

## UNIT 14: SET – BASED QUESTION

### I. Typical question

*In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?*

### II. Strategy

#### First Global Expands Further

**December 28**

Electronics giant First Global, which makes components for smartphone manufacturers, said in a press release on Tuesday that it expects to start building its 20th overseas production plant soon. The announcement comes at the end of a successful year, with sales in the fourth quarter surpassing those in the third quarter by 15 percent. President and CEO Ms. Genevieve Durand attributes First Global's growth to its efficiency in manufacturing. — [1] —. "We find ways to do more with less," Durand claims, "producing high-quality goods at competitive prices." — [2] — Upon completion, the new factory will be situated near Beijing, China. It will be First Global's largest and one of six of its facilities located in the East Asian region. — [3] —.

Just as First Global has done before, it is using its own earnings to fund construction rather than taking out additional loans or selling off assets. It is hoped that the new factory will boost productivity by approximately 20 percent. — [4] —. Construction on the plant will begin in spring of next year.

In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"This increase in output will help the company keep up with the strong demand for smartphones."

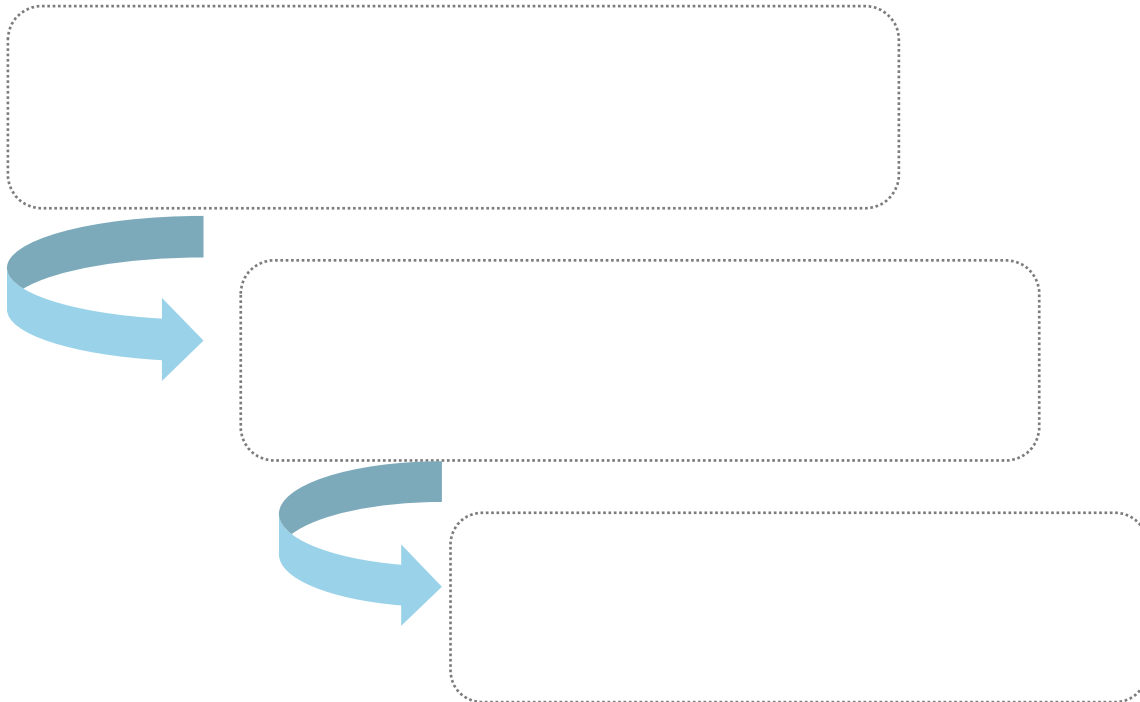
(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

**Strategy**





## Check up 1

### NOTICE

This is a notice to everyone at GlobalFerm that the cafeteria on the sixth floor of the Superior Building will be inaccessible to employees effective May 27. — [1] —. We are pleased to inform all staff, however, that the cafeteria will be renovated and converted into a Servex Modern dining establishment with an array of new food offerings. It is our hope that this cafeteria makeover will reflect the suggestions indicated in our recent survey. — [2] —. Therefore, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free items will also be available daily for those with dietary restrictions. Log on to the GlobalFerm intranet and click "Servex Modern" under the "Employee Benefits" tab to have a look at cafeteria menus for both breakfast and lunch. They will be updated weekly for your convenience. We are also excited to announce that seating at the Servex Modern cafeteria will be expanded to 550 seats. — [3] —. This will include ample provision for people with disabilities. We apologize for any inconveniences during this renovation period, but we are sure you will appreciate all the changes. — [4] —.

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**

"We agree with you that it is necessary to offer a variety of meal options to suit everyone."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]



*a variety of:* .....

*option:*.....

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## PRACTICE

### Exercise 1:

#### Midland Zoo Opens Crocodile Farm

Always a favorite among locals, Midland Zoo opened a new attraction for animal lovers yesterday. Adding to more than 40 exhibits of animals from around the world, the zoo's newest facility is a crocodile farm that will serve to educate guests on how crocodiles live, breed, and survive. The farm, which is located at the zoo's man-made lagoon, contains more than 20 Siamese crocodiles. — [1] —. Visitors will have a chance to view the animals at close range through windows in an underwater observatory area. — [2] —.

The new site also has a research laboratory used for animal breeding. — [3] —. This was made possible through a partnership between zoo management and a group of biology professors from Central Plains University.

"It is necessary for children and adults to appreciate the importance of caring for endangered species as these creatures are essential to maintaining a diverse ecosystem." Midland Zoo manager Joshua Synco said. To increase guests' understanding of the animals, the laboratory's nursery and incubation sections will be open to the public beginning next week.

The zoo is also planning to open a new screening facility this weekend. — [4] —. The room seats up to 100 guests and will feature documentary films about crocodiles and other endangered species. For information about wildlife preservation, or the hours and fees of the zoo, visit [www.midlandzoo.org](http://www.midlandzoo.org).

In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?


"It is hoped that the facility will enable zoo staff to increase certain species' population numbers."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 **enable** : .....

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**Exercise 2:**

The City of Burbank provides a number of additional services for the benefit of its residents. These are not part of the standard municipal services provided by most city governments and are made available to residents free-of-charge. Below is just a sample of some of these services, but you can find out about other offerings by visiting [www.burbank.ca.gov](http://www.burbank.ca.gov).

**Energy Assessment:** Residents may consult an energy advisor for some general recommendations on how to improve home energy use. It is necessary to make an appointment for this service during our regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. — [1] —. This service is subject to the availability of our staff.

**Tree removal:** The city's Department of Environmental Management offers complimentary tree pruning and removal services for homeowners. Simply call 555-4091, extension #808, to schedule an appointment. The service is available all year round. — [2] —.

**Water analysis:** Homeowners concerned about the safety of their drinking water may drop off water samples at the Department of Water for examination. — [3] —. Any water source found to be contaminated will be treated promptly.

**Shuttle services:** The city provides complimentary shuttle services between residential and commercial areas to senior citizens who are 65 years of age or older and to those with mobility problems. — [4] —. To schedule a pickup, call the Department of Senior Welfare at 555-4091, extension #204.

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**


"It takes up to 10 business days for our laboratory technicians to obtain the test results."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 *assessment*.....  
*analysis* .....

**Exercise 3:**

**Lester Beebe Hits Stage in South Bend By Adam Brown**

A musical version of Michelle Gable's novel *The Triumph of Lester Beebe* is set to premiere next month on May 22. - [1] —. Set in South Bend, the show is the story of a teenage boy who is the son of an automobile factory worker in the 1960s. The book became a favorite of young adult readers when it was first printed in 1968. — [2] —.

Producers Todd Carlisle and Emma Wright were not even born when the book was first released but say they identified with Lester Beebe's adolescent struggles when first reading the story. "Lester Beebe isn't just a teenager from South Bend," says Carlisle, "he could be a young person from anywhere." In addition to being the show's producers, Carlisle and Wright manage the Eden Playhouse in South Bend. — [3] —. According to Wright, the area is not well-known for musical productions, but she hopes *The Triumph of Lester Beebe* will change that. "Todd and I are also counting on local interest to help in building an audience for the show," she said.

Playing the role of Beebe is actor Hemy Thomas. Veteran performer Neil Chandler plays his father, while the roles of Beebe's sisters, Mandy and Corinne, will be realized by Stephanie O'Connor and Audrey Blanco. Following the run in South Bend, Carlisle and Wright will take the show to New York in August for its Broadway debut. — [4] —. Tickets for the South Bend show are on sale now through the Eden Playhouse at 555-0493

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**


"Its popularity earned it widespread acclaim and, ultimately, translation into 32 languages."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 *widespread:* .....

*acclaim*.....

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**Exercise 4:**

**A Night of Song**

**A concert**

On December 5, French singers Pierre Chretien and Celine Laurier will be at the Maroon Theater for their second concert in Los Angeles, California. The event, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will also feature French pianist Amanda Depuis as well as American soul singers Andy Red and Cindy Dawson, who will accompany Mr. Chretien and Ms. Laurier during their performance. — [1] —. During the concert, Ms. Laurier will be introducing her inspirational album. Crossroads, which was released in Paris last week. — [2] —.

Witness an extraordinary fusion of French and American artists. — [3] —. And until November 20, those purchasing three or more early-bird tickets will receive complimentary backstage passes! — [4] —. Tickets are available at any Gatewing Ticketing outlet nationwide. They may also be purchased online at [www.gatewing.com](http://www.gatewing.com). Recordings from both Mr. Chretien and Ms. Laurier will be available for purchase at the venue. Call Gatewing at 1-800-555- 2541 for details

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**


"This does not apply to regular tickets."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 *apply to:* .....

*complimentary*.....

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**Exercise 5:**

**Edmond Estrada Wins Albuquerque Judge's Seat**

March 18—A spokesperson for the Albuquerque District Court announced that Attorney Edmond Estrada has won his bid for the judge's seat. — [1] —.He will replace current Judge Wendy Delwes, who confirmed earlier this year that she is retiring at the end of March.

In his role as an attorney for the past 25 years, Mr. Estrada has been involved in thousands of legal cases. These included both civil complaints and landlord-tenant cases. — [2] —.

"It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Albuquerque in my capacity as a lawyer," said Estrada, "and to have witnessed the capable leadership exhibited by Judge Delwes for many years. Through her example, I have learned a great deal about how our courts work best for the people of Albuquerque. — [3] —. Indeed, I feel honored to be succeeding her."

In addition to his legal experience, Mr. Estrada is active in the local community. — [4] —.  
According to Mr. Estrada's biography, he is a member of the Rio Rancho Land Commission and has volunteered with numerous local charities

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**


"And in every legal matter he has handled, he has shown a firm commitment to the pursuit of justice."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 *judge*: .....

*handle*.....

*commitment*.....

*pursuit* .....

*justice* .....

**Exercise 6:**

To: All Staff

From: Brendan Rogerson <b.rogerson@ellisellis.com>

Subject: Training Courses

Date: April 12

Hello all Ellis and Ellis Consulting staff,

As you know, I've been trying to find a way to improve efficiency here in the office and asked you to complete a survey providing your suggestions. — [1] —. For instance, a number of employees have expressed the desire to take more professional development classes so they can add to their skills. And at the same time, I have noticed that we have had to hire graphic designers on a very regular basis. — [2] —. When it comes to very big projects, like Web site design or creating our annual report, this seems appropriate, but in many cases, we are hiring them to do an hour of work that one of our own employees could probably do with a little training. — [3] —.

Consequently, I am considering organizing a short course on basic graphic design skills for any employees who are interested. — [4] —. This would allow us to use in-house skills for smaller design projects in the future. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please respond to this e-mail and let me know before April 20.

Best wishes,

Brendon Rogerson

Human Resources Director, Ellis and Ellis Consulting

**In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?**


"Going through them, a couple of trends have become very clear to me

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]

 *go through:* .....

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Exercise 7:

Davenport Accounting

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

FROM: Phillip Christensen

As most of you are already aware, we will soon be undergoing a complete update of our office hardware. Much of our equipment is quite old and due for replacement this year. — [1] —. We will be upgrading our server as well as providing new PCs to everyone who has not received one in the past five years. In addition, new printer terminals will be stationed throughout the office. Many of you have also asked for new monitors. — [2] —. We regret that we were unable to authorize all requests as funding is limited.

If you are receiving a new computer, please make sure to download all the files you will need onto an external hard drive by Friday. This is important as the old equipment will be replaced over the weekend and will be inaccessible to staff from Monday.

— [3] —. The technicians hope to complete all the work on Saturday and Sunday. Should there be a delay, you will be notified. If you have any questions, call me at extension 115 or send me an e-mail at philchristensen@davenport.com.

— [4] —. Thank you for your cooperation.

In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"You should already have received an e-mail concerning your request if it was approved."

(A) [1]

(B) [2]

(C) [3]

(D) [4]