sleeping time effectively. We spend about one third of our time sleeping.
  12. (d) CDBA; The correct order is: Though he said 'Hello', there was no response from the other side. He hesitated for a moment but then picked up the receiver. Suddenly the phone rang. The phone rang again, but this time somebody asked if his father was at home.
  13. (b) BDAC; The correct order is: The Tortoise, you know, carries his house on his back. They say that Jupiter punished him so because he was such a lazy stay-at-home that he would not go to Jupiter's wedding, even when especially invited. After many years, Tortoise began to wish he had gone to that wedding. No matter how hard he tries, he cannot leave home.
  14. (a) ACDB; The correct order is: A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day. On the way, they had to cross a stream. One day, the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream, and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water, and hence the bag became very light to carry.
  15. (b) ABCD; The correct order is: The Emperor offered a reward of 1000 gold coins to any man who could come to the palace observing the following condition. The man had to walk in the sun without an umbrella but he had to be in the shade

- at the same time. "Impossible," said the people when they heard the condition. Just then, a villager came carrying a string cot over his head and claimed the prize.
16. (a) DABC; The correct order is: Vijay and Raju were friends. On a holiday, they went walking into a forest, enjoying the beauty of nature. Suddenly, they saw a bear coming towards them. They became frightened, and Raju, who knew all about climbing trees, climbed up one quickly.
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19. (a) ACDB; The correct order is: One night Mulla Nasruddin Hodja had a dream. A man knocked at his door and asked if he could spend the night in his house. He said he would pay ten gold coins to Hodja if he was allowed the privilege. At the mention of ten gold coins, Hodja agreed and showed him to his room. But he took out only nine from it and stopped.
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21. (c) CABD; The correct order is: Both the boys were without helmets and were bleeding profusely. Mohan wasted no time. With the help of some passers-by, he picked them up and immediately took them to a hospital in his car. He informed their family members using one of the boys' mobile phones. The timely help saved the lives of the boys who were ashamed of their actions after meeting Mohan. Mohan forgave them and advised them to follow the traffic rules as they are meant for people's safety.
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