

# Statement and Course of Action

**Directions:-** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing. Give answer

- a) if only I follows
- b) if only II follows
- c) if either I or II follows
- d) if neither I nor II follows
- e) if both I and II follow

1. **Statement:** Many people in the coastal town have been suffering from respiratory diseases during past few months.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The Govt. should immediately send a team of health professionals to provide medical care to the affected people.
- II. The people suffering from such diseases should be kept in a special ward and put through proper medication.

2. **Statement:** There has been a substantial drop in the number of people opting for new telephone connection from the public sector telephone company in the recent months.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The public sector telephone company should immediately set up a committee to identify the reasons for the drop.
- II. The public sector telephone company should offer new schemes with value added services to woo the new clients.

3. **Statement:** A speeding truck has seriously injured many persons sleeping on the roadside early in the morning.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The local administration should immediately put a complete ban on the people sleeping on the roadside.
- II. The driver of the speeding truck should be nabbed and tried for the crime he committed.

4. **Statement:** The apex court has directed that there is a need to bring in a mechanism in the Govt. functions to make them transparent.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The Govt. should immediately appoint a task force to work out the modalities.
- II. The Govt. should appeal to the apex court to reconsider its directive.

5. **Statement:** There has been an unprecedented increase in the number of students applying for admission to the first Std. in a local school, making it difficult for the school authority to convince the parents of rejected applicants.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The school authority should immediately put in place objective criteria for admitting students to select the required number.
- II. The school authority should open another school in the area to accommodate the remaining students.

6. **Statement:** The local college principal has ordered that all the students must strictly adhere to the dress code stipulated by the college authority in the admission brochure.

**Courses of actions:**

- I. Those students who are found to violate the dress code should be rusticated from the college.
- II. Those students who are found to violate the dress code for the first time should be reprimanded and be warned against further violation.

7. **Statement:** The railways have decided to repair the main track within the city on the following Sunday and have decided to suspend operations for the whole day.

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- I. The railway authority should issue public notification well in advance to ease inconvenience to the passengers.
- II. All the long-distance trains entering the city during the repair hours should be stopped outside the city limit.
8. **Statement:** Many motorists driving on the highway within the city are found to be driving much beyond the permissible speed limit.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The traffic police officials should personally monitor the movement of vehicles on the highway within the city.
- II. The govt. should immediately put in place a mechanism to identify and punish erring drivers.
9. **Statement:** Majority of the city employees in the renowned BPO company have left their jobs to protest against inhuman treatment meted out to them by the company.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The govt. should immediately order the BPO company to close down its operation.
- II. The BPO company should shift its operations to some other place to continue its operations.
10. **Statement:** The management of the organization has issued a circular to all its employees stating that each employee must report for duty at 10:00 am sharp and should remain in his/her workplace till 5:30 pm. everyday.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The management should evolve a mechanism to identify such employees who may not adhere to the time schedule.
- II. All such employees who are found to be failing to maintain time schedule should be summarily suspended.
11. **Statement:** There has been a spurt of robbery and housebreaking incidents in the locality during the past fortnight.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The local police station personnel should start patrolling the locality at regular intervals.
- II. The residents in the locality should be asked by the police authority not to leave their houses during the night.
12. **Statement:** Money has become more important than the game itself in the case of Indian cricket.
- Courses of action:**
- I. Govt. should put a cap on the earnings from different sources of the Indian cricket board.
- II. Govt. should put a cap on the earnings from different sources of Indian cricket players.
13. **Statement:** Ver large number of people from the northern part of the city are suffering from water borne diseases.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The municipal authority should advise people living in the area not to use water supplies through pipeline for drinking purpose.
- II. The local hospitals should be put on high alert to tackle the emerging crisis.
14. **Statement:** The quality of food grains being distributed in some parts of the country through Public Distribution System (PDS) is very poor and not fit for human consumption.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The entire stock of food grains should immediately be withdrawn from the distribution system.
- II. People should be advised to return the food grains purchased from the system and take their money back.
15. **Statement:** A large number of people gathered on the highway blocking the traffic movement to protest the killing of five locals by a speeding vehicle.
- Courses of action:**
- I. The police should fire teargas shells to disperse the crowd.

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- II. The police officials should calm down the sentiments of the crowd assuring action against the culprit and deploy police personnel at the spot.
16. **Statement:** People in the locality were agitated as more than thirty people died in a building collapse.  
**Courses of action:**
- Govt. should immediately announce compensations for the affected families.
  - Authorities should take a stringent action against builders tending to compromise over quality of material used.
17. **Statement:** More number of students passing X<sup>th</sup> class examination has resulted into frustration among children for not getting admissions in colleges of their choice.  
**Courses of action:**
- Govt. should permit colleges to increase their number of seats.
  - Children and their parents should be counseled for being flexible on the choice of college.
18. **Statement:** With the onset of monsoon all the hospitals are getting increased number of patients due to various epidemics.  
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- Civil authorities should educate the public the need for observing minimum required hygiene.
  - Civic authorities should make arrangements to equip the hospitals with required medicines and other facilities.
19. **Statement:** Expensive clothes and accessories are becoming a growing need among college going teenage children of middle-income group.  
**Courses of action:**
- Colleges should introduce a dress code.
  - Children should be counseled emphasizing the importance of many other things.
20. **Statement:** Misuse of subsidies offered to the farmers was observed and brought to the notice of the concerned authorities.'  
**Courses of action:**
- Govt. should issue orders to the concerned officials to be stricter and more careful while verifying the required documents while granting subsidy.
  - Govt. should take stringent action against those making false claim of subsidy.
21. **Statement:** There are hundred of villages in Maharashtra experiencing acute shortage of drinking water. In these parts rains are likely to affect polling for Lok Sabha seats next week. However, the question now assumes urgency whether the rains will bring sufficient relief to these villages or not.  
**Courses of action:**
- Elections in these villages should be postponed because of scarcity of drinking water.
  - The govt. of Maharashtra should periodically collect information about the drinking water condition in these villages and provide relief if necessary.
22. **Statement:** Last year most of the districts of Maharashtra were affected by floods and the Govt. spent Rs. 78 crore on the relief work. This year also heavy rains are expected later in the rainy season.  
**Courses of action:**
- The Govt. of Maharashtra should begin to take precautionary measures immediately.
  - People in the flood affected areas last year should be educated to prevent avoidable losses.
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I. The Govt. should not spend such a huge amount on relief measures.

II. The Govt. need not do anything on the basis of the prediction of heavy rains during the season.

24. **Statement:** "Everyday eleven persons get killed or disabled while crossing the railway lines. Since June 2020, fine for crossing the railway line is Rs. 1000. Yet several persons cross the railway lines" - a report of Western Railway.

**Courses of action:**

I. This report should be given wide publicity periodically in mass media to appeal to the better sense of human being.

II. Useless activity of collecting information about such events should be stopped.

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