

## Synonymous Sentences Paraphrasing/Restatement MCQ Test With Answers - Mini Comprehension Exercise 7

1. Choose the "restatement" that is closest in meaning to the original sentence. More than one choice may be factually correct, but you should choose the one that is the closest "restatement" of the first sentence.

**The judge is worried because different witnesses have given a different sequence of events.**

- A)** The witnesses had to be called in order by the judge as they described the sequence of events.  
**B)** The judge is disturbed that the sequence of events described by the various witnesses is in all cases identical.  
**C)** The judge is concerned that there is no agreement among the witnesses as to the order in which the events occurred.  
**D)** What the judge found so upsetting was that there were so many discrepancies between the witnesses' account of the incident.  
**E)** The only discrepancy in the witnesses' accounts to disturb the judge isn't related to the order of events.
2. **Basically, the witnesses all gave a uniform account of the incident but, as might be expected, there were some small discrepancies in the details.**
- A)** All the witnesses gave a very detailed account of the incident and apparently a very accurate one.  
**B)** It wouldn't have surprised one if there had been differences in the details supplied by the witnesses, but actually they were in full agreement over the incident.  
**C)** The accounts of the incident given by the various witnesses were surprisingly similar even as regards the details.  
**D)** Not surprisingly, the witnesses gave slightly varied accounts of the incident but there was complete agreement on the main facts.  
**E)** Apart from one or two very crucial details the witnesses gave quite similar descriptions of the incident.

3. **You should get some professional advice if you're thinking about changing the system radically.**

- A)** My professional advice to you is to avoid any major changes in the system.  
**B)** Don't make any radical changes in the scheme; that's my advice to you.  
**C)** It would be very unprofessional behaviour if you were to make any major changes in the system.  
**D)** If you're considering major alterations in procedures, I suggest you consult an expert.  
**E)** Without consulting an expert first, you were ill advised to introduce any major changes to the system.

4. **At first she was rather reluctant to give up her job but now finds it very rewarding to be bringing up her children.**

- A)** She used to be unwilling to give up her job but now her sense of responsibility to her children tells her she must.  
**B)** Initially she wasn't at all keen to stop working, but she now finds that looking after her children affords her much satisfaction.  
**C)** Now that she spends her days at home with her children she feels less fulfilled than she ever did when she was out working.  
**D)** She has enjoyed bringing up her children but nevertheless looks forward to resuming work.  
**E)** When the children have grown up she may regret that she gave up her career for them.

5. **A good book review lets you know whether it's the sort of book you want to read or not.**

- A)** To be good, a book review has to establish who would enjoy reading it.  
**B)** One ought to be able to understand from a book review which books are worth reading.  
**C)** The prime function of any book review should be to establish whether or not a book is worth reading.  
**D)** According to book reviews, all books are worth reading.  
**E)** You can understand from a good book review whether or not it's the kind of book you enjoy.



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6. ***The manager is unwilling to say anything as he has not yet had a chance to consult his legal adviser.***
- A) The manager doesn't want there to be a law case so he is saying nothing.
  - B) The manager's lawyer has advised him to keep absolutely quiet.
  - C) Until he is instructed in the legal aspects of the matter the manager is keeping quiet.
  - D) The manager is referring all questions to his lawyer and answering none himself.
  - E) In consultation with his lawyer the manager has decided to answer no more questions.
7. ***Owing to the poor visibility it took us ten hours, instead of the usual eight, to get to Istanbul.***
- A) The lights of Istanbul were visible for 2 hours before we reached the city.
  - B) Even though we ran into a lot of fog on the way to Istanbul, the journey didn't take much longer than usual.
  - C) We waited two hours for the fog to lift before driving on to Istanbul.
  - D) The fog meant that we reached Istanbul two hours later than would be normal.
  - E) It takes between eight and ten hours to drive to Istanbul, depending on visibility.
8. ***Much to my surprise, I found his lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia extremely interesting.***
- A) I was fascinated by what he had to say in his lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia though I hadn't expected to be.
  - B) Contrary to expectations, his lecture on ancient Mesopotamia was the most fascinating of all.
  - C) It was at his lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia that I realized how fascinating the subject is.
  - D) Surprisingly few people were interested in the lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia.
  - E) I hadn't expected him to lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia, but he spoke remarkably well.
9. ***It is only natural that stealing should be more prevalent as everything now costs so much.***
- A) One cannot expect a rise in instances of theft while the cost of living continues to be so high.
  - B) In view of the high cost of living, it is not surprising that theft should be on the increase.
  - C) If prices go up, so will the number of cases of theft.
  - D) Unless costs are kept down more people will become thieves.
  - E) Naturally there are more cases of shop-lifting in shops selling expensive goods.
10. ***The project turned out to be so costly that we decided not to go on with it.***
- A) We had to abandon the project though we earned much money by it.
  - B) We gave up the project since it was starting to cost so much.
  - C) The decision to cancel the project actually proved costly.
  - D) Though the project was cancelled, we didn't lose any money by it.
  - E) A lot of money had been spent, so we could not afford giving it up.
11. ***Citrus trees thrive on a wide range of soils, but well-drained and slightly acid types are most suitable.***
- A) The ideal soil for citrus trees is one that is well-drained and rather acid; they do not do well in other soils.
  - B) Though citrus trees prefer a well-drained and slightly acid soil, they do well in many other types, too.
  - C) Citrus trees grow in many different places, but the soil must always be well-drained and fairly acid.
  - D) The well-drained and rather acid soil that suits citrus trees is the most common of soil types.
  - E) Citrus trees are particular about the soil on which they grow and do best on well-drained and slightly acid soil types.



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12. ***He advised me not to write until I'd got over my anger and this was good advice.***

- A)** Once I'd managed to control my anger I realised that he'd given me some very good advice on how to write it.
- B)** I couldn't help being annoyed when the letter finally came with so much good advice in it.
- C)** He very wisely suggested that I didn't write while I was still feeling so annoyed.
- D)** He advised me not to show how angry I was in the letter and this was doubtless sensible.
- E)** I should have listened to his advice and not written while I was still so angry.

13. ***His gift for assessing the risks involved in granting any specific loan makes him invaluable to the bank.***

- A)** Before granting a loan, a bank will always try to assess the risks involved and these vary with each individual case.
- B)** The bank expressed its gratitude to him with a gift, since he had rightly pointed out the risks involved in that particular loan.
- C)** The bank relies heavily on him because of his ability to judge accurately the degrees of risks entailed with any given loan.
- D)** The bank agreed to lend him a specific amount but not an indefinite one as that would have involved higher risks.
- E)** The loan he received from the bank shows his ability to get what he wants in spite of the risks involved.

14. ***In view of the evidence, it seemed quite clear that it was John alone who had committed the crime.***

- A)** Any evidence pointing to John's loneliness was viewed with great clarity.
- B)** From the evidence it was fairly obvious that John didn't have any partners-in-crime.
- C)** As far as the evidence is concerned, John seems to be a suspect.
- D)** All the evidence showed that John was not the only person to be charged with the crime.
- E)** If John had committed the crime because he was lonely, the evidence would have clearly shown it.

15. ***His career took off to a brilliant start, but since then his record hardly seems deserving of mild praise, let alone glory.***

- A)** His career record has not lived up to his early promise, so he really does not merit either our approval or disapproval.
- B)** His career began with a stunning success, but then he did nothing to earn either the praise or the approval he now receives.
- C)** In spite of his early promise, his career record shows nothing deserving of the special praise or glory he seems to expect.
- D)** He was amazingly successful at the start of his career but afterwards he has done nothing to merit even a moderate amount of approval and certainly not renown.
- E)** Had his career record been in line with the brilliant start he made, he would most certainly have earned high honours and great renown.



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### Answer Key:

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| 1: C | 9: B  |
| 2: D | 10: B |
| 3: D | 11: B |
| 4: B | 12: C |
| 5: E | 13: C |
| 6: C | 14: D |
| 7: D | 15: D |
| 8: A |       |

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