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05. Active–Passive Voice, Reported Speech & Syntax

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61 Solved Questions

2021 to 2025 Archive

Boards: BUMHS, DUHS, FMDC, KMU, NUMS, SZABMU

Weightage: 9% of MDCAT (18 MCQs)

Curated by Ibrahim for fellow bees. Every question in this chapter has been verified against official UHS, NUMS, SZABMU, DUHS, and KMU answer keys. Propolis cognitive autopsies are provided at the end of this booklet to explain core concepts and break down common distractor traps.

OFFICIAL SOLVED EDITION**Q1.**

DUHS 2025

He said, “*Will you listen to such a man?*” Choose the most appropriate indirect speech:

[Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025]

- (A) He asked them that they would listen to such a man.
- (B) He asked them whether they would listen to such a man.
- (C) He told them whether they will listen to such a man.
- (D) He asked them to listen to such a man.

Q2.

DUHS 2025

The board will approve the budget only after the auditor verifies the accounts. The most appropriate passive voice is:

[Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025]

- (A) The budget will be approved by the board only after the accounts are verified by the auditor.
- (B) The budget is approved by the board only after the accounts have been verified by the auditor.
- (C) The budget is being approved by the board only after the accounts are verified by the auditor.
- (D) The budget has been approved by the board only after the accounts were verified by the auditor.

Q3.

DUHS 2025

He does his work without any care. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an:

[Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025]

- (A) Adverb phrase
- (B) Adjective phrase
- (C) Noun phrase
- (D) Appositive phrase

Q4.

DUHS 2025

Choose the grammatically correct sentence with parallel structure:

[Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025]

- (A) The new policy aims at reduce waste, to promote recycling, and creating awareness among citizens.
- (B) The new policy aims to reducing waste, promoting recycling, and create awareness among citizens.
- (C) The new policy aims to reduce waste, to promote recycling, and creating awareness among citizens.
- (D) The new policy aims to reduce waste, promote recycling, and create awareness among citizens.

Q5.

BUMHS 2025

What is the correct reported speech for the given sentence?

He said, "I am going to the store."

[BUMHS 2025 / Balochistan MDCAT 2025]

- (A) He said that he was going to the store.
- (B) He said that he is going to the store.
- (C) He said that he has been going to the store.
- (D) He said that he had been going to the store.

Q6.

BUMHS 2025

Identify the sentence that uses inversion correctly:

[BUMHS 2025 / Balochistan MDCAT 2025]

- (A) Rarely I have seen such a beautiful scene.
- (B) Rarely have I seen such a beautiful scene.
- (C) Rarely seen I have such a beautiful scene.
- (D) Rarely I seen have such a beautiful scene.

Q7.

KMU 2025

She completed the task with great difficulty. Identify the CORRECT usage of passive voice.

[KMU 2025 / KPK MDCAT 2025]

- (A) The task was completed with great difficulty by her.
- (B) The task has been completed with great difficulty by her.
- (C) The task was being completed with great difficulty by her.
- (D) The task had completed with great difficulty by her.

Q8.

SZABMU 2025

The book was written by Rashid Khan. Identify the correct usage of active voice.

[SZABMU 2025 / Federal MDCAT 2025]

- (A) Rashid Khan writes the book.
- (B) Rashid Khan wrote the book.
- (C) Rashid Khan written the book.
- (D) Rashid Khan has write the book.

Q9.

SZABMU 2025

Identify the example of a complex sentence:

[SZABMU 2025 / Federal MDCAT 2025]

- (A) I both thanked him and rewarded him.
- (B) Life is what we make it.
- (C) He owed his success to his father.
- (D) Jumping up, he ran away.

Q10.

SZABMU 2025

Travelling in a hot dusty train gives me no pleasure. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an:

[SZABMU 2025 / Federal MDCAT 2025]

- (A) Adverb phrase
- (B) Adjective phrase
- (C) Noun phrase
- (D) Infinitive phrase

Q11.

KMU 2025

In the sentence "*Jogging every morning improves my mood,*" what grammatical role does the gerund phrase play?

[KMU 2025 / KPK MDCAT 2025]

- (A) Object of a verb
- (B) Direct object
- (C) Predicate noun
- (D) Subject

Q12.

NUMS 2025

Identify the underlined part of the sentence: *I know you have already read this book.*

[NUMS 2025]

- (A) Independent clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Noun clause

Q13.

NUMS 2025

Identify the type of sentence: "*After midnight, the ghost will come out of the haunted attic to scare the people.*"

[NUMS 2025]

- (A) Simple
- (B) Compound
- (C) Complex
- (D) Compound-Complex

Q14.

NUMS 2025

Whatever you order for dinner is fine with me. The underlined part is a/an:

[NUMS 2025]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Independent clause

Q15.

KMU 2024

Identify the error in the sentence: *The chef quickly prepared, delicious and it served a meal.*

[KPK MDCAT 2024 / KMU 2024]

- (A) Punctuation
- (B) Style
- (C) Vocabulary
- (D) Word order

Q16.

KMU 2024

Identify the sentence that contains an error in word order, style, or vocabulary:

[KPK MDCAT 2024 / KMU 2024]

- (A) He has a talent for solving complex problems.
- (B) She enjoys reading, writing, and to paint.
- (C) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
- (D) They quickly adapted to the new environment.

Q17.

NUMS 2024

"Owing to his bad luck, he got into an accident on the eve of his examination." What type of sentence is this?

[NUMS 2024]

- (A) Complex sentence
- (B) Simple sentence
- (C) Compound sentence
- (D) Complex-compound sentence

Q18.

SZABMU 2024

The underlined part in the sentence is an adverbial clause of: *Although Mehran is hardworking, yet he failed.*

[FMDC 2024 / SZABMU 2024]

- (A) Concession
- (B) Condition
- (C) Manner
- (D) Reason

Q19.

SZABMU 2024

Identify the correct passive form for the sentence given below: *The guard did not open the gate.*

[FMDC 2024 / SZABMU 2024]

- (A) The gate did not open by the guard.
- (B) The gate had not been opened by the guard.
- (C) The gate was not opened by the guard.
- (D) The gate was not being opened by the guard.

Q20.

SZABMU 2024

Identify the correct indirect form: *The speaker said to the audience, "Will you listen to me?"*

[FMDC 2024 / SZABMU 2024]

- (A) The speaker asked the audience if they had listened to him.
- (B) The speaker asked the audience if they will listen to him.
- (C) The speaker asked the audience if they would listen to him.
- (D) The speaker asked the audience to listen to him.

Q21.

FMDC 2024

Identify the type of sentence: *The place where Buddha was cremated has recently been discovered.*

[FMDC 2024 Reconduct]

- (A) Simple Sentence
- (B) Compound Sentence
- (C) Complex Sentence
- (D) Compound Complex Sentence

Q22.

SZABMU 2024

Identify the type of sentence given below: *The caliph noticed the merchant.*

[FMDC 2024 / SZABMU 2024]

- (A) Complex
- (B) Compound
- (C) Compound-complex
- (D) Simple

Q23.

DUHS 2024

Choose the best option with correct clause order and punctuation:

[Sindh MDCAT 2024 / DUHS 2024]

- (A) He managed to write a letter to his son.
- (B) He was very ill, he managed to write a letter to his son.
- (C) He managed to write a letter to his son although he was very ill.
- (D) Although he was very ill, he managed to write a letter to his son.

Q24.

UHS 2024

Choose the correct sentence:

[UHS MDCAT 2024]

- (A) Gulliver travels was writen to swift.
- (B) Gulliver travels was writen at swift.
- (C) Gulliver's Travels was written by Swift.
- (D) Gulliver's travel was written by swift.

Q25.

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *I expect that I shall get a prize.*

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Independent clause

Q26.

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *He met a boy whose eyes were blue.*

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Independent clause

Q27.

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *Fatima, whose mom is a nurse, sits behind me in class.*

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Essential adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Non essential clause

Q28.

DUHS 2023

The door ___ by him.

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Was knocked at
- (B) Knocked at
- (C) Was knocking at
- (D) Knocks at

Q29.

DUHS 2023

The police officers ___ to the theatre and every nook and corner was completely checked.

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Sent to
- (B) Were sent
- (C) Sent
- (D) Would have sent to

Q30.

DUHS 2023

Identify the sentence fragment among the following options:

[Sindh MDCAT 2023]

- (A) He went to the store
- (B) Quickly, before the rain started.
- (C) The cat is sitting on the window.
- (D) She had a delicious meal.

Q31.

DUHS 2023

Which of the following sentences has the correct word order?

[Sindh MDCAT 2023]

- (A) She usually goes jogging in the evening.
- (B) In the evening goes she usually for jogging.
- (C) She goes to the usually for jogging evening.
- (D) Usually she for jogging goes in the evening.

Q32.

UHS 2023

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct:

[UHS MDCAT 2023]

- (A) He weighed himself two pounds.
- (B) He weighed two pounds.
- (C) He weighed themselves two pounds.
- (D) He weighed itself two pounds.

Q33.

UHS 2023

A few years ago, it _____ that human beings do not belong to this earth.

[UHS MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Found
- (B) Was found
- (C) Were found
- (D) Had found

Q34.

UHS 2023

A shoal of fish _____ killed by the fishermen.

[UHS MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Has been
- (B) Have
- (C) Had
- (D) Has

Q35.

UHS 2023

Fill in the blank: _____ so many people been out of work as today.

[UHS MDCAT 2023]

- (A) More than ever before
- (B) Never before have
- (C) In the past, there never have
- (D) Formerly, there never were

Q36.

KMU 2023

The flower girl sold him flowers. The underlined word is a/an:

[KMU MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Direct Object
- (B) Indirect Object
- (C) Complement
- (D) Predicate

Q37.

KMU 2023

Identify the given clause: *Something odd was happening all around the world.*

[KMU MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Subordinate clause
- (B) Independent clause
- (C) Dependent clause
- (D) Relative clause

Q38.

KMU 2023

We met rather few people who spoke English. The sentence is:

[KMU MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Complex
- (B) Simple
- (C) Compound
- (D) Compound complex

Q39.

KMU 2023

Which of the following sentences is in correct word order?

[KMU MDCAT 2023]

- (A) We up right drove to Karachi in two days.
- (B) We to Karachi drove in two days right up.
- (C) We right drove to Karachi up in two days.
- (D) We drove right up to Karachi in two days.

Q40.

KMU 2023

You can either come with me now nor walk home later. The word which does not fit in the sentence is:

[KMU MDCAT 2023]

- (A) Can
- (B) Either come
- (C) Now
- (D) Nor

Q41.

KMU 2023

What is the term for a sentence that gives a command or makes a request?

[KMU CAT 2023 Part 1]

- (A) Statement
- (B) Question
- (C) Exclamation
- (D) Imperative

Q42.

KMU 2023

What sentence type is used for showing strong emotions or surprise?

[KMU CAT 2023 Part 1]

- (A) Statement
- (B) Question
- (C) Exclamation
- (D) Imperative

Q43.

KMU 2023

What is the name for a group of words that contains a subject and a verb but does not express a complete thought?

[KMU CAT 2023 Part 1]

- (A) Phrase
- (B) Clause
- (C) Sentence
- (D) Paragraph

Q44.

KMU 2023

Maria ____ that she could not attend classes next week.

[KMU MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Told his professors
- (B) Said her professors
- (C) Told her professors
- (D) Is telling her professors

Q45.

KMU 2023

Choose the sentence with correct word order:

[KMU MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Sue took from the window the cover.
- (B) Sue cover from the window took the cover.
- (C) Sue took the cover from the window.
- (D) Sue the cover took from the window.

Q46.

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *I do not know what he will do.*

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Independent clause

Q47.

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *I want to see what had happened.*

[Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

- (A) Noun clause
- (B) Adjective clause
- (C) Adverb clause
- (D) Independent clause

Q48.

KMU 2022

Identify the type of sentence: *"I waited for the bus, but it was late."*

[KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

- (A) Simple sentence
- (B) Compound sentence
- (C) Complex sentence
- (D) Compound complex sentence

Q49.

KMU 2022

Select the correct passive voice: *"She needs to clean the room."*

[KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

- (A) The room needed to clean by her.
- (B) The room needed to be cleaned by her.
- (C) The room needs to be clean by her.
- (D) The room needs to be cleaned by her.

Q50.

KMU 2022

I said to you, *"What a nice scenery!"* Choose the correct indirect narration:

[KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

- (A) I exclaimed that it was a nice scenery.
- (B) I exclaimed that it is a nice scenery.
- (C) I told you that what a nice scenery.
- (D) I told you that what was a nice scenery.

Q51.

KMU 2022

Choose the grammatically correct sentence avoiding double negatives:

[KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

- (A) No, I haven't never been to a shopping mall.
- (B) No, I haven't ever been to a shopping mall.
- (C) No, I have ever been to a shopping mall.
- (D) No, I haven't ever never been to a shopping mall.

Q52.

KMU 2022

I am as much intelligent as ____.

[KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

- (A) He
- (B) Himself
- (C) Him
- (D) His

Q53.

SZABMU 2022

How cold the night is! Which type of sentence is it?

[FMDC / SZABMU 2022]

- (A) Interrogative
- (B) Declarative
- (C) Exclamatory
- (D) Imperative

Q54.

SZABMU 2022

It ____ good players who bring good names to a country.

[FMDC / SZABMU 2022]

- (A) Was
- (B) Were
- (C) Is
- (D) Are

Q55.

UHS 2022

Which of the following sentences is correct?

[Punjab MDCAT / UHS 2022 / UHS MDCAT 2023]

- (A) I want to live near my parents live
- (B) I want to live where my parents live
- (C) I want to live where, my parents live
- (D) I want to live where: my parents live

Q56.

UHS 2022

Identify the sentence that is error-free:

[Punjab MDCAT / UHS 2022]

- (A) I do not enjoy being laughed at by other people.
- (B) I did not enjoy laughing by other people.
- (C) I am not enjoying laughing by other people.
- (D) I do not enjoying being laughed at other people.

Q57.

NUMS 2022

Identify the errors and choose the correct option:

[NUMS 2022 / FMDC / SZABMU 2022 / UHS MDCAT 2024]

- (A) There's Mr. Hashim whom they say is the best portrait painter in the town.
- (B) There's Mr. Hashim, who they say is the best portrait painter in the town.
- (C) There's Mr. Hashim which they say is the portrait painter in the town.
- (D) There's Mr. Hashim who they say is best portrait painter in the town.

Q58.

KMU 2021

Change to Passive Voice: *He was driving a car when the accident occurred.*

[KMU 2021]

- (A) A car driven by him when the accident occur.
- (B) A car was driven by him when the accident occur.
- (C) A car was been driven by him when the accident occurred.
- (D) A car was being driven by him when the incident occurred.

Q59.

KMU 2021

Identify the indirect form: *She said, "I love chocolate."*

[KMU 2021]

- (A) She says she loves chocolate.
- (B) She said that she loves chocolate.
- (C) She said that she loved chocolate.
- (D) She says, "I love chocolate."

Q60.

KMU 2021

Change into indirect speech: *He said, "I will be there on time."*

[KMU 2021]

- Ⓐ He said that he will be there on time.
 - Ⓑ He says he will be there on time.
 - Ⓒ He said that he would be there on time.
 - Ⓓ He says, "I will be there on time."
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Q61.

KMU 2021

Which sentence is in the passive voice?

[KMU 2021]

- Ⓐ The cat chased the mouse.
 - Ⓑ The mouse was chased by the cat.
 - Ⓒ She will write a novel.
 - Ⓓ They have finished the work.
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Question #1 Key: (B)

DUHS 2025

He said, "Will you listen to such a man?" Choose the most appropriate indirect speech: [Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUH...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Indirect Speech for Interrogative Sentences.

Solution: Direct yes/no questions use conjunctions 'if' or 'whether' in indirect speech, changing statement order and shifting tense from 'will' to 'would'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Incorrectly uses 'that' with an interrogative reported clause.
- **Option C:** Fails to backshift modal verb 'will' to 'would'.
- **Option D:** Converts an interrogative question into an imperative request.

Question #2 Key: (A)

DUHS 2025

The board will approve the budget only after the auditor verifies the accounts. The most appropriate passive v...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Complex Sentence Active to Passive Conversion.

Solution: Simple future active "will approve" transforms into simple future passive "**will be approved**", while simple present active "verifies" converts to simple present passive "**are verified**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Changes simple future 'will approve' to simple present 'is approved'.
- **Option C:** Changes to present continuous 'is being approved'.
- **Option D:** Changes to present perfect 'has been approved'.

Question #3 Key: (A)

DUHS 2025

He does his work without any care. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an: [Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Functional Phrases.

Solution: The phrase "**without any care**" modifies the verb "does" by answering how he works, functioning as an **adverb phrase of manner**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Does not modify a noun or pronoun.
- **Option C:** Does not serve as a subject or direct object.
- **Option D:** Does not rename a preceding noun.

Question #4 Key: (D)

DUHS 2025

Choose the grammatically correct sentence with parallel structure: [Sindh MDCAT 2025 / DUHS 2025]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Parallelism in Infinitive Series.

Solution: Option D maintains flawless parallelism by sharing the infinitive marker 'to' across three bare verbs: to (reduce..., promote..., and create...).

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & C:** Mix gerunds (-ing) and infinitives arbitrarily.

Question #5 Key: (A)

BUMHS 2025

What is the correct reported speech for the given sentence? He said, "I am going to the store." [BUMHS 2025 / ...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Direct to Indirect Speech Tense Backshifting.

Solution: When the reporting verb is in the past tense (said), Present Continuous (am going) backshifts to Past Continuous (was going), and the pronoun 'I' shifts to 'he'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Fails to backshift the tense ('is going' remains present).
- **Option C:** Incorrectly shifts to Present Perfect Continuous.
- **Option D:** Incorrectly shifts to Past Perfect Continuous.

Question #6 Key: (B)

BUMHS 2025

Identify the sentence that uses inversion correctly: [BUMHS 2025 / Balochistan MDCAT 2025]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Subject-Auxiliary Inversion.

Formula:

Negative/Limiting Adverb + Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Main Verb

Solution: When a sentence begins with a restrictive adverb like 'Rarely', subject-auxiliary inversion is mandatory: *Rarely + have (auxiliary) + I (subject) + seen (main verb)*.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Fails to invert the auxiliary verb before the subject.
- **Option C:** Misplaces the main verb before the subject.
- **Option D:** Distorts standard auxiliary and main verb order.

Question #7 Key: (A)

KMU 2025

She completed the task with great difficulty. Identify the CORRECT usage of passive voice. [KMU 2025 / KPK MDC...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Simple Past Passive Voice.

Formula:

Object + was/were + Past Participle (V3) + by Subject

Solution: Active simple past verb "completed" transforms into simple past passive "**was completed**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Present Perfect passive form.
- **Option C:** Past Continuous passive form.
- **Option D:** Missing auxiliary 'been' for past perfect passive.

Question #8 Key: (B)

SZABMU 2025

The book was written by Rashid Khan. Identify the correct usage of active voice. [SZABMU 2025 / Federal MDCAT ...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Passive to Active Voice Transformation.

Solution: The passive sentence uses simple past tense ("was written"). Its active equivalent requires the simple past tense form of the verb: "**wrote**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Changes tense to Simple Present.
- **Option C:** Missing auxiliary verb for past participle 'written'.
- **Option D:** Ungrammatical verb form ('has write').

Question #9 Key: (B)

SZABMU 2025

Identify the example of a complex sentence: [SZABMU 2025 / Federal MDCAT 2025]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Complex Sentence Structures.

Solution: A complex sentence contains at least one independent clause ("Life is...") and at least one dependent clause (the noun clause "what we make it").

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Simple sentence with compound predicate.
- **Option C:** Simple sentence with one independent clause.
- **Option D:** Simple sentence with a participial phrase.

Question #10 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2025

Travelling in a hot dusty train gives me no pleasure. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an: [SZABMU 202...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Gerund Phrase as Noun.

Solution: Functions as the nominal subject of 'gives'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & D:** Mischaracterize nominal subject phrases.

Question #11 Key: (D)

KMU 2025

In the sentence "Jogging every morning improves my mood," what grammatical role does the gerund phrase play? [...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Gerund Phrases as Nominal Subjects.

Solution: The gerund phrase "Jogging every morning" performs the action of the verb "improves", functioning as the nominal subject of the sentence.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A & B:** Objects follow transitive verbs; here the phrase precedes the verb.
- **Option C:** Predicate nouns follow linking verbs.

Question #12 Key: (D)

NUMS 2025

Identify the underlined part of the sentence: I know you have already read this book. [NUMS 2025]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Nominal Clauses.

Solution: The clause acts directly as the direct object of the transitive verb "know", making it a **noun clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Cannot stand alone as a sentence.
- **Option B:** Does not modify a preceding noun.
- **Option C:** Does not modify a verb, adjective, or adverb.

Question #13 Key: (A)

NUMS 2025

Identify the type of sentence: "After midnight, the ghost will come out of the haunted attic to scare the peop..."

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Classification.

Solution: This sentence contains only one finite subject-verb pair ("the ghost will come") modified by prepositional and infinitive phrases. Because it contains only one independent clause and no subordinate clauses, it is a **Simple sentence**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Contains no coordinating conjunctions joining independent clauses.
- **Option C:** Contains no dependent clauses (phrases do not equal clauses).
- **Option D:** Requires at least two independent and one dependent clause.

Question #14 Key: (A)

NUMS 2025

Whatever you order for dinner is fine with me. The underlined part is a/an: [NUMS 2025]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Dependent Clauses as Subjects.

Solution: The underlined clause functions as the subject of the main predicate "is fine with me", defining it as a **noun clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Does not modify a preceding noun.
- **Option C:** Does not modify an action or adjective.
- **Option D:** Cannot stand alone as a complete sentence.

Question #15 Key: (D)

KMU 2024

Identify the error in the sentence: The chef quickly prepared, delicious and it served a meal. [KPK MDCAT 2024...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Syntax and Word Order.

Solution: The words are arranged incoherently ('prepared, delicious and it served a meal'). The primary flaw is distorted **Word order**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & C:** Secondary issues stemming directly from the flawed syntax order.

Question #16 Key: (B)

KMU 2024

Identify the sentence that contains an error in word order, style, or vocabulary: [KPK MDCAT 2024 / KMU 2024]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Faulty Parallelism.

Solution: Option B breaks parallel structure by connecting two gerunds (reading, writing) with an infinitive (to paint). It should be "painting".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, C, & D:** Grammatically flawless sentences.

Question #17 Key: (A)

NUMS 2024

"Owing to his bad luck, he got into an accident on the eve of his examination." What type of sentence is this?...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Classification.

Solution: Contains a dependent causal element (*Owing to his bad luck*) linked to a main clause, categorized as a **Complex sentence** in MDCAT keys.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B, C, & D:** Incorrect structural classifications.

Question #18 Key: (A)

SZABMU 2024

The underlined part in the sentence is an adverbial clause of: *Although Mehran is hardworking, yet he failed....*

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Types of Adverbial Clauses.

Solution: Clauses introduced by subordinating conjunctions like 'Although' or 'Even though' express contrast or **concession**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Condition uses 'if' or 'unless'.
- **Option C:** Manner uses 'as if' or 'how'.
- **Option D:** Reason uses 'because' or 'since'.

Question #19 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2024

Identify the correct passive form for the sentence given below: *The guard did not open the gate.* [FMDC 2024 / ...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Simple Past Active to Passive Voice.

Formula:

Object + was/were not + Past Participle + by Agent

Solution: Active "*did not open*" shifts to passive "**was not opened**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Retains auxiliary 'did'.
- **Option B:** Past Perfect passive.
- **Option D:** Past Continuous passive.

Question #20 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2024

Identify the correct indirect form: *The speaker said to the audience, "Will you listen to me?"* [FMDC 2024 / SZ...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Indirect Speech for Questions.

Solution: Reporting verb becomes 'asked', conjunction is 'if', pronoun shifts to 'they'/'him', and 'will' backshifts to '**would**'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Shifts to past perfect.
- **Option B:** Fails to backshift 'will'.
- **Option D:** Converted to imperative command.

Question #21 Key: (C)

FMDC 2024

Identify the type of sentence: *The place where Buddha was cremated has recently been discovered.* [FMDC 2024 Re...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Structure Classification.

Solution: Contains one independent main clause ("*The place... has recently been discovered*") and one embedded subordinate relative clause ("*where Buddha was cremated*"), making it a **Complex sentence**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Contains a subordinate clause, so it is not simple.
- **Option B:** Contains no coordinating conjunctions joining two independent clauses.

Question #22 Key: (D)

SZABMU 2024

Identify the type of sentence given below: *The caliph noticed the merchant.* [FMDC 2024 / SZABMU 2024]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Simple Sentence Structures.

Solution: Contains a single independent clause with one subject (*The caliph*) and one predicate (*noticed the merchant*).

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & C:** Require subordinate clauses or multiple independent clauses.

Question #23 Key: (D)

DUHS 2024

Choose the best option with correct clause order and punctuation: [Sindh MDCAT 2024 / DUHS 2024]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Concessive Subordinate Clauses.

Solution: Option D presents the dependent concessive clause (*Although he was very ill*) first, followed by a comma and the main clause.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Omits the concessive information entirely.
- **Option B:** Contains a comma splice error.
- **Option C:** Lacks comma separation before 'about' at end.

Question #24 Key: (C)

UHS 2024

Choose the correct sentence: [UHS MDCAT 2024]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Capitalization and Passive Agency.

Solution: Book titles are capitalized and possessive (*Gulliver's Travels*), and author agency is indicated by "**written by Swift**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A & B:** Misspell 'written' and use wrong prepositions.
- **Option D:** Lowercases author name 'swift'.

Question #25 Key: (A)

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *I expect that I shall get a prize.* [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Nominal Subordinate Clauses.

Solution: Functions as direct object of transitive verb 'expect', making it a **Noun clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B, C, & D:** Incorrect clause functions.

Question #26 Key: (B)

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *He met a boy whose eyes were blue.* [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Relative / Adjective Clauses.

Solution: Modifies preceding noun 'boy', making it an **Adjective clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, C, & D:** Do not modify nouns.

Question #27 Key: (D)

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: *Fatima, whose mom is a nurse, sits behind me in class.* [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Non-Restrictive (Non-Essential) Relative Clauses.

Solution: Set off by commas, providing additional non-essential detail about *Fatima*, making it a **Non essential clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Essential clauses lack enclosing commas.
- **Options A & C:** Incorrect functions.

Question #28 Key: (A)

DUHS 2023

The door ___ by him. [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Simple Past Passive Voice with Prepositional Verbs.

Solution: The prepositional verb 'knock at' converts to passive "**was knocked at**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B & D:** Active voice forms misplaced with passive agent 'by him'.
- **Option C:** Continuous active.

Question #29 Key: (B)

DUHS 2023

The police officers ___ to the theatre and every nook and corner was completely checked. [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Plural Passive Voice in Simple Past.

Solution: Plural subject 'police officers' requires passive "**Were sent**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A & C:** Active past tense forms.
- **Option D:** Conditional perfect active form.

Question #30 Key: (B)

DUHS 2023

Identify the sentence fragment among the following options: [Sindh MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Fragments.

Solution: Option B lacks an independent main clause or subject-verb combination, functioning purely as a dependent adverbial modifier.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, C, & D:** Complete independent clauses.

Question #31 Key: (A)

DUHS 2023

Which of the following sentences has the correct word order?
[Sindh MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Standard English Word Order.

Formula:

Subject + Frequency Adverb + Verb + Activity + Time Phrase

Solution: Option A places frequency adverb 'usually' before primary action verb 'goes'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- Options B, C, & D: Severely scramble syntactic order.

Question #32 Key: (B)

UHS 2023

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct: [UHS MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Intransitive Linking Verbs of Measurement.

Solution: The verb 'weighed' functions intransitively here meaning "had a weight of", requiring no reflexive pronoun object.

Why other options are incorrect:

- Options A, C, & D: Insert redundant or mismatched reflexive pronouns.

Question #33 Key: (B)

UHS 2023

A few years ago, it _____ that human beings do not belong to this earth. [UHS MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Impersonal Passive Voice in Simple Past.

Solution: Dummy subject 'it' takes singular passive Simple Past "Was found".

Why other options are incorrect:

- Options A & D: Active forms lacking passive agent construction.
- Option C: Plural verb 'were'.

Question #34 Key: (A)

UHS 2023

A shoal of fish _____ killed by the fishermen. [UHS MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Collective Noun Subject-Verb Agreement.

Solution: "A shoal" is a singular collective unit taking singular passive verb "Has been".

Why other options are incorrect:

- Option B: Plural auxiliary.
- Options C & D: Active auxiliaries lacking passive participle 'been'.

Question #35 Key: (B)

UHS 2023

Fill in the blank: _____ so many people been out of work as today. [UHS MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Negative Frequency Inversion.

Solution: "Never before have" + subject + past participle (been) follows inverted adverbial rules.

Why other options are incorrect:

- Options A, C, & D: Non-inverted structures that break syntax with 'been out of work'.

Question #36 Key: (B)

KMU 2023

The flower girl sold him flowers. The underlined word is a/an: [KMU MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Direct vs. Indirect Objects.

Solution: 'Flowers' is the direct object (thing sold); 'him' is the **Indirect Object** receiving the direct object.

Why other options are incorrect:

- Option A: Direct object is 'flowers'.
- Options C & D: Misidentify clause elements.

Question #37 Key: (B)

KMU 2023

Identify the given clause: Something odd was happening all around the world. [KMU MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Clause Classification.

Solution: Expresses a complete standalone thought with a subject and finite verb, making it an **Independent clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- Options A, C, & D: Require subordinating conjunctions or relative pronouns.

Question #38 **Key: (A)**

KMU 2023

We met rather few people who spoke English. The sentence is: [KMU MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Complex Sentences.

Solution: Contains one main clause (*We met rather few people*) and one dependent relative clause (*who spoke English*).

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Contains a subordinate clause, so it cannot be simple.
- **Options C & D:** Require two or more independent clauses.

Question #39 **Key: (D)**

KMU 2023

Which of the following sentences is in correct word order? [KMU MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Word Order and Phrasal Modifiers.

Solution: Option D follows natural English order: *Subject + Verb + Intensifier Modifier + Prepositional Destination + Time Phrase*.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & C:** Scramble verbs and prepositions incoherently.

Question #40 **Key: (D)**

KMU 2023

You can either come with me now nor walk home later. The word which does not fit in the sentence is: [KMU MDCA...]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Correlative Conjunction Pairing.

Solution: 'Either' must pair with 'or'. The word 'nor' is incorrect.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & C:** Function correctly in the sentence structure.

Question #41 **Key: (D)**

KMU 2023

What is the term for a sentence that gives a command or makes a request? [KMU CAT 2023 Part 1]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Functions.

Solution: An **Imperative** sentence issues commands or requests.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Declarative statement.
- **Option B:** Interrogative inquiry.
- **Option C:** Exclamatory expression of emotion.

Question #42 **Key: (C)**

KMU 2023

What sentence type is used for showing strong emotions or surprise? [KMU CAT 2023 Part 1]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Types.

Solution: An **Exclamation** expresses strong feeling or surprise.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & D:** Other distinct sentence functions.

Question #43 **Key: (B)**

KMU 2023

What is the name for a group of words that contains a subject and a verb but does not express a complete thought...

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Grammatical Definitions.

Solution: A dependent/subordinate **Clause** contains a subject and verb but cannot stand alone as a complete thought.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Lacks a subject-verb combination.
- **Option C:** Expresses a complete thought.

Question #44 Key: (C)

KMU 2023

Maria ____ that she could not attend classes next week. [KMU MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Reporting Verbs and Possessives.

Solution: The verb 'tell' requires an indirect object (**professors**), and feminine subject 'Maria' takes possessive '**her**'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Gender mismatch ('his').
- **Option B:** 'Said' cannot directly take a personal object without 'to'.
- **Option D:** Present tense breaks sequence of past reported speech ('could not').

Question #45 Key: (C)

KMU 2023

Choose the sentence with correct word order: [KMU MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

English Word Order (SVO).

Formula:

Subject (Sue) + Verb (took) + Direct Object (the cover) + Prepositional Phrase

Solution: Option C follows standard Subject-Verb-Object syntax.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & D:** Separate transitive verb 'took' from its direct object 'the cover'.

Question #46 Key: (A)

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: I do not know what he will do. [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Nominal Subordinate Clauses.

Solution: Acts as direct object of transitive verb 'know', defining it as a **Noun clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B, C, & D:** Mischaracterize direct object nominal clauses.

Question #47 Key: (A)

DUHS 2023

Identify the clause type: I want to see what had happened. [Sindh MDCAT 2023 Retake]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Nominal Subordinate Clauses.

Solution: Acts as object of infinitive 'to see', defining it as a **Noun clause**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B, C, & D:** Non-noun clause classifications.

Question #48 Key: (B)

KMU 2022

Identify the type of sentence: "I waited for the bus, but it was late." [KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Structure Types.

Solution: Two independent clauses joined by coordinating conjunction 'but' forms a **Compound sentence**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Contains two independent clauses.
- **Options C & D:** Require subordinate dependent clauses.

Question #49 Key: (D)

KMU 2022

Select the correct passive voice: "She needs to clean the room." [KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Infinitive Passive Voice.

Formula:

to clean → **to be cleaned**

Solution: Retains present verb 'needs' and transforms active infinitive 'to clean' into passive infinitive "**to be cleaned**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A & B:** Improperly shift present tense 'needs' to past 'needed'.
- **Option C:** Uses adjective 'clean' instead of past participle 'cleaned'.

Question #50 Key: (A)

KMU 2022

I said to you, "What a nice scenery!" Choose the correct indirect narration: [KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Indirect Speech for Exclamations.

Solution: Reporting verb becomes 'exclaimed', exclamatory sentence shifts to assertive past clause (**that it was a nice scenery**).

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option B:** Fails to shift present 'is' to past 'was'.
- **Options C & D:** Retain exclamatory word order ungrammatically.

Question #51 Key: (B)

KMU 2022

Choose the grammatically correct sentence avoiding double negatives: [KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Double Negatives.

Solution: Negative verb 'haven't' pairs with "**ever**" to form a proper negative statement.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A & D:** Contain double or triple negative errors ('haven't never').
- **Option C:** Positive verb 'have ever' conflicts with initial negative response 'No'.

Question #52 Key: (A)

KMU 2022

I am as much intelligent as _____. [KPK MDCAT / KMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Case Agreement in Elliptical Comparisons.

Formula:

as intelligent as + Subject Pronoun (He) + [is]

Solution: Formal comparisons require nominative subject pronoun "**He**".

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option C:** Objective pronoun 'him' is informal/disfavored in standard grammar tests.
- **Options B & D:** Reflexive or possessive pronouns.

Question #53 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2022

How cold the night is! Which type of sentence is it? [FMDC / SZABMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Sentence Types.

Solution: Expresses strong emotion and ends with an exclamation mark, making it an **Exclamatory sentence**.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options A, B, & D:** Distinct non-exclamatory sentence forms.

Question #54 Key: (C)

SZABMU 2022

It _____ good players who bring good names to a country. [FMDC / SZABMU 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Cleft Sentence Dummy Subject Agreement.

Solution: In introductory cleft sentences starting with dummy subject 'It', the singular verb "**is**" is required regardless of the plural complement 'good players'.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Options B & D:** Plural verbs mistakenly agreeing with complement instead of dummy 'It'.
- **Option A:** Past tense, whereas statement is a general present truth.

Question #55 Key: (B)

UHS 2022

Which of the following sentences is correct? [Punjab MDCAT / UHS 2022 / UHS MDCAT 2023]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Adverbial Clauses of Place.

Solution: Relational adverb "**where**" connects the place clause smoothly without unnecessary commas or colons.

Why other options are incorrect:

- **Option A:** Misuses preposition 'near' without relative adverb.
- **Options C & D:** Erroneous punctuation marks.

Question #56 **Key: (A)**

UHS 2022

Identify the sentence that is error-free: [Punjab MDCAT / UHS 2022]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Passive Gerund Structures.

Solution: Passive gerund "being laughed at by..." correctly renders receiving the action.**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options B & C:** Use active gerund 'laughing', altering meaning completely.
- **Option D:** Combines 'do not' with gerund 'enjoying'.

Question #57 **Key: (B)**

NUMS 2022

Identify the errors and choose the correct option: [NUMS 2022 / FMDC / SZABMU 2022 / UHS MDCAT 2024]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Relative Pronouns and Superlative Articles.

Solution: Uses subject pronoun 'who', non-restrictive comma, and superlative article 'the best'.**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Objective pronoun errors or missing superlative articles.

Question #58 **Key: (D)**

KMU 2021

Change to Passive Voice: He was driving a car when the accident occurred. [KMU 2021]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Past Continuous Passive Voice.

Formula:was/were + **being** + Past Participle (driven)**Solution:** "Was driving" shifts to "was being driven".**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & B:** Present tense 'occur' or missing auxiliary 'being'.
- **Option C:** Ungrammatical 'was been'.

Question #59 **Key: (C)**

KMU 2021

Identify the indirect form: She said, "I love chocolate." [KMU 2021]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Indirect Speech Tense Shift.

Solution: Simple present 'love' backshifts to Simple Past 'loved' following past reporting verb 'said'.**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A & D:** Change reporting verb to present 'says'.
- **Option B:** Fails to backshift verb 'love' to 'loved'.

Question #60 **Key: (C)**

KMU 2021

Change into indirect speech: He said, "I will be there on time." [KMU 2021]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Modal Backshifting in Indirect Speech.

Solution: Modal 'will' backshifts to "would" when reporting past speech.**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Option A:** Fails to shift 'will' to 'would'.
- **Options B & D:** Alter reporting verb to present 'says'.

Question #61 **Key: (B)**

KMU 2021

Which sentence is in the passive voice? [KMU 2021]

CORE CONCEPT AND DERIVATION

Voice Identification.

Solution: Option B places recipient (The mouse) in subject position with passive verb "was chased".**Why other options are incorrect:**

- **Options A, C, & D:** Active voice sentences.