Implicit Assumptions – I

Introduction to the topic:

Questions on assumption require an aspirant to identify an unstated premise, which is likely to hold the key to his further comprehension of the situations presented. The various statements made in the passage are usually based on certain assumptions on the writer's part. These assumptions have to be stated out loud for such question types.

The best way to approach such questions is to carefully read the argument in consideration and identify the premise and the conclusion. The candidate can reach to the right answer by checking the options in relation to the author’s conclusion, i.e., the conclusion will fall apart if the assumption is held untrue. This process ensures that it is easy for the candidate to put a finger on the underlying assumption.
The questions discussed in the session are given below along with their source.

Directions for questions 1 to 5: In each of the questions below, one statement and two assumptions I and II are given. Examine the statements and choose the correct assumption which is implicit in the statement, using the following Code.

Code:
(a) If only assumption I is implicit
(b) If only assumption II is implicit.
(c) If either I or II is implicit.
(d) If neither I nor II is implicit.

Q1. Statement:
The patient’s condition would improve after operation.

Assumptions:
I. The patient can be operated upon in this condition.
II. The patient cannot be operated upon in this condition.

Q2. Statement:
Detergents should be used to clean clothes.

Assumptions:
I. Detergent forms more lather.
II. Detergent helps to dislodge grease and dirt.

Q3. Statement:
“As there is a great demand, every person seeking ticket of the programme will be given only five tickets”.

Assumptions:
I. The organizers are not keen on selling the tickets.
II. No one is interested in getting more than five tickets.

Q4. Statement:
Double your money in five months-An advertisement.

Assumptions:
I. The assurance is not genuine.
II. People want their money to grow.
Q5. **Statement:**
Films have become indispensable for the entertainment of people.

**Assumptions:**
I. Films are the only media of entertainment.
II. People enjoy films.

**Directions for questions 6 and 7:** In each of the questions below, a statement is followed by two assumptions. These assumptions may or may not be implicit in the statement. Select your response in accordance with the following code.

(a) Only assumption I is implicit
(b) Only assumption II is implicit
(c) Both assumptions I and II are implicit
(d) Neither of the assumptions I nor II is implicit

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Q6. **Statement:** If Ram has finished reading the instructions, let him begin activities accordingly.

**Assumption I:** Ram has understood the instructions.
**Assumption II:** Ram would be able to act accordingly.

Q7. **Statement:** Children below the age of seven should not be prosecuted for crimes.

**Assumption I:** Generally, children below seven cannot distinguish between right and wrong.
**Assumption II:** Children below the age of seven are generally mentally unsound.