

CAT VERBAL ABILITY

Odd Sentence Out Practice Paper

Time Allowed: 40 Minutes | Total Questions: 20

Difficulty Distribution Tracker		
Easy (Q1 – Q5)	Medium (Q6 – Q15)	Hard (Q16 – Q20)
5 Questions	10 Questions	5 Questions

PART 1: THE QUESTION BANK

QUESTION 1 | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. For decades, traditional macroeconomic indicators like GDP growth and industrial output served as the undisputed yardsticks for measuring a nation's prosperity.
2. However, these metrics fundamentally fail to account for the depletion of natural capital or the psychological well-being of the citizenry.
3. A growing coalition of modern economists is thus advocating for alternative frameworks, such as the Genuine Progress Indicator, to capture holistic human advancement.
4. The rapid financialization of global markets since the late 1980s has decoupled asset prices from tangible economic productivity.
5. By internalizing social and environmental externalities, these new paradigms aim to reorient policy goals toward sustainable long-term health rather than short-term market expansion.

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QUESTION 2 | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Cognitive behavioral therapy operates on the foundational premise that psychological distress is primarily driven by maladaptive thought patterns.
2. By identifying and systematically challenging these cognitive distortions, individuals can effectively modify their emotional responses and behavior.
3. Clinical trials have consistently demonstrated its efficacy in treating an array of mood disorders, often yielding results comparable to pharmacotherapy.
4. Neuroimaging studies reveal that severe chronic stress can induce structural changes, such as atrophy, within the human hippocampus.
5. Consequently, this structured therapeutic approach empowers patients with pragmatic tools to reframe their negative self-narratives.

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QUESTION 3 | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The transition from foraging to early agricultural life during the Neolithic Revolution profoundly restructured human social organization.
2. Sedentary farming allowed for the accumulation of material surpluses, which in turn fostered unprecedented demographic expansion.
3. This stable resource base catalyzed labor specialization, paving the way for the rise of complex administrative hierarchies and stratified states.
4. Hunter-gatherer societies possessed a deeply egalitarian ethos that actively suppressed individual attempts to accumulate disproportionate political authority.
5. Ultimately, the new agrarian lifestyle permanently dismantled the nomadic social networks that had defined humanity for millennia.

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QUESTION 4 | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Deep learning architectures require massive, highly curated datasets to optimize their internal parameters and achieve high operational accuracy.
2. Without millions of labeled examples, these complex neural networks are prone to severe overfitting, rendering them useless in real-world scenarios.
3. This absolute dependency on data abundance has given a distinct competitive edge to massive tech conglomerates that control vast data pipelines.
4. Quantum computing threatens to upend current cryptographic standards by executing prime factorization algorithms exponentially faster than classical binary systems.
5. Consequently, smaller enterprise players and academic institutions are often priced out of developing cutting-edge foundational models from scratch.

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QUESTION 5 | DIFFICULTY: EASY

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Marine ecosystems are currently facing an existential threat from the accelerating accumulation of synthetic microplastics in global waterways.
2. These microscopic particles are readily ingested by low-trophic organisms, mistaking them for natural planktonic food sources.
3. The global shipping industry accounts for roughly three percent of anthropogenic carbon emissions, necessitating strict new international maritime regulations.
4. Once inside the food web, the toxic chemical additives bound to these plastics bioaccumulate, intensifying in concentration as they move up to apex predators.
5. Human populations ultimately consume these apex species, thereby closing a perilous feedback loop that introduces industrial toxins into our own biology.

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(D) 5

QUESTION 6 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The Enlightenment philosophy championed empirical observation and rational skepticism as the primary vehicles for unlocking human potential and conquering ignorance.
2. By unseating the absolute authority of traditional religious dogma, it laid the intellectual groundwork for democratic governance and institutional science.
3. Romanticism arose in the late eighteenth century as a turbulent aesthetic counter-reaction against what it perceived as the cold, mechanistic worldview of the Enlightenment.
4. Thinkers of this era boldly asserted that the universe operated like an orderly, intelligible machine whose laws could be deciphered through mathematical deduction.
5. This foundational belief in an inherently knowable world catalyzed systemic transformations across European educational, political, and socio-economic institutions.

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QUESTION 7 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Behavioral economists have consistently demonstrated that human decision-making is heavily compromised by a phenomenon known as loss aversion.
2. Empirically, the psychological pain of losing a specific asset is twice as intense as the pleasure derived from acquiring an identical equivalent.
3. This asymmetrical emotional response causes individual investors to irrationally hold onto depreciating stocks, hoping to merely break even.
4. Classical economic theory relies on the assumption of *Homo economicus*—an agent who maximizes utility through flawless, entirely rational calculations.
5. The bias manifests powerfully in market negotiations, where sellers frequently overvalue their possessions simply because they own them.

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(D) 5

QUESTION 8 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The rapid thawing of the Arctic permafrost represents a critical tipping point capable of severely destabilizing the planetary climate system.
2. Trapped within this frozen subterranean expanse are vast reservoirs of ancient organic matter, containing billions of tons of carbon and methane.
3. As the soil warms and microbes decompose this organic material, these potent greenhouse gases are released directly into the atmosphere.
4. Arctic indigenous communities are facing severe infrastructural damage as the ground beneath their historic settlements structurally collapses.
5. This atmospheric release triggers a dangerous positive feedback loop, amplifying global warming and accelerating further permafrost degradation.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 9 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Historically, corporate branding was primarily an exercise in unidirectional communication, achieved via high-budget television and print advertisements.
2. The absolute control over narrative allowed corporations to construct manicured public personas with minimal consumer pushback or cross-examination.
3. The rise of social media platforms decisively shattered this top-down paradigm by giving everyday consumers a global public microphone.
4. Modern digital advertising algorithms leverage micro-targeting to deliver hyper-personalized product recommendations based on real-time search histories.
5. Brands are now forced to operate in a hyper-transparent landscape where a single misstep can trigger viral, decentralized public relations crises.

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(D) 5

QUESTION 10 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The evolutionary origins of human language remain deeply contested, split between advocates of gradual adaptation and proponents of sudden mutation.
2. Gradualists argue that language emerged incrementally from primitive gestural or vocal signaling systems over millions of years of hominid evolution.
3. Natural selection would have steadily favored individuals capable of conveying complex social information during cooperative hunts and foraging.
4. Conversely, structural linguists suggest that a singular, sudden genetic mutation uniquely enabled the human capacity for recursive syntax.
5. Chimpanzees trained in American Sign Language can master extensive vocabularies but consistently fail to grasp abstract grammatical rules.

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QUESTION 11 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Epistemological externalism asserts that the justification of a belief depends entirely on factors external to the cognitive agent's conscious awareness.
2. According to this philosophical stance, a belief is considered justified if it is produced by a highly reliable cognitive mechanism, regardless of whether the agent understands how that mechanism operates.
3. Internalists, by contrast, argue that a person must have direct, reflective mental access to the reasons supporting their beliefs for those beliefs to count as knowledge.
4. For instance, visual perception can yield justified beliefs about the physical environment even if the perceiver is wholly ignorant of optical physics or neurobiology.
5. Thus, externalism detaches intellectual justification from the demanding requirement of internal, self-conscious validation.

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(B) 3

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(D) 5

QUESTION 12 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The corporate adoption of open-plan office layouts was originally heralded as a design revolution that would organically dissolve corporate silos and spark spontaneous innovation.
2. By physically removing architectural barriers like walls and cubicles, executives genuinely hoped to foster a culture of transparent, collaborative communication.
3. However, empirical workplace studies have revealed that open layouts actually induce a counter-intuitive retreat into psychological isolation.
4. Remote work arrangements have drastically reduced commercial real estate valuations in major urban downtown districts globally.
5. Overwhelmed by visual and auditory distractions, employees frequently don noise-canceling headphones and actively avoid face-to-face interactions.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 13 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Urban architectural gentrification often presents a superficial facade of economic rejuvenation, masking profound social disruptions beneath historic brick and glass.
2. As capital flows into historically working-class neighborhoods, property values and municipal taxes escalate beyond the means of long-term inhabitants.
3. This economic pressure forces the involuntary displacement of localized families, effectively fracturing multi-generational community support networks.
4. The introduction of high-end commercial establishments caters exclusively to the affluent newcomers who replace the displaced populace.
5. Affordable public transit initiatives are highly effective at reducing carbon footprints and increasing labor mobility within dense metropolitan centers.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 14 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The placebo effect highlights the profound, enigmatic connection between psychological expectation and physiological healing.
2. When patients falsely believe they are receiving a potent therapeutic compound, their brains can trigger the actual down-regulation of pain pathways.
3. This cognitive anticipation frequently results in the localized release of endogenous endorphins, replicating the biochemical efficacy of authentic pharmaceuticals.
4. Pharmaceutical corporations routinely invest billions of dollars in double-blind clinical trials to prove that their new chemical formulations outperform inert substitutes.
5. The phenomenon proves that subjective somatic experiences are heavily mediated by contextual clues, physician framing, and cultural beliefs.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 15 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Throughout the nineteenth century, the global consolidation of the British Empire was heavily reliant on the strategic deployment of undersea telegraph cables.
2. These deep-sea communication lines allowed the colonial administration in London to transmit military commands and economic policies across vast oceans in minutes rather than weeks.
3. The invention of the steam locomotive similarly revolutionized overland logistics, enabling rapid continental trade and military troop movements.
4. This near-instantaneous connectivity fundamentally compressed geopolitical space, ensuring centralized bureaucratic control over far-flung territories.
5. Consequently, the network served as an invisible but highly potent infrastructure of imperial dominance, maintaining hegemony through information velocity.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 16 | DIFFICULTY: HARD

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The concept of "falsifiability" advanced by philosopher Karl Popper was designed to create a sharp demarcation criteria separating genuine science from pseudo-science.
2. Popper rigorously argued that a theoretical framework can only be validated as scientific if it articulates specific, empirically testable conditions under which it could be proven false.
3. Theories that possess an answer for every conceivable outcome, such as classical psychoanalysis, insulate themselves from genuine empirical vulnerability.
4. Thomas Kuhn later challenged this rigid view by showing that scientists historically cling to dominant paradigms even in the face of flagrant empirical anomalies.
5. Because these dogmatic frameworks explain everything, they ultimately explain nothing, lacking the risky predictive commitments that define true scientific inquiry.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 17 | DIFFICULTY: HARD

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The widespread adoption of automated algorithmic underwriting has quietly revolutionized consumer credit access, yet it introduces profound systemic vulnerabilities.
2. By scraping thousands of non-traditional data points, these black-box machine learning models can predict default risks with unprecedented granularity.
3. However, because these systems train on historical financial datasets, they inadvertently codify and perpetuate legacy socio-economic biases against marginalized demographics.
4. Traditional human loan officers were notorious for exhibiting overt, unmonitored interpersonal discrimination based on a borrower's race or zip code.
5. This technological replication of prejudice operates behind a deceptive veneer of mathematical objectivity, making systemic exclusion incredibly difficult to audit or legally contest.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 18 | DIFFICULTY: HARD

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. The "paradox of thrift" illustrates a classic Keynesian macroeconomic scenario where individually rational choices culminate in collective economic devastation.
2. During an acute recession, widespread consumer anxiety prompts households to rationally increase their personal savings rates to ensure future financial security.
3. However, if every citizen simultaneously curtails consumption, aggregate demand across the economy plummets catastrophically.
4. Central banks typically respond to such demand deficits by aggressively slashing short-term interest rates to incentivize borrowing and corporate investment.
5. This systemic collapse in consumer spending drives corporate revenues down, forcing widespread layoffs and ultimately reducing the very aggregate savings the public sought to build.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 19 | DIFFICULTY: HARD

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. In psychological research, the replication crisis has forced a painful re-evaluation of long-accepted canonical studies on human behavior.
2. The systemic failure to replicate famous experiments is heavily driven by structural incentives in academia that prioritize novel, statistically significant findings over robust verification.
3. Researchers frequently engaged in "p-hacking"—manipulating data variables post-hoc until an otherwise unremarkable result crossed the threshold of statistical significance.
4. The publication bias of elite academic journals further exacerbated this by systematically rejecting boring, null-result papers that failed to tell an exciting story.
5. The introduction of open-science frameworks now allows researchers to pre-register their methodologies, preventing the retroactive alteration of experimental hypotheses.

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(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

QUESTION 20 | DIFFICULTY: HARD

Choose the sentence that does not logically fit into the paragraph:

1. Within evolutionary biology, the "Red Queen hypothesis" posits that organisms must constantly adapt, evolve, and proliferate simply to maintain their relative evolutionary fitness.
2. In co-evolutionary arms races, such as those between host organisms and parasitic pathogens, any cessation of defensive adaptation spells swift biological extinction.
3. Because the biological environment is continuously shifting, a species that stands still in its evolutionary trajectory is effectively moving backward.
4. Sexual reproduction provides a distinct evolutionary advantage by shuffling the genetic deck, allowing populations to rapidly generate novel defenses against parasites.
5. This continuous, energy-intensive adaptive struggle explains why static, absolute dominance by a single species is remarkably rare in dynamic ecosystems.

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

Q1. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 shifts the narrative to asset pricing and global market speculation. The rest of the paragraph builds a tight flow focusing on critiques of standard prosperity metrics (GDP) and the rise of sustainable accounting models.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Pronoun/Noun Antecedent Tracking*. The phrase "these new paradigms" in sentence 5 maps cleanly back to "alternative frameworks" in sentence 3. Inverting sentence 4 severs this direct grammatical reference.

Q2. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 outlines structural brain anatomy damage caused by stress. The remaining sentences trace the specific cognitive, behavioral, and therapeutic operational process of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-5-3
- **CAT Technique:** *Scope Mismatch*. While neurobiology is tangentially related to psychology, the passage focuses exclusively on structural therapeutic mechanics, making the anatomical fact out of scope.

Q3. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 presents a static, descriptive fact explaining pre-Neolithic political structures. The rest of the paragraph charts a dynamic chronological timeline of the agricultural revolution's transformative societal shifts.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Narrative Flow Mapping*. The text creates an irreversible cause-and-effect historic chain (Farming → Surplus → Specialization → State Creation). Sentence 4 breaks this ongoing forward progression.

Q4. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 shifts to hardware constraints and binary system security protocols (Quantum computing/cryptography). The primary theme unifies exclusively around software optimization and AI data scale monopolization.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Keyword Trap*. Avoid being deceived by general shared domains like "advanced technology." Track the central premise: AI software data infrastructure vs. quantum cryptography.

Q5. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 3

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 3 targets commercial logistics and maritime industrial policy changes. The surrounding sentences outline a biological food-web process charting microplastic toxins migrating up the food chain to humans.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-4-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Process Flow Disruption*. Biological migration chains (Ingestion → Bioaccumulation → Human Consumption) are broken by sentences introducing unrelated industrial logistics parameters.

Q6. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 3

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 3 introduces Romanticism as an aesthetic counter-movement. The rest of the paragraph outlines the core philosophical components, mathematical models, and systemic impacts belonging purely to the Enlightenment framework itself.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-4-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Subject Tracking*. Keep the focus centered on the operational characteristics of a single intellectual movement. A competing historical counter-reaction stands isolated without a transitional bridge.

Q7. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 provides the baseline core assumption of classical economic models (rational utility maximization). The target sentences focus exclusively on detailing a specific psychological irrational bias (loss aversion).
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Theme Continuity*. The structural spine of the paragraph explores irrational market behaviors. An absolute statement defining total market rationality must include explicit contrasting modifiers to stay inside the sequence.

Q8. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 introduces localized anthropogenic effects (indigenous infrastructure damage). The other four statements describe the physical, chemical, and atmospheric global feedback loops driving permafrost greenhouse gas release.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Ecological vs. Anthropocentric Scope*. Separate physical environmental mechanics (microbial decomposition, feedback loops) from human-centric impacts (infrastructure collapse, migration costs).

Q9. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 details operational digital targeting mechanics used for ad conversions. The paragraph focuses on a macro comparison between unidirectional public relations authority and modern consumer-driven narrative transparency.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Structural Transition*. The paragraph relies on a chronological pivot: "Historically" (1 & 2) transitioning to "The rise of social media..." (3 & 5). Algorithmic data tracking disrupts this PR power-dynamic theme.

Q10. Correct Answer: (D) — Sentence 5

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 5 focuses on an isolated experimental observation regarding chimpanzee grammar limitations. The passage outlines a high-level theoretical debate within linguistics (Gradualists vs. Mutationists).
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-4
- **CAT Technique:** *Binary Symmetry*. The structure builds a balanced presentation of two competing models (sentences 2 & 3 cover Camp A; sentence 4 shifts to Camp B). Sentence 5 introduces an unlinked empirical study that breaks this balance.

Q11. Correct Answer: (B) — Sentence 3

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 3 defines internalism. Because the concluding statement ("Thus, externalism detaches...") summarizes externalism, sentence 3 acts as an unintegrated logical obstacle.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-4-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Identifying Primary Intent*. If a paragraph functions as an exposition for concept X, and uses a conclusion marker like "Thus" to summarize X, sentences defining counter-concept Y without systematic utility are out.

Q12. Correct Answer: (D) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 targets macroeconomic urban valuations and remote work realities. The core paragraph tracks office interior spatial design layouts and their behavioral, cognitive impact on employees.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Noun Phrase Tracking.* Keep the focus centered on physical interior architectural elements ("open-plan layouts", "walls and cubicles", "auditory distractions") vs. macro-level commercial property trends.

Q13. Correct Answer: (D) — Sentence 5

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 5 praises affordable public transit solutions and emission savings. The structural theme across the other four sentences is a critique of architectural gentrification and displacement mechanics.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-4
- **CAT Technique:** *Tone and Attitude Shift.* The paragraph maintains a critical sociological approach toward real estate capitalism. Sentence 5 introduces a separate urban policy success story, violating the passage's analytical tone.

Q14. Correct Answer: (D) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 outlines corporate business expenses and clinical testing methodologies. The rest of the paragraph provides a neurological explanation of how placebos function within human pain pathways.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Thematic Core Separation.* Separate the biological parameters explaining *how a cognitive phenomenon operates* from corporate budgeting constraints designed *to control for that phenomenon*.

Q15. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 3

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 3 changes the technological domain to steam locomotives and overland logistics. The other four sentences construct a tight narrative tracking imperial information networks via deep-sea telegraphs.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-4-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Singular vs. Multiple Technology Reference.* The closing sentences rely on singular pronoun/noun structures ("This near-instantaneous connectivity" and "the network"). Adding heavy physical transport engines breaks these grammatical anchors.

Q16. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 introduces Thomas Kuhn's historical paradigm theory. While topically related, sentence 5 uses a causal modifier ("Because these dogmatic frameworks explain everything...") that directly loops back to the psychoanalysis example in sentence 3. Inserting 4 splits this explanation from its premise.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Interrupted Modifier Resolution*. Sentence 5 directly addresses the structural core of sentence 3 ("Theories that possess an answer..."). Inserting an entirely separate philosopher's critique creates an illogical sequence.

Q17. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 focuses on overt personal discrimination by old-school human bank managers. The text is built around modern systemic technological bias hidden inside black-box machine learning algorithms.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Abstract Noun Phrase Tracking*. Sentence 5 begins with "This technological replication of prejudice...". The immediate and necessary structural antecedent is the machine bias detailed in sentence 3, not the human bias of sentence 4.

Q18. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 covers monetary adjustments executed by central banks. The paragraph outlines the internal macroeconomic mechanics of a closed, self-defeating Keynesian cycle (Saving → Low Consumption → Job Cuts).
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Cause-and-Effect Chain Tracking*. map out the loop: Saving Behavior (2) → Demand Deficit (3) → Revenue Crash/Layoffs (5). Sentence 4 introduces an outside institutional intervention attempting to interrupt this loop.

Q19. Correct Answer: (D) — Sentence 5

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 5 focuses on modern procedural remedies (open-science frameworks). The paragraph is strictly constructed as an indictment identifying the negative systemic causes of the replication crisis.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-4
- **CAT Technique:** *Problem vs. Solution Separation*. In dense analytical writing, separate structural diagnostics detailing a systemic failure from prospective modern solutions, unless explicit transitional bridges link them.

Q20. Correct Answer: (C) — Sentence 4

- **Why it is the odd one out:** Sentence 4 introduces the biological purpose of sexual reproduction. While the Red Queen model explains this phenomenon, the paragraph functions exclusively to define the overarching co-evolutionary struggle itself.
- **Coherent Sequence:** 1-2-3-5
- **CAT Technique:** *Concept vs. Specific Sub-Application.* Sentences 1, 2, 3, and 5 construct a definition of the Red Queen hypothesis. Sentence 4 uses that theory to explain a secondary mechanism, shifting the primary topic.