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1.Name the river which is a reason of dispute between India and Bangladesh?

- A. Teesta
- B. Brahmaputra
- C. Ganga
- D. None of the options is correct.

Sol.

- Teesta is the river is a reason of dispute between India and Bangladesh.
- It is the fourth largest river among the 54 rivers shared by India and Bangladesh.
- The Purbachal with length of 4096.1 km was the boundary demarcation line between India and Bangladesh.

2.The Parliament of Afghanistan was built by _____.

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. India
- D. USA

Sol.

- The Parliament of Afghanistan was built by India.
- It is also known as the The National Assembly.
- Afghanistan is a landlocked country in Central and South Asia.
- It is well known for its fine fruits, especially pomegranates, grapes, and its extra-sweet jumbo-size melons.

3.Chabahar Port is developed by India in _____.

- A. Thailand
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Srilanka

Sol.

- Chabahar Port is developed by India in Iran.
- It is the only Iranian port with direct access to the Indian Ocean.

- It is the second largest country in the Middle East and the 17th largest in the world.

4.Which of the following is not a member of BIMSTEC?

- A. Srilanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Thailand
- D. China

Sol.

- China is not a member of BIMSTEC.
- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation is full form BIMSTEC.
- Its headquarters is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand are members of BIMSTEC.

5.Which of the following is correctly matched?

- A. A Tale of Two Cities-Vikram Seth
- B. A Suitable Boy-Charles Dickens
- C. A Passage to India-EM Foster
- D. All options are correct.

Sol.

- A Passage to India - EM Foster is correct.
- Time magazine included the novel in its "All Time 100 Novels" list.
- EM Forster was an English novelist, short story writer, essayist and librettist.
- He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in 16 different years.

6.Which of the following is/are the Bharat Ratna recipient/s?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Lata Mangeskar
- D. All options are correct.

Sol.

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee is the recipient of Bharat Ratna.



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- He served three terms as the Prime Minister of India and He was also noted as a poet and a writer.
- The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India that was instituted on 2 January 1954.

7. Who was the first Indian to get the Oscar for lifetime achievements in the field of cinema?

- A. Anil Kapoor
- B. Bhanu Athaiya
- C. Satyajit Ray
- D. Bimal Roy

Sol.

- Satyajit Ray was the first Indian to get the Oscar for lifetime achievements in the field of cinema.
- He also won the National Award for the Best Director six times which is the most by any filmmaker so far.
- The Oscars Awards are given for artistic and technical merit in the film industry.

8. Rouff is a folk dance. It has its origin in _____.

- A. Jammu-Kashmir
- B. Mizoram
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Tripura

Sol.

- Rouff is a folk dance and It has its origin in the Muslim community of the state of Jammu-Kashmir in India.
- Some other famous dances are Kud dance, Dumhal Dance, Bhand Pather, Hafiza Dance, Bacha Nagma, Wuegi - Nachun.
- It is popularly known as the "Paradise on Earth".

9. What was the earlier name of music director A.R. Rehman?

- A. Manoj Kumar
- B. Dileep Kumar
- C. R Ramachandran

D. T Vishwanathan

Sol.

- Dileep Kumar was the earlier name of music director A.R Rehman.
- He made his debut in Indian Music Industry with the 1992 film Roja.
- He is an Indian composer, singer-songwriter, music producer, musician, and multi-instrumentalist.

10. Which of the following is NOT correctly matched?

- A. Hopman Cup -Tennis
- B. Azlan Shah cup-Hockey
- C. Sudirman Cup-Chess
- D. Uber Cup-Badminton

Sol.

- Sudirman Cup - Chess is not correctly matched.
- The Sudirman cup is named after Dick Sudirman and is related to badminton.
- It is the world mixed team badminton championship which takes place every two years.

11. Which committee has recommended change in the structure and ecosystem in the Indian cricket board?

- A. Lodha Committee
- B. Gavaskar Committee
- C. Mehta Committee
- D. Guha Committee

Sol.

- Lodha Committee has recommended change in the structure and ecosystem in the Indian Cricket Board.
- The Lodha Panel was set up by the Indian Supreme Court in January 2015 because of allegations of corruption, match fixing and betting scandals in Indian cricket.
- The national governing body for cricket in India is the Board of Control for Cricket in India.



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12. Thomas Alva Edison discovered an electric lamp. Edison was a/an _____.

- A. British Scientist
- B. American scientist
- C. French Scientist
- D. German Scientist

Sol.

- Thomas Alva Edison discovered an electric lamp and Edison was an American scientist.
- He developed many devices in fields such as electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures.
- He also established the first industrial research laboratory.

13. Jigyasa has been launched by the government of India. Which of the following is correct about it?

- A. This programme is implemented by the CSIR in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.
- B. The main focus of the programme is to connect school students and scientists.
- C. This programme is implemented by the CSIR in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the main focus of the programme is to connect school students and scientists.
- D. No option is correct.

Sol.

- Jigyasa has been launched by the government of India and this programme is implemented by CSIR in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the main focus of the programme is to connect school students and scientists.
- This programme is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a new India and Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) of Scientific Community and Institutions.

14. Which of the following is related to the flagship scheme of the Government of India UDAN?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Civil Aviation
- C. Defence
- D. Social Justice

Sol.

- Civil Aviation is related to the flagship scheme of the Government of India UDAN.
- The full form of UDAN is Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik.
- The government has put in Rs 400 crore to bail out this flagship regional connectivity scheme.

15. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Lead is the most hazardous metal pollutant of automobile exhaust.
- B. The toxic effect of Carbon Monoxide is due to its greater affinity for haemoglobin as compared to oxygen.
- C. Photochemical smog always contains Ozone.
- D. All options are correct.

Sol.

- All Statements are correct.
- First statement states that Lead is the most hazardous metal pollutant of automobile exhaust.
- Second states that the toxic effect of Carbon Monoxide is due to its greater affinity for haemoglobin as compared to oxygen.
- Third States that Photochemical smog always contains Ozone.

16. Who had used the term "Ecology" first time?

- A. Charles Darwin
- B. Robert Whittaker
- C. Ernst Haeckel
- D. Arthur Tansley

Sol.



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- Ecology was used for the first time by Ernst Haeckel.
- It is the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings.
- There are five levels of ecology :
 - 1) Organism
 - 2) Population
 - 3) Community
 - 4) Ecosystem
 - 5) Biosphere

17. Heavy water is made by _____.
A. Dissolving salts of heavy metals in distilled water
B. Repeated distillation and condensation of water
C. Burning deuterium in oxygen
D. By burning the heavier isotope of oxygen in hydrogen

Sol.

- Heavy water is made by Burning deuterium in oxygen.
- It was first produced in 1932 and It has a density about 11% greater than water.
- It is used in nuclear reactors as moderator and manufacturing of optical fibres which reduces the loss of signal during Total Internal Reflection.

18. Which of the following is the common name of Phosgene?
A. Carbonyl chloride
B. Phosphine
C. Carbon tetrachloride
D. Phosphorus trichloride

Sol.

- Carbonyl chloride is the common name of Phosgene.
- It is very poisonous and was used as a chemical weapon during World War First.
- Phosgene is produced by passing purified carbon monoxide and chlorine gas through a bed of porous activated carbon, which serves as a catalyst.

19. Who among the following discovered benzene?

- A. John Dalton
- B. Newton
- C. Priestley
- D. Michael Faraday

Sol.

- Benzene was discovered by Michael Faraday.
- It is an organic chemical compound with the molecular formula C_6H_6 .
- It's used to make plastics, synthetic fibers, rubber lubricants, dyes, drugs and pesticides.

20. What is the reason for the use of Sodium thiosulphate in photography?

- A. Reaction with light
- B. Ability to form complexion
- C. Oxidizing behaviour
- D. Reducing behaviour

Sol.

- The reason for the use of Sodium thiosulphate in photography is the ability to form complexion.
- Sodium Thiosulphate is used to treat cyanide poisoning and also as a protective medicine used to prevent or lessen the kidney damage.
- Silver chloride, silver bromide and silver iodide are the three silver "halide" compounds used in photography.

21. The term 'hacker' was originally associated with which of the following?

- A. A computer program
- B. Virus
- C. Computer professionals who solved complex computer problems
- D. All options are correct.

Sol.

- The term 'hacker' was originally associated with computer professionals who solved complex computer problems.
- There are mainly three types of hackers:



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- 1) White Hat Hacker
 - 2) Black Hat Hacker
 - 3) Grey Hat Hacker
- Kristoffer von Hassel is the world's youngest known hacker.

22. A data warehouse is always _____.
A. subject oriented
B. object oriented
C. programme oriented
D. compiler oriented

Sol.

- A data warehouse is always Subject Oriented.
- It is always kept separate from an Operational Database.
- It consists of data from multiple heterogeneous data sources and is used for analytical reporting and decision making.

23. When a freely falling object eventually stops on reaching the ground, _____.
A. its potential energy decreases
B. its kinetic energy increases
C. its potential energy decreases and its kinetic energy increases
D. None of the options is correct.

Sol.

- When a freely falling object eventually stops on reaching the ground all its potential energy gets converted into kinetic energy.
- Free fall is any motion of a body where gravity is the only force acting upon it.
- The Kinetic energy of an object is the energy that it possesses due to its motion.

24. A common fluorescent tube contains _____.
A. Argon vapour
B. Mercury vapour
C. Sodium vapour
D. Neon vapour

Sol.

- A common fluorescent tube contains Mercury Vapour.
- A fluorescent tube is a low-pressure mercury-vapor gas-discharge lamp that uses fluorescence to produce visible light.
- Mercury is the only liquid metallic element at standard conditions for temperature and pressure.

25. Due to which of the following reasons soap bubbles look colorful in white light?
A. Diffraction
B. Scattering
C. Reflection
D. Interference

Sol.

- The soap bubbles look colourful in white due to Interference.
- A Soap bubble is an extremely thin film of soapy water enclosing air that forms a hollow sphere with an iridescent surface.
- Interference of light is a special phenomenon reflecting the wave nature of light.

26. Loudness of sound depends upon which of the following?
A. Frequency
B. Wavelength
C. Amplitude
D. Overtones

Sol.

- Loudness of sound depends upon the amplitude.
- Amplitude is the maximum displacement or distance moved by a point on a vibrating body or wave measured from its equilibrium position.
- The SI unit of amplitude is the metre and Loudness is the decibels.

27. Diaphragm is a means of contraception. It is fixed _____.
A. Over cervix
B. In the fallopian tube
C. In the uterus



D. None of the options is correct.

Sol.

- Diaphragm is a means of contraception. It is fixed over the cervix.
- It is a moderately effective barrier method of birth control and It came into use around 1882.
- The cervix is a cylinder-shaped neck of tissue that connects the vagina and uterus.

28. In which organ of the body does the detoxification of the most poisonous substances take place?

- A. Kidney
- B. Liver
- C. Lungs
- D. Stomach

Sol.

- The detoxification of the most poisonous substances take place in the Liver.
- The liver is the only visceral organ that possesses the capacity to regenerate.
- It is the largest solid organ in the human body.

29. Lysosomes are known as suicidal bags because of their _____.

- A. Proteolytic enzymes
- B. Parasitising nucleus
- C. Hydrolytic enzymes
- D. Phagocytic activity

Sol.

- Lysosomes are known as suicidal bags because of their Phagocytic activity.
- They are spherical, membrane bound organelles that are generated by the golgi apparatus.
- A lysosome has three main functions:
 - 1) Breakdown of macromolecules
 - 2) Cell membrane repairs
 - 3) Responses against foreign substances

30. Hereditary characteristics are passed on from parent to the offspring chiefly through _____.

- A. Genes
- B. Enzymes
- C. Gametes
- D. Centrosome

Sol.

- Hereditary characteristics are passed on from parent to the offspring chiefly through Genes.
- Genes are segments of DNA that contain the code for a specific protein that functions in one or more types of cells in the body.
- Genetics is the process of transmission of heredity characteristics.

31. Vitamin K is related to which of the following?

- A. Fertility
- B. Blood synthesis
- C. Blood clotting
- D. Skin integrity

Sol.

- Vitamin K is related to Blood Clotting.
- Some other functions of vitamin K are bone metabolism, and regulating blood calcium levels, functioning of several proteins involved in physiological processes.
- Vitamin K is also known as phyloquinone or phytomenadione.

32. Brain receives and sends signals in the form of _____.

- A. Chemical impulses
- B. Magnetic impulses
- C. Mechanical impulses
- D. Electrical impulses

Sol.

- Brain receives and sends signals in the form of Electrical impulses.
- The brainstem takes in, sends out, and coordinates the brain's messages.
- The largest part of the brain is the cerebrum and It is responsible for balance, movement, and coordination.



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33. In which two layers of the Earth does "The Gutenberg Discontinuity" lie?

- A. The crust and the mantle
- B. The mantle and the core
- C. The upper and lower mantle
- D. The inner and outer core

Sol.

- "The Gutenberg Discontinuity" lies between The Mantle and The Core.
- It is a narrow, uneven zone, and contains undulations that may be up to 5-8 km wide.
- This discontinuity was discovered by Beno Gutenberg.

34. Which of the following controls the wind speed?

- A. Pressure gradient
- B. Rotation of the earth
- C. Insolation
- D. None of the options is correct.

Sol.

- Pressure gradient controls the wind speed.
- It is a physical quantity that describes in which direction and at what rate the pressure increases the most rapidly around a particular location.
- The negative gradient of pressure is known as the force density.

35. Which countries are separated by the Mac Mohan Line?

- A. India-Bangladesh
- B. India-Pakistan
- C. India-China
- D. India-Nepal

Sol.

- The countries separated by the Mac Mohan Line are India-China.
- The line is named after Henry McMahon who was foreign secretary of British India.
- The length of Mac Mohan line is approximately 885 km.

36. Which of the following is related to "Blue Revolution"?

- A. Irrigation
- B. agriculture
- C. fishing
- D. Indigo cultivation

Sol.

- Fishing is related to the "Blue Revolution".
- Dr. Hiralal Chaudhuri and Dr. Arun Krishnsnan known as Father of Blue revolution.
- It was launched in India during the seventh Five-year plan.

37. Under which treaty British company got the Diwani right of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa from Mughal ruler Shah Alam II?

- A. Treaty of Awadh
- B. Treaty of Alinagar
- C. Treaty of Calcutta
- D. Treaty of Allahabad

Sol.

- British company got the Diwani right of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa from Mughal ruler Shah Alam II under the treaty of Allahabad.
- The Treaty of Allahabad was signed on 12 August 1765 between the Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II and Lord Clive of the British East.
- Diwani Rights were the rights granted to British East India Company to collect revenues.

38. Who was the German General nicknamed 'Desert Fox' during the Second World War?

- A. General Nelson
- B. General Erwin Rommel
- C. Adolf Hitler
- D. No option is correct.

Sol.

- The German General nicknamed 'Desert Fox' during the Second World War was General Erwin Rommel.



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- He served as field marshal in the armed forces of Nazi Germany during World War II.
- The German Army's largest military base, the Field Marshal Rommel Barracks, Augustdorf, is named in his honour.

39. Who founded the Vikramasila University?

A. Gopala
B. Devpala
C. Karna
D. Dharampala

Sol.

- Vikramshila University was founded by Dharampala.
- It was one of the largest Buddhist universities.
- It was allegedly destroyed by the forces of Muhammad bin Bakhtiyar Khalji around 1193.
- Nalanda University is the oldest university in India.

40. There were 8 types of marriages during the Vedic Period. Which one of them is a love marriage?

A. Brahma Vivah
B. Gandharva Vivah
C. Daiva Vivah
D. Arsha Vivah

Sol.

- There were 8 types of marriages during the Vedic Period, Gandharva Vivah is a love marriage.
- The boy and girl belong to good families and the same varna get married in Brahma Vivah and Brahma vivah is considered the best marriage.
- Daiva-vivaha literally means 'marriage related to the rite of gods'.
- In Arsha Vivah the family of the groom pays kanya-shulkam or bride-price to the parents of the bride.

41. Which of the following is/are the session/sessions of our Parliament?

A. Monsoon Session
B. Winter Session
C. Budget Session
D. All of these

Sol.

- Monsoon Session, Winter Session and Budget Session are the sessions of our Parliament.
- Budget Session is from Jan-Feb to May.
- Monsoon Session is from July to Aug-Sep.
- Winter Session is from November to December.

42. What was the objective of the Morley-Minto Reforms passed in 1909?

A. To bring women into politics
B. Increasing participation of Indians in the Assembly
C. Preparing for cooperation in World War
D. Implementing separate electoral system

Sol.

- The objective of the Morley-Minto Reforms passed in 1909 is implementing a separate electoral system.
- The act enlarged the size of the legislative council both Central and Provincial.
- It introduced a system of communal representation for Muslims by accepting the concept of 'separate electorate'.

43. The theory of "basic structure" of the Indian Constitution was propounded by the Supreme Court in the _____.

- A. Golak Nath Case
B. Minerva Mills Case
C. Kesavananda Bharati Case
D. Maneka Gandhi Case

Sol.

- The theory of "basic structure" of the Indian Constitution was propounded by the Supreme Court in the Kesavananda Bharati Case.



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- The basic structure of the Constitution of India applies only to constitutional amendments which states that the Parliament cannot destroy the basic features of the Indian Constitution.

44. Who among the following Indians served as the President of the International Court of Justice?

- A. Justice Nagendra Singh
- B. Justice M Katju
- C. Justice Y V Chandrachud
- D. Justice J S Khehar

Sol.

- Justice Nagendra Singh served as the President of the International Court of Justice.
- Sir Benegal Narsing Rau was an advisor to the Indian constituent assembly and was the first Indian permanent judge to the International Court of Justice.
- The International Court of Justice was established in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations and began work in April 1946.

45. Under which writs do the Courts seek to produce a person in the court suspected to be missing or in custody?

- A. Mandamus
- B. Quo Warranto
- C. Certiorari
- D. Habeas corpus

Sol.

- The Courts seek to produce a person in the court suspected to be missing or in custody under writ Habeas Corpus.
- Mandamus directs the public official, public body, corporation, tribunal etc. to perform their duties which they have refused to perform.
- A writ of certiorari orders a lower court to deliver its record in a case so that the higher court may review it.

- The writ of quo warranto is issued by the court to inquire into the legality of claims of a person to a public office.

46. Who among the following considered "Right to Constitutional Remedies" to be the heart and soul of the Indian Constitution?

- A. Dr Rajendra Prasad
- B. Dr B R Ambedkar
- C. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- D. Sardar Patel

Sol.

- Dr B.R. Ambedkar considered "Right to Constitutional Remedies" to be the heart and soul of the Indian Constitution.
- Right to constitutional remedies empowers the citizens to move to a court of law in case of any denial of the fundamental rights.
- He was declared no. 1 scholar in the world by Columbia University.

47. What does the first step of "Theory of Demographic Transition" indicate?

- A. High Birth-Rate and High Death-Rate
- B. Falling Death Rate and High Birth Rate
- C. Low Birth-Rate and Low Death Rate
- D. All options are correct.

Sol.

- The first step of "Theory of Demographic Transition" indicates High Birth-Rate and High Death-Rate.
- The theory is based on an interpretation of demographic history developed in 1929 by the American demographer Warren Thompson.
- It suggests that populations grow along a predictable five-stage model.

48. Gresham's law in economics relates to _____.

- A. Supply and demand
- B. Distribution of goods and services
- C. Consumption and supply
- D. Circulation of currency



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Sol.

- Gresham's law in economics relates to Circulation of currency.
- It is primarily used for consideration and application in currency markets.
- It is a monetary principle stating that "bad money drives out good".

49. In which year was the Reserve Bank of India established under the Reserve Bank Act?

- A. 1960
- B. 1947
- C. 1935
- D. 1957

Sol.

- The Reserve Bank of India established under the Reserve Bank Act in 1935.
- It was set up on the basis of the recommendations of the Hilton Young Commission.
- It regulates monetary policy of the country and controls money supply in the economy.
- It acts as regulator of commercial banks and makes credit control measures to fight inflation.

50. Which type of institution is the Finance Commission?

- A. Statutory institution
- B. Constitutional institution
- C. Non-constitutional institution
- D. No option is correct.

Sol.

- The Finance Commission is a Constitutional institution.
- It was established by the President of India in 1951 under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution.
- It was formed to define the financial relations between the central government of India and the individual state governments.

51. Identify the diagram that best represents the relationship among the given classes.

Vegetables, Onion, Eatables

A.

B.

C.

D.

Sol.

All onions are vegetables and, all vegetables are Eatables.
So, the best figure to represent the relationship is:

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

52. A word is represented by only one set of number as given in any one of the alternatives. The sets of numbers given in the alternatives are represented by two classes of alphabets as shown in the given two matrices. The columns and rows of Matrix-I are numbered from 0 to 4 and that of Matrix-II are numbered from 5 to 9. A letter from these matrices can be represented first by its row and next by its column, for example, 'Y' can be represented by 00, 22, etc., and 'U' can be represented by 42, 59, etc. Similarly, you



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have to identify the set for the word "PARK".

- A. 58, 40, 86, 34
- B. 95, 40, 77, 65
- C. 23, 78, 34, 02
- D. 76, 55, 89, 23

Sol.

Logic: Here a letter from these matrices is represented first by its row and next by its column.

Option (A) 58, 40, 86, 34
Code Corresponding letter
58 P
40 A
86 H
34 R

Option (B) 95, 40, 77, 65
Code Corresponding letter
95 P
40 A
77 R
65 K

So, the number set 95, 40, 77, 65 is correct.

As, we found the correct answer, so no need to check more options.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

53. From the given options, which answer figure can be formed by folding the figure given in the question?

A.

B.

C.

D.

Sol.

Opposite faces are:

And we know that opposite faces cannot be adjacent to each other.

So, only option C satisfies the condition.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

54. If a mirror is placed on the line AB, then which of the answer figures is the right image of the given figure?



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A.

B.

C.

D.

Sol.
The mirror image is -

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

55. A piece of paper is folded and punched as shown below in the question figures. From the given answer figures, indicate how it will appear when opened?

A.

B.

C.

D.

Sol.
Steps involved in paper folding:

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

56. From the given answer figures, select the one in which the question figure is hidden/embedded.

A.

B.



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C.

D.

Sol.

It can be clearly seen that the figure is embedded in option (B).

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

57. Which answer figure will complete the pattern in the question figure?

A.

B.

C.

D.

Sol.

After carefully observing the figures given in the question, it is very clear that the answer figure(A) will complete the question figure.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

58. Weight of P is twice that of Q. Weight of Q is half of R. Weight of R is 3 times of T. Weight of T is half of S. The weight of Q is greater than the weight of how many persons among P, R, S and T?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Sol.

Let the weight of P be 18kg

Then, P is twice that of Q i.e $P = 2Q$

So, $Q = 9\text{kg}$

Now, Q is half of R i.e $2Q = R$

So, $R = 18\text{kg}$

Now, R 3 times of T i.e $R = 3T$

So, $T = 6\text{kg}$

Now,

T is half of S i.e $S = 2T$

So, $S = 12\text{kg}$

We can see that Q is greater in weight than only one person which is $T = 6\text{kg}$.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

59. P, Q, R, S and T are sitting in a line facing west. P and Q are sitting together. R is sitting at south end and S is sitting at north end. T is neighbour of Q and R. Who is sitting in the middle?

- A. P
- B. Q



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C. R
D. S

Sol.

Q is sitting in the middle.
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

60. A is 2 years older to B. B is 5 years younger to C. C is 3 years older to D. D is 6 years younger to E. Who is the youngest?

A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D

Sol.

Let us assume the age of A as 10 years.

Then, $B = A - 2 = 10 - 2 = 8$

$B = C - 5$, $C = 8 + 5 = 13$

$C = D + 3$, $D = 13 - 3 = 10$

$E = D + 6 = 10 + 6 = 16$

So, B is the youngest among them.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

61. Suman walks 15 km towards north. She turns right and walks another 15 km. She turns right and walks another 15 km. In which direction is she from her starting point?

A. North
B. South
C. East
D. West

Sol.

We can clearly see that the end point is in the East of her starting point.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

62. In the following question, select the number which can be placed at the sign of question mark (?) from the given alternatives.

A. 36
B. 49
C. 50
D. 64

Sol.

Logic: Squares of consecutive natural numbers are written in a clockwise direction.

$$(1)^2 = 1$$

$$(2)^2 = 4$$

$$(3)^2 = 9$$

$$(4)^2 = 16$$

$$(5)^2 = 25$$

$$(6)^2 = 36 = ?$$

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

63. In the following question, select the number which can be placed at the sign of question mark (?) from the given alternatives.



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- A. 45
- B. 50
- C. 70
- D. 105

Sol.

Logic: The number inside the triangle is the multiplication of all the numbers on the vertices of the triangle.

For triangle 1 - $3 \times 4 \times 7 = 84$

For triangle 2 - $5 \times 3 \times 2 = 30$

Similarly,

For triangle 3 - $7 \times 2 \times 5 = 70$.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

64. In the following question, select the number which can be placed at the sign of question mark (?) from the given alternatives.

- A. 10
- B. 13
- C. 9
- D. 16

Sol.

Logic is : $A + B = C$

and, $B + C = D$

For first rectangle: $2 + 3 = 5$

and, $3 + 5 = 8$

Similarly,

For second rectangle: $3 + 4 = 7$

and, $4 + 7 = 11$

Similarly,

For the third rectangle: $4 + 5 = ?$

So, $? = 9$

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

65. In the following question, select the number which can be placed at the sign of question mark (?) from the given alternatives.

- A. 20
- B. 21
- C. 22
- D. 24

Sol.

Logic:

Row 1 - $(3 \times 4) + 6 = 18$

Row 2 - $(2 \times 8) + 5 = 21$

Similarly,

Row 3 - $(3 \times 7) + 1 = 22$

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

66. In a certain code language, "RUN" is written as "50" and "BUS" is written as "39". How is "GUN" written in that code language?

- A. 37
- B. 38
- C. 39
- D. 42

Sol.

Logic: Each alphabet in the code language is written as its corresponding number minus 1 and then added.

Now, in RUN, R is 18th in the alphabetical order and it is written as $18 - 1 = 17$

U is 21st in the alphabetical order and it is written as $21 - 1 = 20$

N is 14th in the alphabetical order and it is written as $14 - 1 = 13$



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Now, the code for RUN becomes $17 + 20 + 13 = 50$
Similarly,
BUS is written as $(2 - 1) + (21 - 1) + (19 - 1) = 39$
Similarly,
GUN is written as $(7 - 1) + (21 - 1) + (14 - 1) = 39$
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

67. In a certain code language, "PHONE" is written as "QJRRJ". How is "PAGER" written in that code language?
A. QCJIW
B. QCJKW
C. QCKIW
D. QCKIY

Sol.
The pattern is:

Similarly,

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

68. In the following question below are given some statements followed by some conclusions. Taking the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts, read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion logically follows the given statements.

Statements:

- I. All ears are hands.
- II. No hand is nose.

Conclusions:

- I. No ear is nose.
- II. All noses are ears.
- III. Some hands are noses.
- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. None follows.

Sol.

- I. No ear is nose – It is a definite case, hence true.
 - II. All noses are ears – It is not a definite case, hence false.
 - III. Some hands are noses – It is not a definite case, hence false.
- So, only conclusion I follow.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

69. In the following question below are given some statements followed by some conclusions. Taking the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts, read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion logically follows the given statements.

Statements:

- I. Some white are yellow.
- II. All yellow are blue.

Conclusions:

- I. Some blue are white.
- II. Some yellow are white.
- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Neither I nor II



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D. Both I and II

Sol.

There will be two cases.

Case 1 – Where blue covers some parts of White

Case 2- Where blue covers all of White

Some blue are white. - It can be clearly be seen that for both cases Some blue are white.

Hence, conclusion I follow.

II. Some yellow are white. - Some yellow are white is also true, as it is already given in statement I.

Hence, conclusion II follows.

So, both I and II follow.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

70. In the following question, select the word which cannot be formed using the letters of the given word.

HANGOVER

A. RANGE

B. RAGE

C. HOVER

D. HANGS

Sol.

Since there is no 'S' in HANGOVER

So, the word HANGS cannot be formed.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

71. In the following question, select the word which cannot be formed using the letters of the given word.

TRADITIONAL

A. LAID

B. TRADE

C. RADIATION

D. RATIONAL

Sol.

Since there is no 'E' in TRADITIONAL.

So, the word TRADE cannot be formed.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

72. By interchanging which two signs the equation will be correct?

$$16 + 31 - 3 \times 93 \div 11 = 966$$

A. + and -

B. - and \div

C. \div and \times

D. \times and +

Sol.

On checking option A;

$$16 + 31 - 3 \times 93 \div 11 = 966$$

After changing the sign:

$$16 - 31 + 3 \times 93 \div 11 = 966$$

93 is not completely divided by 11

On checking option B;

$$16 + 31 - 3 \times 93 \div 11 = 966$$

After changing the sign

$$16 + 31 \div 3 \times 93 - 11 = 966$$

$$16 + 31 \times 31 - 11 = 966$$

$$16 + 961 - 11 = 966$$

$$961 + 5 = 966$$

$$966 = 966$$

No need to check other options.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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73.If **13 L 4 A 7 = 41** and **14 A 3 L 12 = 54**, then **12 L 3 A 9 = ?**

- A. 84
- B. 39
- C. 42
- D. 56

Sol.

As,

$$13 + 4 \times 7 = 13 + 28 = 41$$

and,

$$14 \times 3 + 12 = 42 + 12 = 54$$

So, it is clear that L implies '+' and A implies 'x'

$$\text{So, } 12 \text{ L } 3 \text{ A } 9 = 12 + 3 \times 9 = 12 + 27 = 39$$

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

74.In the following question, select the related word from the given alternatives.

Badminton : Shuttle :: Cricket : ?

- A. Dice
- B. Ball
- C. Striker
- D. Pitch

Sol.

Badminton is the sport in which shuttle is used.

Similarly, Cricket is a sport in which Ball is used.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

75.In the following question, select the related word from the given alternatives.

East : West :: North-East : ?

- A. South-East
- B. South-West
- C. North-West
- D. South

Sol.

East is the exact opposite direction to west.

Similarly, North-East is the exact opposite direction to South-West.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

76.In the following question, select the related word from the given alternatives.

Wallet : Money :: Almirah : ?

- A. Clothes
- B. Wood
- C. Steel
- D. Lock

Sol.

Wallet is used to keep (store) money.

Similarly, Almirah is used to keep (store) **Clothes**.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

77.In the following question, select the related letters from the given alternatives.

BCFDH : YXUWS :: MAGKD : ?

- A. NCTMW
- B. NZTPW
- C. KXKMQ
- D. KZTPQ

Sol.

The pattern is:

B is opposite to Y

C is opposite to X

F is opposite to U

D is opposite to W

H is opposite to S

Similarly,

M is opposite to N

A is opposite to Z

G is opposite to T

K is opposite to P

D is opposite to W

So, MAGKD is related to NZTPW.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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78. In the following question, select the related letters from the given alternatives.

BOTTLE : CQWXQK :: FILLED : ?

- A. GKOPJJ
- B. GKOPJK
- C. GKPOJJ
- D. GHOPJJ

Sol.

As,

Similarly,

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

79. In the following question, select the related letters from the given alternatives.

SAND : QCLF :: DUNE : ?

- A. BWLG
- B. BWLH
- C. BVLG
- D. BWMG

Sol.

The pattern is:

Similarly,

So, DUNE becomes

BWLG.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

80. In the following question, select the related number from the given alternatives.

236 : 4936 :: 724 : ?

- A. 49416
- B. 7416
- C. 49164
- D. 49464

Sol.

Logic: The squares of the individual numbers from the left-hand side are being written on the right-hand side respectively.

$$(2)^2 = 4$$

$$(3)^2 = 9$$

$$(6)^2 = 36$$

So, 236 is written as 4936

Similarly,

$$(7)^2 = 49$$

$$(2)^2 = 4$$



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$$(4)^2 = 16$$

So, 724 can be written as 49416

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

81. In the following question, select the related number from the given alternatives.

$$8 : 63 :: 9 : ?$$

- A. 80
- B. 81
- C. 56
- D. 32

Sol.

$$\text{Here, } (8)^2 - 1 = 64 - 1 = 63$$

$$\text{Similarly, } (9)^2 - 1 = 81 - 1 = 80$$

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

82. In the following question, select the related number from the given alternatives.

$$110 : 12100 :: 170 : ?$$

- A. 2890
- B. 28900
- C. 18900
- D. 36100

Sol.

$$\text{Here, } (110)^2 = 12100$$

$$\text{Similarly, } (170)^2 = 28900$$

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

83. In the following question, select the odd word from the given alternatives.

- A. Petrol
- B. Coal
- C. Air
- D. Natural Gas

Sol.

Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas all are formed by the same process and are known as fossil fuels.

So, clearly Air is the odd word from the given alternatives.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

84. In the following question, select the odd word pair from the given alternatives.

- A. Room : House
- B. Page : Book
- C. Engine : Car
- D. Food : Hunger

Sol.

Room – It is part of a house.

Page – It is part of a book

Engine – It is part of a Car

Food – It is NOT a part of hunger.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

85. In the following question, select the odd word pair from the given alternatives.

- A. Hangar : Aeroplane
- B. Yard : Train
- C. Depot : Bus
- D. Scooter : Garage

Sol.

Logic – relationship is (Parking Spot : Vehicle)

Except for option (D) all other options are following the above pattern.

Hangar – A place to house aeroplanes

Yard – A place to house trains

Depot – A place to house buses.

Garage – a place to house scooter, cars (household vehicles)

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

86. In the following question, select the odd letters from the given alternatives.

- A. GJHI
- B. MPNO
- C. RUST
- D. UVXW

Sol.

The pattern is:



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So, UVXW is the odd one out.
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

87. In the following question, select the odd letters from the given alternatives.

- A. JLN
- B. GIK
- C. NPR
- D. TVY

Sol.
Option A:

Option B:

Option C:

Option D:

So, option D is the odd one out as V increases by 3 to Y, whereas in every other option it increases by 2.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

88. In the following question, select the odd number pair from the given alternatives.

- A. 3 – 28
- B. 2 – 9
- C. 5 – 124
- D. 4 – 65

Sol.

Logic: The number on the left of the pair (3, 2, 5 and 4) is cubed and 1 is added to it to get the number on the right.

$$(3)^3 + 1 = 27 + 1 = 28$$

$$(2)^3 + 1 = 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$(5)^3 + 1 = 125 + 1 = 126 \neq 124$$

$$(4)^3 + 1 = 64 + 1 = 65$$

Only option C does not satisfy the logic.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

89. In the following question, select the odd number pair from the given alternatives.

- A. 9 – 90
- B. 6 – 42
- C. 5 – 30
- D. 4 – 36

Sol.

Logic: The number on the left of the pair (9, 6, 5 and 4) is multiplied by its next number to get the number on the right.

$$(9 \times 10) = 90$$

$$(6 \times 7) = 42$$

$$(5 \times 6) = 30$$

$$(4 \times 5) = 20 \neq 36$$

Only option D does not satisfy the logic.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

90. Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary.

- 1) Kite



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2) Kangaroo

3) Krypton

4) Kaizen

5) Karma

A. 42513

B. 45213

C. 24513

D. 25413

Sol.

The sequence is:

4. Kaizen

2. Kangaroo

5. Karma

1. Kite

3. Krypton

The correct order is- 4, 2, 5, 1, 3

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

91. Which word will appear last when arranged in order of dictionary?

1) Onion

2) Owl

3) Omnious

4) Ostrich

5) Oxford

A. Onion

B. Owl

C. Oxford

D. Ostrich

Sol.

The correct sequence after re-arranging in the order of dictionary.

3. Omnious

1. Onion

4. Ostrich

2. Owl

5. Oxford

So clearly, Oxford will appear last.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

92. Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary.

1) Lively

2) Longer

3) Lasted

4) Lamp

5) Lost

A. 43125

B. 41325

C. 43152

D. 41352

Sol.

The sequence is:

4. Lamp

3. Lasted

1. Lively

2. Longer

5. Lost

The correct order is- 4, 3, 1, 2, 5

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

93. Which word will appear first when arranged in order of dictionary?

A. Ankle

B. Anger

C. Antique

D. Aster

Sol.

Correct order after re-arranging as per the dictionary.

1. Anger

2. Ankle



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3. Antique
4. Aster
So, clearly Anger will appear first.
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

94. A series is given with one term missing. Select the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series.

AFG, EJK, INO, ?

- A. PQN
- B. NOP
- C. SMR
- D. MRS

Sol.
The pattern is:

So, the last term would be **MRS**
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

95. A series is given with one term missing. Select the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series.

CDH, FGK, IJN, ?

- A. LQK
- B. KQM
- C. MQK
- D. LMQ

Sol.
The pattern is:

So, the last term would be **LMQ**
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

96. A series is given with one term missing. Select the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series.

AB, CD, EF, GH, ?

- A. HJ
- B. HK
- C. IJ
- D. JI

Sol.
The terms are simply written in alphabetical order. So, the next term after GH obviously will be IJ.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

97. In the following question, select the missing number from the given series.

23, 11, 34, 45, 79, ?

- A. 121
- B. 124
- C. 163
- D. 169

Sol.
The pattern is:

$$23 + 11 = 34$$

$$11 + 34 = 45$$



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$$34 + 45 = 79$$

$$45 + 79 = \mathbf{124}$$

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

98. In the following question, select the missing number from the given series.

9, 19, 37, 75, 149, ?

- A. 297
- B. 298
- C. 300
- D. 299

Sol.

Logic: Multiply each number with two and alternatively add and subtract 1 from it to get the next number.

$$(9 \times 2) + 1 = 19$$

$$(19 \times 2) - 1 = 37$$

$$(37 \times 2) + 1 = 75$$

$$(75 \times 2) - 1 = 149$$

$$(149 \times 2) + 1 = \mathbf{299}$$

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

99. In the following question, select the missing number from the given series.

13, 24, 37, 61, 98, ?

- A. 159
- B. 163
- C. 134
- D. 172

Sol.

The pattern is:

$$13 + 24 = 37$$

$$24 + 37 = 61$$

$$37 + 61 = 98$$

$$61 + 98 = \mathbf{159}$$

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

100. In the following question, select the missing number from the given series.

33, 10, 43, 53, 96, ?

- A. 150
- B. 163
- C. 171
- D. 149

Sol.

The pattern is:

$$33 + 10 = 43$$

$$10 + 43 = 53$$

$$43 + 53 = 96$$

$$53 + 96 = \mathbf{149}$$

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

101.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

Man is a _____ (1) animal. He cannot live alone. Men of _____ (2) dispositions are naturally attracted towards each other. In course of time, intimacy grows between them. They begin to _____ (3) each other. This is called friendship. Friendship is a feeling of _____ (4) trust, support and affection between two people. A friend can be a companion, workmate, class-mate or any person with whom our _____ (5) of affection are attached. There is a mutual exchange of emotions, trust and supports among friends. Friendship, generally, _____ (6) between people of the same age and dispositions. They have similar passions, emotions and sentiments. When a student _____ (7) another student in a classroom, he finds that they both have the same _____ (8) and objective for life. This _____ (9) vision towards the same goal helps them to come closer and help each other. This is why, generally, people of the same age turn into friends. Even in offices, various people work together as a team to achieve the organizational goal. The achievement of the organizational targets will in turn _____ (10) their chances of individual success. In some cases, we make our best friends for life at our workplace. |||End|||



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Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10

A. approve
B. improve
C. disprove
D. groove

Sol.

A negative word cannot fill the blank as the idea of the passage is positive; this eliminates option A, C and D.

'Improve' is the most appropriate option here.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

102. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9

- A. contrasting
- B. shared
- C. known
- D. irrelevant

Sol.

A negative word cannot fill the blank as the idea of the passage is positive; this eliminates option A and D.

Now between 'shared' and 'known', 'shared' is a better choice since mutual friendship is mentioned.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

103. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8

- A. vision
- B. clue
- C. taste
- D. character

Sol.

'Vision' and 'objective' make a better contextual pair than any other options given here as the social aspects of a man's life are discussed in this sentence.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

104. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7

- A. fights
- B. irritates

- C. meets
- D. restricts

Sol.

A negative word cannot fill the blank as the idea of the passage is positive; this eliminates option A and B and D.

'Meets' fits the contextual criteria of the blank.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

105. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6

- A. shrinks
- B. depletes
- C. grows
- D. results

Sol.

A negative word cannot fill the blank as the idea of the passage is positive; this eliminates option A and B,

Now between C and D, 'grows' is a better option contextually than 'results'.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

106. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. feelings
- B. notions
- C. ideas
- D. selections

Sol.

For 'affection', the use of option B, C and D will be contextually wrong, and 'feelings' will be the most appropriate fit.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

107. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. conflicting
- B. mutual
- C. disapproving
- D. corrupting

Sol.



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'Mutual trust' is a widely used phrase in English (it is used to describe a situation, feeling, or action that is experienced, felt, or done by both of two people mentioned) which makes it the most suitable option contextually, also since option A, C and D are negative in use, only 'mutual' can fill the blank in the most relevant manner. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

108. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. frustrate
- B. ruin
- C. dislike
- D. trust

Sol.

Since the particular line represents intimacy and harmony between people, only a positive word can fit here, 'trust' is therefore the most appropriate option. Option A, B and C are negative in use. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

109. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. similar
- B. dissimilar
- C. alike
- D. distance

Sol.

Since this particular line represents how friendship between two people starts 'similar' is the most suitable option contextually. All the other options are negative in meaning which make them unfit for the blank.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

110.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. political
- B. public
- C. social
- D. economical

Sol.

Since the whole passage revolves around the social life of man, 'social' is the most suitable option here.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

111.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

Rice and wheat _____(1) much carbohydrate which is quite _____(2) for energy. But more of rice and wheat and _____(3) of vegetables and fruit is not a balanced diet. Vegetables and fruit contain nutrients like vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorus, folic acid, iodine, magnesium, zinc etc. Green leafy vegetables contain a lot of nutrients, especially calcium and iron. We _____(4) take one type of green leafy vegetable every day. Spinach is quite good for health. The cereals such as Bengal-gram, beans, black-gram, horsegram, maize, millet, ragi, red-gram etc., contain _____(5) protein which is essential for our _____(6). Iron and calcium contribute to healthy bones. Asafoetida _____(7) gas from the stomach. Cabbage, carrot and cluster-beans contain fibrous substance which gives a person _____(8) from constipation. Cucumber, horse radish, lady's finger, potato, tomato, snake- gourd etc. should _____(9) a place in our food items often. _____(10) fruits are good for health. Many of us do not have the habit of eating fruits. This is very bad. Taking orange, apple, plantain, grapes etc. will keep us healthy. |||End||| Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10 A. All

- B. Some
- C. More
- D. No

Sol.



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Since none of the fruit is mentioned to be bad for health according to the idea of the passage, 'all' is the most suitable choice contextually.

112. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9

- A. find
- B. reside
- C. look
- D. see

Sol.

Since 'find a place' is common phrase in English which means to discover one's vocation, purpose, and/or sense of belonging to or passion for something, thus 'find' is the most appropriate choice for the blank.

Hence option A is correct.

113. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8

- A. shock
- B. belief
- C. deprive
- D. relief

Sol.

Contextually, 'relief' is the best fit here, which makes it the most appropriate choice.

As we need a noun, it means the alleviation of pain, discomfort, or distress.

Hence option D is correct

114. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7

- A. sleeps
- B. initiates
- C. relieves
- D. grasps

Sol.

Since we need a word which is similar to 'get rid of', 'relieves' is the most suitable option.

Hence option C is correct.

115. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6

- A. success
- B. growth
- C. enlightenment
- D. sensitivity

Sol.

Since the passage mentions everything regarding good health, contextually 'growth' is the most suitable option.

Hence option B is correct.

116. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. much
- B. none
- C. many
- D. hardly

Sol.

No negative terms are needed according to the idea of the passage; this eliminates option B and D.

Since protein is an uncountable noun, 'much' is a better option than 'many'.

Hence option A is correct

117. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. should not
- B. would not
- C. would
- D. should

Sol.

No negative terms are needed according to the idea of the passage; this eliminates option A and B.

'Should' is the modal that represents weak obligation or advice, whereas 'would' represents probability. Therefore contextually, 'should' is the most suitable choice.

Hence option D is correct



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118. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. much
- B. few
- C. less
- D. more

Sol.

After reading the passage it can be clearly deduced that the given statement represents contradiction. Since 'rice and wheat' are mentioned with 'more', 'less' is the most suitable option to be used before 'vegetables and fruit'.

Hence option C is correct

119. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. essential
- B. unimportant
- C. irrelevant
- D. disgusting

Sol.

As a negative word cannot fill the blank, this eliminates option B, C and D as all are negative words, whereas 'essential' is the most suitable fit.

Hence option A is correct

120.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. obtain
- B. contain
- C. restrain
- D. includes

Sol.

As a negative word cannot fill the blank, this eliminates option C, 'includes' given in option D is a singular form of verb which makes it grammatically incorrect.

Obtain = get, acquire, or secure (something).

Contain = have or hold (someone or something) within.

Now between 'obtain' and 'contain', 'contain' fits in a more relevant way contextually.

Hence option B is correct

121.

|||Common|||

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Geography forms a part of social sciences and is one of the fields which is now heading towards a scientific form. Change is the law of nature and is also the fundamental of development and progress. Geography has passed through many stages and it was only in 1905 that geography was accorded an important place in the curriculum. Prof. A.Z. Herbertson contributed a lot in this development of geography. Nowadays geography means description of earth. Since earth is full of various things which could not be studied in isolation, it is quite difficult to describe everything we find on earth. Thus to overcome these difficulties certain principles have been formulated. These days an attempt is made to study earth as the home of man. Keeping this in view Prof E.A. Macnee has defined geography, "so, to give more explicit definition, Geography is the study of earth as the home of man or in other words geography is the study of the environment of man; physical, social, particularly in its relation to human activities". Prof. J. Fairgrieve defines Geography as, "The function of geography is to train future citizens to imagine accurately the conditions of the great world stage and so to help them to think safely about political and social problems in the world around".

|||End|||

According to the passage, what is NOT TRUE? A. Social science is heading towards a scientific form.

B. These days an attempt is made to study earth as the home of man.



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- C. Nowadays geography means description of earth.
D. Change is not the law of earth.

Sol.

All the statements, except the one given in option D, are correct.
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

122. Complete the sentence.

Geography is a function of _____.

- A. training future citizens to imagine accurately
B. helping citizens think safely about political and social problems in the world around
C. spheres of earth
D. the environment of man; physical, social, particularly in its relation to human activities

Sol.

It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that according to the definition given by Prof E.A. Macnee, geography is the study regarding everything related to man and its physical, social features etc, this is mentioned in option D. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

123. When was Geography awarded an important place in the curriculum?

- A. When function of Geography was defined
B. 1885
C. 1905
D. 1995

Sol.

It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that geography has passed through many stages and in 1905 only it was valued and given importance in curriculum. Hence option C is the correct answer.

124. According to the passage, who contributed towards the development of Geography?

- A. Prof. A .Z. Herbertson
B. Prof. J. Fair
C. Prof E .A . Macnee
D. Human activities

Sol.

It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that Prof. A.Z Herbertson holds a great amount of contribution towards the development of Geography. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

125.

According to the passage, what is true about Geography?

- A. Geography is changing its law of nature.
B. Geography is heading towards scientific form
C. Geography is a must read subject
D. Geography is one of the loathed subjects.

Sol.

It has been clearly mentioned in the first line of the passage that Geography is heading towards scientific form. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

126.

|||Common||| **Direction:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Culture is defined as a people's way of life. It entails how they dress, how they speak, the type of food they eat, the manner in which they worship, and their art among many other things. Indian culture, therefore, is the Indians' way of life. Because of the population diversity, there is immense variety in Indian culture. The Indian culture is a blend of various cultures belonging to diverse religions, castes; regions follow their own tradition and culture. Indian Culture is one of the oldest cultures in the world. India had an urban civilization even during the Bronze age. The Indus Valley Civilization (Harappan Civilization) dates back to 3300 BC – 1300



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BC. Distinct cultures different from each other co-exist together in a single country. Thus, in India, there is unity amidst vast cultural diversity. The way people live in India is reflected in its culture. India is a land of unity in diversity where people of different sects, caste and religion live together. India is also called the land of unity in diversity as different groups of people co-operate with each other to live in a single society. Unity in diversity has also become the strength of India.

|||End|||

What is the reason behind immense variety in Indian culture? A. It is Indian's way of life

B. India is oldest culture in the world

C. Because of the population diversity

D. Indians like to follow different cultures.

Sol.

It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that the immense variety exists in the culture of India due to population diversity. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

127.What is another name for Harappan Civilization?

A. Mohenjodaro Civilization

B. Indus Valley Civilization

C. Nalanda Civilization

D. Mayan Civilization

Sol.

The passage clearly mentions Indus Valley civilization as the other name of Harappan Civilization. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

128.Complete the following sentence.

Culture entails _____.

A. A luxury experience in life

B. How people dress, speak, what they eat, how they worship, and their art among many other things

C. To date back to 3300 BC –1300 BC

D. Different groups of people co-operate with each other.

Sol.

The second line of the passage clearly mentions the statement in option B precisely as the definition of 'culture'. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

129.According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE about unity in diversity?

A. Unity in diversity has also become the strength of India

B. India used to be a land of unity in diversity

C. Indians have moved on from unity in diversity thing.

D. Unity in diversity is a unique feature of India.

Sol.

The last line of the passage clearly mentions the statement in option A, whereas the rest of the options are absurd. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

130.

Why there is a unity amidst cultural diversity in India?

A. The way people live in India is reflected in its culture

B. Indian Culture is one of the oldest cultures in the world

C. India had an urban civilization

D. Distinct cultures different from each other co-exist together in a single country

Sol.

It is clearly mentioned in the passage that the people from a wide variety of total different cultures live together in harmony; this is expressed in option D. Hence option D is the correct answer.

131.

|||Common||| **Direction:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.



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Unfortunately, the reality hit me the next morning. I slept past the chirping of birds, but was woken up by loud voices crossing my window every now and then. When I went to the kitchen to make myself some tea, a couple of tourists were peeping in through the glass door. Day trippers! The old-world charm of this village, with only 305 residents, was drowned by the callousness of visitors who only seemed to care about their photos and getting drunk, almost running over the locals in their rental cars, never realizing that they were intruding into someone's sleepy neighborhood and life. My hosts assured me that the number of day trippers now was not nearly as bad as in the peak summer season, and joked about how the village residents, their homes and their kitchens must be curious, unfamiliar sights for tourists. If you're on the same page, you're probably thinking that an easy solution is that travel bloggers like me should never write about their "offbeat" finds. But as my social media followers often remind me, isn't it part of my job to disclose the exact location of my stories and photos, so others can choose to experience my finds over 'tourist traps'? I've dwelt on this dilemma for a long time. But walking on those cobblestoned streets in Istria (mostly at sunrise and late at night), it occurred to me that no, perhaps that isn't the role a travel blogger is supposed to play. The way I see it now, my work as a travel blogger should inspire my readers to think of travel differently – to reconsider their travel choices, to seek local encounters, to carve out their own journey. It's the reason I never have, and never will, give you a three day itinerary to "do" a destination. That's not how I aspire for my readers to experience somewhere I've been and loved.

|||End|||

Which of the following is not an example of callousness of the day trippers? A. Driving carelessly on the streets.

- B. Drinking and misbehaving with the locals.
- C. Luring local people with their money.
- D. Clicking photos with locals and posting them online.

Sol.

All the sentences, except C, are mentioned in the passage as the examples of callousness. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

132. According to the passage, which of the following statement is TRUE?

- A. Author never has and never will give on itinerary in his/her blog.
- B. Istria is full of cobblestoned streets.
- C. Day trippers are often intruding.
- D. Travel blogging always ruins "offbeat" places.

Sol.

It is clearly mentioned in the last lines of the passage that author wants his readers to find their ways themselves and that they should not entirely be dependent on his blogs. Thus, statement A is true, whereas statements B, C and D are absurd. Hence option A is the correct answer.

133. What is the dilemma that the author has dwelt on for a long time?

- A. Whether to write about "offbeat" places on the travel blog or not.
- B. What exactly is a travel blogger's responsibility?
- C. How to inspire the readers to experience travel differently.
- D. How to save readers from "tourist traps"?

Sol.

Option B represents the author's dilemma in an abstract form whereas options A, C and D represent only confined portions. Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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134. What hampered the old world charm of the village mentioned in the passage?

- A. New cafes, restaurants and night life.
- B. Drinking of the day trippers.
- C. Intrusion by the tourists.
- D. Insensitivity of the day tripper

Sol.

The author has clearly mentioned that the visitors showed disregard and they behaved in an absurd way not paying any heed to the comfort of the resident. This is mentioned in option D. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

135.

What do you think author wants to imply by "I slept past the chirping of birds"?

- A. Birds were chirping on his/her head but still he/she continued to sleep.
- B. He/she left the birds chirping because he/she wanted to sleep.
- C. He/she slept past the early morning time when birds chirp.
- D. He/she doesn't like the chirping of birds and that is why he/she continued to sleep.

Sol.

The author wants to imply that he had slept quite late that day and it was almost morning when birds chirped. This is best explained in option C. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

136.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

The girls said, "We were walking 8km each day to reach the camp site."

- A. The girls said that they had walked 8km each day to reach the camp site.
- B. The girls said that they had been walking 8km each day to reach the camp site.
- C. The girls said that they would be walking 8km each day to reach the camp site.

D. The girls said that they were walking 8km each day to reach the camp site.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and in past continuous tense (was / were + ving), while converting it in indirect speech, 'were' will be converted into 'had been' (past perfect continuous tense). The first person pronoun "we" will be changed according to the subject "girls" ('We' will change to 'they').

This is given only in option B.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

137.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Suraj said, "I am going to visit my old friend tomorrow."

- A. Suraj said that he was going to visit his old friend the next day.
- B. Suraj said that he would visit his old friend tomorrow.
- C. Suraj said he wanted to visit his old friend tomorrow.
- D. Suraj said that he might visit his old friend the next day.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and while converting it into indirect speech 'am' (present continuous tense) will be converted into 'was' (past continuous tense). 'Tomorrow' will be changed to "the next day". The reporting verb and the reported speech will be connected by "that".

This is given only in option A.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

138.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||



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Ashish requested his sister to pass the salt.
A. Ashish said, "sister, give the salt."
B. Ashish said, "sister, please pass the salt."
C. Ashish said, "sister, let's pass the salt."
D. Ashish said, "sister, let the salt pass."

Sol.

The given sentence is in indirect speech (imperative) and therefore the direct speech with words like 'please' will be the most suitable choice.

This is given only in option B.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

139.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Suman said to Poonam, "Whom were you speaking to over the phone?"

- A. Suman asked Poonam whom she had been speaking to over the phone.
- B. Suman asked Poonam whom she has been speaking to over the phone.
- C. Suman asked Poonam that who was over the phone.
- D. Poonam asked Suman that who was talking to her over the phone.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech (interrogative form) and in the past continuous tense (was/ were + ving). While converting into indirect speech, 'were' (past continuous) will be converted into 'had been' (past perfect continuous tense). This is given only in option A.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

140.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

The students respectfully wished their teacher good morning.

- A. "Good morning", said students.
- B. "Good morning ma'am", said the students to the teacher.
- C. "Good morning, Sir", said the students to the teacher.
- D. "Good morning teacher", said the students to their teacher.

Sol.

The given sentence is in indirect speech and also 'wish' is mentioned. When we convert this into direct speech the reported speech remains as it is. We will use the common noun "teacher" here as what it is given in the indirect speech.

This is mentioned only in option D.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

141.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Ankit said that Nitin loved cricket.

- A. Ankit said, "Nitin loves cricket."
- B. Ankit said, "Nitin loved cricket."
- C. Ankit says, "Nitin loved cricket."
- D. Ankit says, "Nitin loves cricket."

Sol.

The given sentence is in indirect speech and in simple past tense (v2). When it will be converted in the direct speech, the simple past tense will be converted into simple present tense (v1), whereas 'said' remains the same.

This is mentioned only in option A.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

142.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

He asked, "Is the chairman coming to the meeting?"

- A. He asked that the chairman was coming to the meeting.



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- B. He asked if the chairman will coming to the meeting.
C. He asked if the chairman is coming to the meeting.
D. He asked if the chairman was coming to the meeting.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and in interrogative form .When it will be converted into passive voice, connector 'if' will be used and 'is/ am / are' (present continuous tense) will be converted into 'was / were' (past continuous tense). This combination is given only in option D. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

143.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Akansha told Isha, "What a beautiful dress you are wearing!"

- A. Akansha exclaimed that Isha was wearing a beautiful dress.
B. Akansha exclaimed that Isha is wearing a beautiful dress.
C. Akansha exclaimed that is a beautiful the dress.
D. Akansha told Isha that was a beautiful dress.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and in exclamatory form, therefore 'exclaimed' will be used, this eliminates option D. Also 'are' will be changed to 'was/ were' which is given in option A (present continuous changes to past continuous tense).

The reporting verb and the reported speech are connected by "that" and the question word 'what' will be removed.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

144.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Rohan said, "I shall be 25 tomorrow."

- A. Rohan said that he would be 25 tomorrow.
B. Rohan said that he should be 25 the following day.
C. Rohan said that he shall be 25 tomorrow.
D. Rohan said that he would be 25 the following day.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and when it will be converted in indirect speech, 'would' will be used after 'he' as it is the subject of third person and 'tomorrow' will be converted into 'the following day'.

This is mentioned only in option D.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

145.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** |||End|||

He said "Sister, please cook me something nice today."

- A. He requested his sister to cook him something nice that day.
B. He told his sister to cook him something nice today.
C. He ordered his sister to cook him something nice that day.
D. He asked his sister if she could cook him something nice that day.

Sol.

The given sentence is in direct speech and in imperative form (request/ command / advice), thus when in indirect speech 'said' will be converted into 'requested' given only in option A . The first person pronoun "me" will change according to the subject (he). "Today" will change to "that day".

Hence, option A is the correct answer.



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146.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

He will have to do the work sincerely.

- A. The work will have to be done sincerely by him.
- B. The work will have been done sincerely by him.
- C. The work is being done sincerely by him.
- D. Sincerely the work has been done by him.

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice and uses infinitive (to + v1), thus the passive voice will contain the structure 'to + be + v3', which is given only in option A. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

147.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Did the sound disturb her?

- A. Did she disturb the sound?
- B. Was the sound disturbed by her?
- C. Was she disturbed by the sound?
- D. Was she disturb the sound?

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice (interrogative form) and is in simple past tense (did + v1), thus the passive voice will have the structure 'was/ were+ object +v3+ by + sub?', which is given only in option C. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

148.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

I begin my day with a cup of coffee.

- A. My day is begun with a cup of coffee.
- B. A cup of coffee has begun my day.
- C. A cup of coffee is beginning my day.
- D. My day is being begun with a cup of coffee.

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice and in simple present tense having the first form of the verb, thus in the passive voice the structure will be 'is / am / are + V3' which is given only in option A. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

149.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Let us help her.

- A. Let she is helped.
- B. Let her be helped by us.
- C. Let she be helped.
- D. Let her help us.

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice and uses 'let', thus the passive voice will contain structure as 'let + object + be+ v3', which is given only in option B. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

150.

|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Where do you keep the newspapers?

- A. Where are the newspapers kept by you?
- B. Where were the newspapers kept?
- C. Where have the newspapers being kept?
- D. Have you kept the newspapers?

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice (interrogative form) and is in present simple tense (do/ does + v1), thus the passive voice will have the structure 'is/



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am/ are + v3' which is given only in option A.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

151.
|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

The old man touched and patted the cow.
A. The cow was patted and touched by the old man.
B. he cow patted and touched the old man.
C. The cow was so touched by the old man patting him.
D. The patted cow touched the old man.

Sol.
The given sentence is in active voice and is in simple past tense (v2). When we convert it into passive voice the structure to be used is 'was/were + V3' which is given in option A.
Here two verbs are used (patted and touched), thus, both of them will be converted into the third form of verb in order to convert it in passive voice.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

152.
|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||
By whom is the kid being fed?
A. Who has fed the kid?
B. Who has been feeding the kid?
C. Who was feeding the kid?
D. Who is feeding the kid?

Sol.
The given sentence is in Passive voice (interrogative form) and is in present continuous tense (is/ are/ am + being + v3), so the active voice will have the structure 'is/ am/ are + ving' which is given only in option D.
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

153.
|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

This dress was given to me by my husband.
A. My husband gives me this dress.
B. My husband has given this dress to me.
C. My husband gave me this dress.
D. My husband had given this dress to me.

Sol.
The given sentence is in Passive voice and is in simple past tense (was/ were + v3), thus the active voice will have the second form of verb, which is given only in option C.
Hence, option C is the correct answer.

154.
|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

She has learnt the answer by heart.
A. The answer by her was learnt by heart.
B. The answer has been learnt by heart by her.
C. The answer was learnt by her by heart.
D. The answer is learnt by heart by her.

Sol.
The given sentence is in Active voice and is in present perfect tense (has/ have + v3), so 'has/have + been + v3' will be used in the passive voice. Since 'has been' is given in option B only, hence option B is the correct answer.

155.
|||Common||| **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** |||End|||

Abhishek knew that his own life was unjust.
A. It was known to Abhishek that his own life was unjust.



- B. It was known to Abhishek that his own life had been unjust.
C. It was known by Abhishek that life unjust.
D. It was known by Abhishek that life was unjust.

Sol.

The given sentence is in Active voice, while converting it into passive the correct form of phrasal verb will be 'known to', this eliminates options C and D.

In option B the use of 'had been' is irrelevant.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

156.

|||Common||| **The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph. |||End|||**

The reformer must know

P: people is the authentic

Q: that what moves

R: life, not mere writing

A. QRP

B. RPQ

C. QPR

D. PQR

Sol.

The opening fragment and fragment Q are mandatory pairs as 'that' plays the role of connector after the opening fragment. This eliminates options B and D.

Fragment R is a better conclusion than fragment P, this eliminates option A.

The correct order is QPR

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

157.

|||Common||| **The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph. |||End|||**

There is

P: getting defensive

Q: about our failure

R: no point

A. PRQ

B. PQR

C. RQP

D. RPQ

Sol.

The opening fragment and fragment R are mandatory pairs; this eliminates option A and B.

Now fragments R and P make a relevant pair (as the reason for getting defensive is given in Q), this eliminates option C.

The correct order is RPQ

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

158.

|||Common||| **The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph. |||End|||**

The India we inherited

P: that we have bequeathed our

Q: was wonderful, but the one

R: children is degraded in every way

A. QPR

B. RQP

C. PRQ

D. QRP

Sol.

The opening fragment and fragment Q are mandatory pairs as 'inherited' can be best followed by 'was'. This eliminates option B and C.

Now between option A and D, option A is a better choice as fragments Q and P make a better pair than fragments Q and R as the sentence cannot end with possessive pronoun "our".

The correct order is QPR

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

159.



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|||Common||| **The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.** |||End|||

Biologists are often

P: a rigidly deterministic

Q: approach to behaviour

R: accused of taking

A. PQR

B. RPQ

C. QRP

D. PRQ

Sol.

The opening fragment can be best followed by fragment R, as the sentence is in passive voice and structure 'are + V3' will be appropriate. (Here 'accused' is V3).

This eliminates, option A, C and D and the correct order is RPQ.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

160.

|||Common||| **The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.** |||End|||

People who look

P: to support their beliefs

Q: down on abstract art

R: have several major arguments

A. PQR

B. RQP

C. QRP

D. PRQ

Sol.

The opening fragment can be best followed by fragment Q, as 'look down on' is a phrasal verb that eliminates option A, B and C. The most logical order is QRP.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

161.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

|||End|||

Catch on

A. Rejuvenating

B. Secret affair

C. To loose

D. To become popular

Sol.

The idiom 'Catch on' means 'to be vogueish or trendy' which is similar to option D. Hence **option D** is correct.

162.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

|||End|||

Make up one's mind

A. To flatter someone

B. To decide something

C. To fool someone

D. To get irritated

Sol.

The idiom 'Make up one's mind' means 'form an opinion or decision or resolve' which is similar to option B. Hence **option B** is correct.

163.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

|||End|||

Bank on something

A. To do transaction

B. To rely on something

C. To be independent

D. To clear out something

Sol.

The idiom 'Bank on something' means 'to expect something or depend on something happening' which is similar to option B. Hence **option B** is correct.



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164.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

|||End|||

Lend one's ear

- A. To listen attentively
- B. To rent out something
- C. To ignore someone
- D. Pain in ear

Sol.

The idiom 'Lend one's ear' means 'to listen carefully or pay close attention (to someone or something)' which is similar to option A. Hence **option A** is correct.

165.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** |||End|||

Break down

- A. To walk long way
- B. To fail
- C. To ignore someone
- D. To exercise

Sol.

The idiom 'Break down' means 'suddenly cease to function or to cause to collapse' which is similar to option B. Hence **option B** is correct.

166.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Dismantle

- A. Build
- B. Decimate
- C. teardown
- D. Disassemble

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:
Dismantle: take (a machine or structure) to pieces.

Build: construct (something) by putting parts or material together.

Decimate: kill, destroy, or remove a large proportion of.

Teardown: the demolition of a machine or building

Disassemble: take (something) to pieces.

The question word has the meaning opposite to '**build**'. Hence option A is correct

167.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Hold

- A. Clutch
- B. Release
- C. Clasp
- D. Bind

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:

Hold: grasp, carry, or support with one's arms or hands.

Clutch: grasp (something) tightly.

Release: allow or enable to escape from confinement; set free.

Clasp: grasp (something) tightly with one's hand.

Bind: tie or fasten (something) tightly together.

The question word has the meaning opposite to '**release**'. Hence option B is correct

168.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Drift

- A. Stumble
- B. Float
- C. Slide
- D. Scud

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:



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Drift: be carried slowly by a current of air or water; walk slowly, aimlessly, or casually; a continuous slow movement from one place to another

Stumble: trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall; make a mistake or repeated mistakes in speaking.

Float: rest or move on or near the surface of a liquid without sinking.

Slide: move smoothly along a surface while maintaining continuous contact with it.

Scud: move fast in a straight line because or as if driven by the wind.

The question word has the meaning opposite to '**Stumble**'. Hence option A is correct

169.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Important

A. Considerable

B. Insignificant

C. Necessary

D. Primary

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:

Important: of great significance or value.

Considerable: notably large in size, amount, or extent.

Insignificant: too small or unimportant to be worth consideration.

Necessary: needed to be done, achieved, or present; essential.

Primary: of chief importance; principal.

The question word has the meaning opposite to '**Insignificant**'. Hence option B is correct

170.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Duty

A. Commission

B. Obligation

C. Irresponsibility

D. Role

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:

Duty: a moral or legal obligation; a responsibility.

Commission: an instruction, command, or role given to a person or group; a group of people entrusted by a government or other official body with authority to do something

Obligation: the condition of being morally or legally bound to do something.

Irresponsibility: lack of a proper sense of responsibility.

Role: the function assumed or part played by a person or thing in a particular situation.

The question word has the meaning opposite to '**Irresponsibility**'. Hence option C is correct

171.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Blaze

A. Glow

B. Calm

C. Numbness

D. Unconsciousness

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:

Blaze: shine brightly or powerfully.

Glow: have an intense colour and a slight shine.

Calm: not showing or feeling nervousness, anger, or other strong emotions.

Numbness: to have a continuous pain that is unpleasant but not very strong

Unconsciousness: not awake and aware of and responding to one's environment.

It can be concluded that the given word is similar to option A. Hence option A is correct.

172.



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|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Agony

- A. Torture
- B. Success
- C. Happiness
- D. Soundness

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:
Agony: extreme physical or mental suffering.

Torture: the action or practice of inflicting severe pain

Success: the accomplishment of an aim or purpose.

Happiness: the state of being happy.

Soundness: the state of being in good condition; robustness.

It can be concluded that the given word is similar to option A. Hence option A is correct.

173.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Aerial

- A. Ground
- B. Elevated
- C. Settle
- D. Level

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:
Aerial: existing, happening, or operating in the air.

Ground: the solid surface of the earth.

Elevated: situated or placed higher than the surrounding area.

Settle: resolve or reach an agreement about (an argument or problem).

Level: a horizontal plane or line with respect to the distance above or below a given point.

It can be concluded that the given word is similar to option B. Hence option B is correct.

174.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Adore

- A. Hate
- B. Admire
- C. Aversion
- D. Dislike

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:
Adore: love and respect (someone) deeply.

Hate: feel intense dislike for.

Admire: regard with respect or warm approval.

Aversion: a strong dislike or disinclination.

Dislike: feel distaste for or hostility towards.

It can be concluded that the given word is similar to option B. Hence option B is correct.

175.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** |||End|||

Ache

- A. Comfort
- B. Ease
- C. Suffering
- D. Relief

Sol.

Let's learn the meanings of all the words:
Ache: a continuous or prolonged dull pain in a part of one's body.

Comfort: alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress.

Ease: absence of difficulty or effort.

Suffering: the state of undergoing pain, distress, or hardship



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Relief: a feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or distress.

It can be concluded that the given word is similar to option C. Hence option C is correct.

176.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
|||End|||

He saw _____ old lady.

- A. little
- B. a little
- C. a few
- D. few

Sol.

'Little' and 'few' denote 'almost none' in terms of uncountable and countable noun respectively.

'A little' and 'a few' denote 'less than some but more than none' in terms of uncountable and countable noun respectively.

As per the sentence 'a little' is the most suitable determiner for 'old lady'.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

177.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
|||End|||

One of us has given _____ his honesty.

- A. up
- B. off
- C. of
- D. on

Sol.

The phrasal verb 'give up' means 'Surrender or Abandon (someone or something)' which is most relevant according to the context of the sentence.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

Meaning of other phrasal verbs:

Give off: emit; to produce and send forth

Give of: devote oneself unselfishly to a task, especially to give time and energy

Give on: to make an attack

178.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
|||End|||

Did _____ help Ankita?

- A. anybody
- B. somebody
- C. some
- D. no

Sol.

'Anybody' is the best fit here contextually as the given sentence is in interrogative form.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

179.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
|||End|||

One must be attentive to _____ work.

- A. their
- B. your
- C. himself
- D. one's

Sol.

When 'one' is used as a pronoun, it is followed by 'one's' when possessive case needs to be mentioned, which is in option D.

Hence option D is the correct answer.

180.

|||Common||| **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**
|||End|||

_____ was well arranged.

- A. Everything
- B. Anything
- C. None
- D. Everyone

Sol.



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This sentence is more relevant for things rather than people so option D is an incorrect answer. Now between options A and B, 'Everything', a pronoun which means 'all things' is a better choice than 'anything' in contextual manner. Hence option A is the correct answer.

181.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** |||End|||

Raman as well as Amar are coming.

- A. is
- B. were
- C. should
- D. No improvement

Sol.

When two subjects are joined using with, as well as, along with etc, then the verb is always according to the first subject mentioned.

The first subject here is 'Raman' which is singular noun; hence the verb should be singular as well. The underlined part will be improved by 'is'. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

182.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** |||End|||

Those Diwali celebration, was wonderful.

- A. These
- B. Thing
- C. That
- D. No improvement

Sol.

Since the subject (Diwali celebration) is singular, a singular demonstrative should be used for it which is only given in option C, thus the underlined part should be

improved using 'that'. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

183.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

The foreign minister said that maintaining cordial relations with our neighbour becomes the key.

- A. hold the key
- B. brings the key
- C. is the key
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The widely used phrase is not 'becomes the key' but 'is the key' which means that something is the only, or most important, factor. Thus the underlined part needs an improvement given in option C. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

184.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

Long after you have done talking, maintain good eye contact.

- A. I was talking
- B. you are done talking
- C. you am talking
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The underlined part contains wrong use of tense, and should be improved by using the helping verb 'are' which is given in option B, Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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185.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

I met a gentleman, who I believe to be a actor.

- A. who I believe, is an
- B. whom I believe, is a
- C. who, to my belief, must be
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The underlined part contains wrong use of article as before 'actor', 'an' should be used. Also, we will use 'who' here as the relative pronoun to give more information about the person. From all the given options, A is the most relevant option as it contains correct article and correct sentence structure as well. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

186.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

Jyoce could not help crying.

- A. cry
- B. to cry
- C. but crying
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The underlined part is correct and needs no improvement at all. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

187.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the**

given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

|||End|||

Since 1975, there was no volcanic eruptions.

- A. is
- B. are
- C. have been
- D. No improvement

Sol.

As 'since 1975' mentioned in the sentence is a clear indication of present perfect tense (has/ have + v3), thus the underlined part should be improved with the use of 'have been' where 'been' represents the third form of verb. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

188.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

This painter is the most skilled of all other painters in our team.

- A. of all other painter
- B. painter
- C. of all painter
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The use of "the most" shows that it is a superlative degree sentence. The use of 'other' in the underlined part is incorrect (as it is used in the case of comparison), the most relevant option to improve the sentence is option B, as 'painter' will be grammatically correct to represent a simple case of superlative degree of adjective. Hence, option B is the correct answer.



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189.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

My daughter is as tall as or may be taller than my son.

- A. is as taller as
- B. is as tall
- C. is almost equal tall
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The underlined part is correct and needs no improvement at all. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

190.

|||Common||| **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

|||End|||

Your husband dislikes your sense of fashion, does he?

- A. doesn't he
- B. hasn't he
- C. isn't he
- D. No improvement

Sol.

The question tag for a positive sentence is always negative. Thus, 'does' is the incorrect form and should be replaced with 'doesn't' which is given in option A. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

191.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has**

no error, then select 'No error'.

|||End|||

Travel blogging is hardly work and will earn you nothing in the first few years.

- A. Travel blogging is hardly work
- B. and will earn you
- C. nothing in the first few years
- D. No error

Sol.

'Hardly' (adverb) refers to 'only just; almost not; barely' and 'hard' means 'with efforts'. In the given sentence 'hard work' should be used rather than 'hardly work' in order to make the sentence correct. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

192.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

|||End|||

A lot of efforts may felt like they are going unnoticed.

- A. A lot of efforts
- B. may fell like they
- C. are going unnoticed
- D. No error

Sol.

When any sentence is in active voice, the modal is always followed by first form of verb. Thus, 'may' should be followed by 'feel' and not 'felt' in order to make the sentence grammatically sound. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

193.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

|||End|||

We hope devotees will participate in the event and get spiritually benefit.

- A. We hope devotees
- B. will participate in the event



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- C. and get spiritually benefit
D. No error

Sol.

The noun 'benefit' should be qualified by adjective 'spiritual' and not adverb 'spiritually'. Thus, 'spiritually' should be replaced with 'spiritual' in order to make the sentence correct. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

194.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
|||End|||

We might supply so much evidence in try to explain it in so many ways.

- A. We might supply so
B. much evidence in try to
C. explain it in so many ways
D. No error

Sol.

The widely used phrase is 'in order to' and not 'in try to', thus 'try' should be replaced with 'order' to make the sentence correct. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

195.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
|||End|||

There is something stored in for everyone.

- A. There is
B. something stored
C. in for everyone
D. No error

Sol.

The given sentence does not contain any error. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

196.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
|||End|||

Intrigued by this problem, I began search for a solution.

- A. Intrigued by this
B. problem, I began search
C. for a solution
D. No error

Sol.

The infinitive (to + v1) or gerund (V+ing) is used after 'begin'. Here, V+ing is suitable, hence replace "began search" with "began searching". Hence, option B is the correct answer.

197.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
|||End|||

Most of us have a desire to create wealth in the shortest period in time.

- A. Most of us have
B. a desire to create
C. wealth in the shortest period in time
D. No error

Sol.

The correct form of phrase is 'shortest period of time', hence preposition 'in' should be replaced with 'of' in order to make the sentence grammatically correct. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

198.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
|||End|||

We are committed in providing you a safe and comfortable travel experience.

- A. We are committed in



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- B. providing you a safe
- C. and comfortable travel experience
- D. No error

Sol.

The correct form of phrasal verb is 'committed to' and not 'committed in', thus, preposition 'in' should be replaced with 'to' in order to make the sentence grammatically. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

199.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

|||End|||

A raise is important since one had to beat rising prices.

- A. A raise is
- B. important since one had
- C. to beat rising prices
- D. No error

Sol.

As the given sentence is in present tense (a general sentence), 'had' which represents the second form of verb (past) should be replaced with 'has' (first form) in order to make the sentence grammatically sound. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

200.

|||Common||| **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

|||End|||

It has becoming clear that attempts to impress the people have failed.

- A. It has becoming clear
- B. that attempts to impress
- C. the people have failed
- D. No error

Sol.

In the given sentence the helping verb 'has' should be followed by 'become' as per the structure of present perfect tense (has+V3). "Becoming" is mainly used as an adjective which means looking good on someone. 'Becoming' should be replaced with 'become' to make the sentence correct. Hence, option A is the correct answer.



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