

## LOGICAL SEQUENCE OF WORDS

In this type of questions, certain words are given. Then candidate is required to arrange them in order in which they shall be arranged in a dictionary and then state the word which is placed in the desired place.

For such questions, the candidate requires basic knowledge of the 'Dictionary Usage'. In a dictionary, the words are put in alphabetical order with respect to the second alphabet of the words and so on. A sample of the arrangement of words in a dictionary is given below.

Absurd	account	balcony	cable
Abundance	adage	ballot	cactus
Abuse	.....	beach	cafe
Abut	babble	beak	cajole
Acacia	babe	beam	caldron
Acadian	bachelor	bigot	calligraphy
Accede	back	bilingual	camel
Accelerate	badge	.....	Canon
Access	balance	cab	.....

### How to arrange the Words in Alphabetical Order?

First consider the first letter of each word. Arrange the words in the order in which these letters appears in the English alphabet.

**Example:** Consider the words: Apparent, Torture, Payment, Fossil, Shark.

These words begin with letters A, T, P, F, S respectively. Their order in English alphabet is A, F, P, S, T  
 So, the correct alphabetical order is: Apparent, Fossil, Payment, Shark, Torture.

In some cases, two or more words may begin with the same letter. Such words should be arranged in the order of second letters in the alphabet.

**Example:** Consider the words: Client, Castle, Face, Viper, Dazzle.

Here, as in the above example, the words can be arranged as:

$\left. \begin{matrix} \text{Client} \\ \text{Castre} \end{matrix} \right\}, \text{Dazzle, Face, Viper}$

What remains, now is how to arrange 'Client' and Castle'.

Consider the second letters i.e., l and a

Arranging these words accordingly, 'Castle' Comes before 'Client'

Thus, the correct alphabetical order is:

Castle, Client, Face, Viper.

If both the first and second letters of two or more words are the same, arrange these words, considering their third letters and so on.

### Examples:

1. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes first.

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| (A) Cloud | (B) Middle |
| (C) Grunt | (D) Chain  |

**Sol.** (D) These words can be properly arranged as:

Chain, Cloud, Grunt, Middle

Clearly, the first word is 'Chain' and so, the correct answer is (D)

**2.** Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes last.

(A) Rigour (B) Remove

(C) Retrospect (D) Revive

**Sol.** (A) These words can be properly arranged as:

Remove, Retrospect, Revive, Rigour, Rumour

Clearly, the last word is "Rigour" and so, the correct answer is (A)

**3.** Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes in the one that comes last

(A) Abandon (B) Actuate

(C) Accumulate (D) Acquit

**Sol.** (B) The given words can be arranged in alphabetical order as :

Abandon, Accumulate, Acquit, Actuate

Clearly, 'Actuate' comes last and so, the answer is (b)

**4.** Arrange the words in the alphabetical order and tick the one that comes second

(A) Explosion (B) Emergency

(C) Ecstasy (D) Eager

**Sol.** (C) The given words can be arranged in the alphabetical order as:

Eager, Ecstasy, Emergency, Explosion

Clearly, 'Ecstasy' comes second. So the answer is (c)

**5.** Arrange the following words in the sequence in which they occur in dictionary:

1. Brook 2. Bandit 3. Boisterous

4. Baffle 5. Bright

(A) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1 (B) 2, 4, 3, 1, 5

(C) 2, 4, 3, 1, 5 (D) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5

**Sol.** Clearly, the correct alphabetical order of the given words is:

Baffle, Bandit, Boisterous, Bright, Brook

Thus, the correct sequence is 4, 2, 3, 5, 1. Hence, the answer is (a)

**6.** In a telephone directory, which of the following names will appear in the third place?

(A) Sajewat (B) Segvan

(C) Sajevar (D) Sajewet

**Sol.** (D) The given names in the correct alphabetical order would be:

Sajevar, Sajewat, Sajewet, Salwar and Segvan

Clearly, Sajewet appears in the middle. Hence, the answer is (D)

## Exercise

**Directions: Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and choose the one that comes first.**

1. (A) Wasp (B) Waste  
(C) War (D) Wrinkle
2. (A) Science (B) Scrutiny  
(C) Scripture (D) Scramble
3. (A) Intense (B) Intellect  
(C) Intend (D) Intelligent
4. (A) Nature (B) Native  
(C) Narrate (D) Nascent
5. (A) Didactic (B) Dictum  
(C) Dictionary (D) Diastole
6. (A) Praise (B) Practical  
(C) Prank (D) Prayer
7. (A) Animate (B) Animosity  
(C) Anguish (D) Ankle
8. (A) Probe (B) Proclaim  
(C) Proceed (D) Problem
9. (A) Guarantee (B) Group  
(C) Grotesque (D) Guard
10. (A) Signature (B) Sight  
(C) Shrine (D) shrink
11. (A) Quality (B) Quarter  
(C) Quarrel (D) Quarry
12. (A) Length (B) Lenient  
(C) Legacy (D) Legal
13. (A) Judiciary (B) Jockey  
(C) Javelin (D) Jealous
14. (A) Grind (B) Growth  
(C) Great (D) Grease
15. (A) Blast (B) Bottle  
(C) Bondage (D) Boisterous
16. (A) Tenacious (B) Terminate  
(C) Temperature (D) Temple
17. (A) Slander (B) Skeleton  
(C) Stimulate (D) Similar
18. (A) Filter (B) Homage  
(C) Chastise (D) Charge

19. (A) Exhilarate (B) Ephemeral  
 (C) Entrench (D) Enterprise
20. (A) Partition (B) Passion  
 (C) Parlour (D) Participate

**Directions: In each of the following questions there is a series of letters. One of the term is missing. Find out the missing term.**

31. a k, e o, i s, ..., q a, u e.  
 (A) I v (B) m w  
 (C) n x (D) I w
32. n d, i y, d t, y o, t j, ...  
 (A) m p (B) n q  
 (C) o f (D) o e
33. p r t, ..., b d f, h j l, n p r.  
 (A) u w y (B) v x z  
 (C) x z b (D) u x w
34. B D, F H, J L, N P, ...  
 (A) S V (B) S U  
 (C) R T (D) Q S
35. A C, F H, K M, P R, ...  
 (A) S U (B) T V  
 (C) U W (D) W V
36. G T Z, F S Y, E R X, D Q W, ...  
 (A) C V P (B) C P V  
 (C) V C P (D) V P C
37. A, C, F, J, O, ...?  
 (A) R (B) S  
 (C) T (D) U
38. G K O, R V Z, T X B, ...?  
 (A) M Q U (B) M U V  
 (C) U Z M (D) M Y Q

**Direction: In question 39 to 41, select the alternative which will complete the series.**

39. A B D G, C D F I, E F H K, ?  
 (A) G H J M (B) H I L N  
 (C) H I M N (D) H I K M
40. Z L X J V H T F ? ?  
 (A) R D (B) R E  
 (C) S E (D) Q D
41. Z Y X, W V U, ?, Q P O  
 (A) U T R (B) S T R  
 (C) R T S (D) T S R

42. What will come in place of question mark (?).  
 AZ, BY, CX, ?  
 (A) EF (B) GH  
 (C) DE (D) DW

**Direction: Which one of the letter given below in each question from 43 to 46, will come in blank space ?**

43. B, F, K, Q, ...  
 (A) X (B) R  
 (C) T (D) Y

44. B, A, Z, D, C, Y, F, E, ...  
 (A) W (B) X  
 (C) U (D) G

45. BA, YZ, DC, WX, ...  
 (A) DE (B) EF  
 (C) FE (D) FG

46. What will be the next term in ?  
 DCXW, FEVU, HGTS, ...  
 (A) LKPO (B) ABYZ  
 (C) JIRQ (D) LMRS

**Direction: In each of the question from 47 to 50 which terms will be in the blank space ?**

47. BCYXEFVU...  
 (A) H, I (B) R, r  
 (C) I, J (D) S, T

48. ZXVTR ...  
 (A) O, K (B) N, M  
 (C) K, S (D) P, N

49. A/2, B/4, C/6, D/8, ...  
 (A) E/16, F/32 (B) F/32, I/14  
 (C) F/12, E/16 (D) E/10, F/12

50. AZXBVTCR ...  
 (A) P, D (B) E, O  
 (C) Q, E (D) O, Q

## Answer Key

1. (C) : War, Wasp, Waste, Wrinkle
2. (A) : Science, Scramble, Scripture, Scrutiny
3. (B) : Intellect, Intelligent, Intend, Intense
4. (D) : Narrate, Nascent, Native, Nature
5. (D) : Diastole, Dictionary, Dictum, Didactic
6. (B) : Practical, Praise, Prank, Prayer
7. (C) : Anguish, Animate, Animosity, Ankle
8. (A) : Probe, Problem, Proceed, Proclaim
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10. (D) : Shrine, Shrink, Sight, Signature
11. (A) : Quality, Quarrel, Quarry, Quarter
12. (C) : Legacy, Legal, Length, Lenient
13. (C) : Javelin, Jealous, Jockey, Judiciary
14. (D) : Grease, Great, Grind, Growth
15. (A) : Blast, Boisterous, Bondage, Bottle
16. (C) : Temperature, Temple, Tenacious, Terminate
17. (D) : Similar, Skeleton, Slander, Stimulate
18. (D) : Charge, Chastise, Filter, Homage
19. (D) : Enterprise, Entrench, Ephemeral, Exhilarate
20. (C) : Parlour, Participate, Partition, Passion

<b>Q.No</b>	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
<b>Ans.</b>	B	D	B	C	C	B	D	A	A	A	D	D	A	B	C	C	A	D	D	A