

THINKING GOVERNMENT JOBS ..

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STUDY NOTES

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Rule 1

When the 1st Person, 2nd Person and 3rd Person are mentioned together in a sentence, the 2nd Person should be used first, then the 3rd Person and finally the 1st Person.

Rule 2

Eg. If you, he and I work together, we will surely succeed.

When only the 1st Person and the 3rd Person are mentioned together in a sentence, the 3rd Person should be used first and then the 1st Person.

Eg. She and I will not do anything dishonest.

Rule 3

While only if the 2nd Person and 3rd Person are mentioned together in a sentence, the 2nd Person should be used first and then the 3rd Person.

Eg. You and he will go to school on Monday.

Rule 4

Rule 1, 2 & 3 are not applicable if the pronouns indulge in doing something negative.

If the pronouns indulge in doing something negative, the 1st Person should be mentioned first, after that the 2nd Person and finally the 3rd Person.

Eg. What I, you and she did was illegal.

You and they have committed a blunder.

I and she have copied it wrong.

Rule 5

Subjective Personal Pronouns may be used to begin sentences.

Eg. She works as a Supervisor.

But many candidates do not know that, Subjective Personal Pronouns are also used after an “auxiliary verb” and “as” and “than”.

Eg. It was he who was responsible for the consequences. (used after an auxiliary verb)

Mohit is as clever as **she**. (Used after as)

Shetal is taller than **I**. (Used after than)

Rule 6

Objective Personal Pronouns are widely used as the direct or indirect object of a sentence.

Eg. She blessed **him**. (Direct Object)

He sent **me** a present. (Indirect Object)

But other than this, they are also used after **let, like, unlike and after prepositions like between, among, to etc.**

Eg. **Let you and I** walk together.

Like him, she too is good at Mathematics.

Between him and me, he is taller.

Rule 7

A Reflexive Pronoun is used only when both the object and subject of a sentence refer to the same person.

Eg. You can talk to Mohit or myself. (**Incorrect**)

You can talk to Mohit or I. (**Correct**)

Rule 8

Each is used for countable number of people or things while **every** is used for uncountable number of people or things.

Eg. **Each** girl attended the class.

Every soldier fights bravely.

Rule 9

When nouns are joined by “and”

- If they refer to the same person, Singular Pronoun should be used.

Eg. The poet and philosopher has come with **his** mother.

- If they refer to different persons of the same gender, Plural Pronoun should be used.

Eg. Lalita and Seema are talking about **their** studies.

Rule 10

Indefinite Pronouns like every, everyone, someone, anyone etc are related by the Possessive Pronoun "his"

Eg. **Everyone** has done **his** duty today.

Every soldier has done **his** duty.

Rule 11

None is used for more than two people or things while **either** and **neither** are used for two alternative choices.

Eg. **None** of the girls attended the meeting.

He can see with **neither** of his eyes.

Either of the two boys have come here.

Rule 12

There is a difference between **who** and **whom**, which students sometimes forget.

Who is used as the subject of a verb (i.e. the one doing the action).

Eg. **Who** has rung the bell?
Kindly let me know **who** will attend the meeting.

Whom is used as the object of a verb (i.e. the one being acted upon).

Eg. With **whom** did you go?
Tomorrow we will announce **whom** we selected.

Q1. In each of the following sentences, there is an underlined part that may be grammatically incorrect. Choose the appropriate option that may be the correct replacement. If the line is without any grammatical mistake, then the answer will be No Improvement.

1. It is important for one to park their car in a designated parking spot.
 - a. his car in a designated parking spot
 - b. ones car in a designated parking spot
 - c. one's car in a designated parking spot
 - d. No Improvement

2. How could she blame him for what had happened?
 - a. blame he
 - b. blame ours
 - c. Whom
 - d. No Improvement

3. Who did she say was her favourite ?
 - a. Whoever
 - b. When
 - c. Whom
 - d. No Improvement

4. This is the same path which leads to the forest.
 - a. path that leads
 - b. path where leads
 - c. path whose leads
 - d. No Improvement

5. The movie whose was very good had come out last month.
 - a. The movie that was
 - b. The movie which was
 - c. The movie who was
 - d. No Improvement

6. I borrowed the book from she and read it all day long.
 - a. the book from her
 - b. the book from hers
 - c. the book from one
 - d. No Improvement

7. Ritesh met a foreigner who he knew and who was a famous painter.
 - a. who he knew and that was a famous painter
 - b. who he knew and whose was a famous painter
 - c. whom he knew and who was a famous painter
 - d. No Improvement

8. If a person wants to succeed in life, one has to be disciplined.

- a. ones have to be disciplined
- b. they have to be disciplined
- c. he has to be disciplined
- d. No Improvement

9. Who is speaking? It's him.

- a. It's he
- b. It's them
- c. It's hers
- d. No Improvement

10. Each of the girls have their books.

- a. has have their books
- b. has their books
- c. has her book
- d. No Improvement

QII. Spot the error in the following sentences:

- 1. Rahim says (a)/ that this is the (b)/ same pen which is yours. (c)/ No error (d)
- 2. This is the same (a)/ girl who came here (b)/ yesterday and showed us the way. (c)/ No error (d)
- 3. After heart transplantation the patient (a)/ has to be put on immune suppressant (b)/ so that its immune system does not reject the organ. (c)/ No error (d)
- 4. If I were him, (a)/ I would have (b)/ done it on time. (c)/ No error (d)
- 5. That blue (a)/ car is ours (b)/ and not their. (c)/ No error (d)
- 6. We know that (a)/ all sides of the coin (b)/ are not the same. (c)/ No error (d)
- 7. I am not one of (a)/ those who believe (b)/ in everything I hear. (c)/ No error (d)

8. Ali and myself studied (a)/ all night and (b)/ prepared well for the examination. (c)/ No error (d)
9. I met the girl (a)/ who, you said, (b)/ you gave my book. (c)/ No error (d)
10. This bench is (a)/ for me and him but (b)/ we allow others also to sit here. (c)/ No error (d)

Answers

- QI. 1. c. one's car in a designated parking spot
- QI. 2. d. No Improvement
- QI. 3. d. No Improvement
- QI. 4. a. path that leads
- QI. 5. b. The movie which was
- QI. 6. a. the book from her
- QI. 7. c. whom he knew and who was a famous painter
- QI. 8. c. he has to be disciplined
- QI. 9. c. It's he
- QI. 10.c. has her book

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