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1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

This visit will not interfere \_\_\_\_\_ our plans.

- A. from
- B. with
- C. into
- D. at

Ans. B

Sol. The preposition 'with' should be used to fill in the blank as 'to interfere with' means 'to disrupt'.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

2. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A) Ben was eating an apple, and seemed to be in high spirits.
  - B) Ben Rogers came into view presently, the very boy whose ridicule he had been dreading.
  - C) Tom went on dipping the brush into the paint and whitewashing the fence, and paid no attention to Ben.
  - D) Tom took up his brush and calmly resumed his work.
- A. CDBA
  - B. DBAC
  - C. DCBA
  - D. CBAD

Ans. B

Sol. The first sentence should be D as it introduces the subject of the sentence i.e. 'Tom'. The second sentence should be B as it tells Ben came when Tom resumed his work. The third sentence should be A as it further describes what Ben was doing. The sentence C then aptly concludes the

passage by stating that he did not pay any attention to Ben.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

3.

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

Taru told me that Avika was having her online cooking class then.

- A. Taru said to me, "Avika will be having her online cooking class now."
- B. Taru said to me, "Avika is having her online cooking class at that time."
- C. Taru said to me, "Avika is having her online cooking class now."
- D. Taru said to me, "Avika was having her online cooking class at this time."

Ans. C

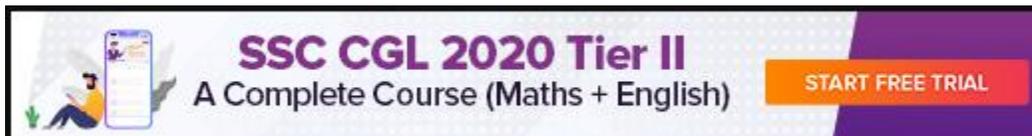
Sol. The rules for converting indirect to direct speech are as follows:

- 1. Use the reporting verb, "said".
- 2. Remove the conjunction "that" and insert quotation marks.
- 3. Put a comma before the statement.
- 4. Change the past continuous tense (was having) into present continuous tense (is having).
- 5. Change 'then' into 'now'.

Therefore, the sentence in direct speech will be option C i.e. Taru said to me, "Avika is having her online cooking class now."

4.

**Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration**



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**(direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

I said to my friend, "Please help me arrange these books on the shelf."

- A. I asked my friend to help me arrange these books on the shelf.
- B. I requested my friend to help me arrange those books on the shelf.
- C. I ordered my friend to help me arrange those books on the shelf.
- D. I told to my friend to please help me arrange those books on the shelf.

Ans. B

Sol. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech. Also, it is an imperative sentence.

We notice that the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said'). Hence, a change will be made in the tense of the reported speech.

To change an imperative sentence into the indirect speech, we use a to-infinitive.

In the given question, the reporting verb 'requested' should be used since it means 'politely or formally ask for'.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be option B i.e. I requested my friend to help me arrange those books on the shelf.

5. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Our new accountant fall short in my expectations.

- A. falls short of
- B. fall short on
- C. No substitution required
- D. falls short in

Ans. A

Sol. The singular verb, 'falls' should be used to maintain the subject-verb agreement since the subject is singular. Also, the phrase is 'fall short of' meaning 'fail to meet an expectation or standard'.

Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with 'falls short of' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

6.

**Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.**

Two lengths of rope, wood or metal with crosspieces used for climbing up and down walls

- A. ladder
- B. stairs
- C. steps
- D. railing

Ans. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Ladder: a piece of equipment consisting of a series of bars or steps between two upright lengths of wood, metal, or rope, used for climbing up or down something.

Stairs: a set of steps leading from one floor of a building to another, typically inside the building.

Steps: an act or movement of putting one leg in front of the other in walking or running.

Railing: a fence or barrier made of rails. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

7.

**Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.**

Place where two or more rivers meet

- A. confluence

- B. strait
- C. delta
- D. estuary

Ans. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:  
Confluence: the junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal width.

Strait: a narrow passage of water connecting two seas or two other large areas of water.

Delta: a triangular tract of sediment deposited at the mouth of a river, typically where it diverges into several outlets.

Estuary: the tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.  
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To call the shots

- A. to be the person in charge
- B. to be blissfully happy
- C. to be in debt
- D. to lack control

Ans. A

Sol. The idiom 'to call the shots' means 'to take the initiative in deciding how something should be done'.

For example, we believe in parents and teachers calling the shots.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

9. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Our team scored 350 runs in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament.

- A. Our team was scored by 350 runs in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament.
- B. 350 runs have been scored by our team in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament.

- C. 350 runs were scored by our team in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament.
- D. 350 runs were scoring our team in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament.

Ans. C

Sol. The given sentence is in the Active voice, as the form of the verb ('scored') shows that its subject ('our team') was doing something and was 'active'.

Therefore, it must be changed to the Passive voice, where something could be done by the subject.

In order to do that,

1. The object of the transitive verb in the Active voice should become the subject of the verb in the Passive voice ('350 runs' become the subject in place of 'our team').

2. Add the appropriate form of the verb 'be' to the sentence and use the past participle of the verb ('scored' is converted to 'were scored').

3. Add a 'by' followed by the doer of the action.

Thus, the same sentence in the Passive voice is '350 runs were scored by our team in the Inter-college Cricket Tournament'.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take exception

- A. appreciate
- B. object to
- C. care for
- D. deny

Ans. B

Sol. The idiom 'take exception' means 'object strongly to'.

For example, Many viewers took great exception to the programme's content.  
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

11.

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

Anshul told me that his mother was not at home and that she would be back the following day.

A. Anshul said to me, "My mother is not at home. She will be back tomorrow."

B. Anshul said to me, "My mother is not at home. She would be back the following day."

C. Anshul said to me, "His mother was not at home. She would be back tomorrow."

D. Anshul said to me, "My mother was not at home. She will be back the following day."

Ans. A

Sol. The rules for converting indirect to direct speech are as follows:

1. Use the reporting verb, "said".
2. Remove the conjunction "that" and insert quotation marks.
3. Put a comma before the statement.
4. Change the past tense (was) into the present tense (is) and "would" into "will".
5. Change the pronouns 'his' into 'my'.
6. Change 'the following day' into 'tomorrow'.

Therefore, the sentence in direct speech will be option A i.e. Anshul said to me, "My mother is not at home. She will be back tomorrow."

12.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

No one have ever visited this place before.

- A. place before
- B. have ever
- C. visited this
- D. No one

Ans. B

Sol. The error is in the segment 'have ever' since it violates the subject-verb agreement. We use singular verb with 'no one'. Hence, 'have' must be replaced with 'has' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

13.

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

He regretted the mistake he had made in his calculations.

A. He said, "I regretted the mistake I made in my calculations."

B. He said, "I am sorry for the mistake I made in his calculations."

C. He said, "He regrets the mistake he made in my calculations."

D. He said, "I regret the mistake I made in my calculations."

Ans. D

Sol. The rules for converting indirect to direct speech are as follows:

1. Use the reporting verb, "said".
2. Remove the conjunction "that" and insert quotation marks.
3. Put a comma before the statement.
4. Change the past tense ("regretted") and the past perfect tense ("had made") into the present tense ("regret") and the simple past tense ("made") respectively.

5. Change the pronouns 'he' into 'I' and 'his' into 'my'.

Therefore, the sentence in direct Speech will be option D i.e. He said, "I regret the mistake I made in my calculations."

14.

**Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.**

Something of little value or importance

- A. trivial
- B. cardinal
- C. fundamental
- D. scanty

Ans. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Trivial: of little value or importance

Cardinal: of the greatest importance; fundamental

Fundamental: forming a necessary base or core; of central importance

Scanty: small or insufficient in quantity or amount

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

15.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

A large amount of money he invested were wasted.

- A. A large amount
- B. of money
- C. he invested
- D. were wasted

Ans. D

Sol. The error is in the segment 'were wasted' as it violates the subject-verb agreement. When talking about an amount of money, it requires a singular verb. Hence, 'were' must be replaced with 'was' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

16.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

Two flyovers have been propose in the new plan to decongest M.G. Road.

- A. to decongest
- B. have been propose
- C. in the new plan
- D. Two flyovers

Ans. B

Sol. The error is in the segment 'have been propose'. We use a past participle after 'have been'. Therefore, 'propose' should be replaced with 'proposed' to form a grammatically correct sentence. Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

17.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

I am sorry I haven't learnt the poem at heart.

- A. I am sorry
- B. learnt the poem
- C. I haven't
- D. at heart

Ans. D

Sol. The error is in the segment 'at heart'. The idiom is 'by heart' which means 'from memory'.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

18.

**Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.**

Persons who rob ships

- A. robbers
- B. bandits
- C. dacoits

D. pirates

Ans. D

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Robbers: a person who commits robbery

Bandits: a robber or outlaw belonging to a gang and typically operating in an isolated or lawless area

Dacoits: (in India or Burma (Myanmar)) a member of a band of armed robbers

Pirates: a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

19.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

A confluence is a place when two or more rivers meet.

- A. rivers meet
- B. A confluence
- C. when two or more
- D. is a place

Ans. C

Sol. The error is in the segment 'when two or more'. 'Where' is used to specify the place or situation. Hence, 'when' should be replaced with 'where' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

20. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Jamnalal Bajaj was one of the few businessmen who incurred the wrath of the British for supporting the freedom movement.

A. in support of

B. supporting

C. No substitution required

D. to supporting

Ans. C

Sol. The sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

21. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Ariel was convinced that something fishy is going up behind his back.

- A. No substitution required
- B. was going on
- C. goes on
- D. was going up

Ans. B

Sol. The sentence is in the past tense, hence, 'was' should be used instead of 'is'. Also, the phrase should be 'going on' meaning 'in progress/not done yet'. Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with 'was going on' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

22.

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

Taru said that she could not leave the children alone.

- A. Taru said, "I cannot leave the children alone."
- B. Taru said, "I could not be leaving the children alone."

- C. Taru said, "I will not leave the children alone."  
D. Taru said, "She would not leave the children alone."

Ans. A

Sol. The rules for converting indirect to direct speech are as follows:

1. Use the reporting verb, "said".
  2. Remove the conjunction "that" and insert quotation marks.
  3. Put a comma before the statement.
  4. Change the past tense (could not) into present tense (cannot).
  5. Change the pronouns 'she' into 'I'.
- Therefore, the sentence in direct Speech will be option A i.e. Taru said, "I cannot leave the children alone."

23. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A) Since then cows, pigs, dogs and other mammals have been cloned.  
B) They were created with the identical technique used to clone Dolly, the sheep, back in 1996.  
C) Two monkeys have been cloned in a Chinese laboratory.  
D) Zhong Zhong and Hua Hua were born a few weeks ago at a Chinese lab.
- A. DCBA  
B. CDBA  
C. DBAC  
D. CBAD

Ans. B

Sol. The first sentence should be C as it introduces the theme of the passage i.e. 'cloning of two monkeys'. The second sentence, D, then tells the names of the monkeys. The third sentence should be B since it tells how the monkeys were created. The sentence A then aptly concludes the passage by mentioning that cows, pigs,

dogs, and other mammals have been cloned since then.  
Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

24. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.

They were refused entry in Delhi by the police.

- A. The police refused them entry in Delhi.  
B. The police had refused them entry in Delhi.  
C. The police have refused them entry in Delhi.  
D. The police can refuse them entry in Delhi.

Ans. A

Sol. The rules for converting passive to active voice are as follows:

1. Identify the subject of the sentence - who is doing an action? Here, the police is doing an action.
2. Change the object into subject. 'Police' becomes the subject.
3. Change the form of the verb. In the given sentence, the verb in the passive voice is 'were refused', therefore, the verb in the active voice should be 'refused'.

Therefore, the sentence in the active voice will be 'The police refused them entry in Delhi'. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

25. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A) We were driving along National Highway 40  
B) If we drove ten kilometres along the road that branched off to the right, we would reach Brahmapur.  
C) Aditya and I were returning from the site of our new factory.

D) We had reached a point where the road bifurcated.

- A. CBAD
- B. DCBA
- C. CADB
- D. BACD

Ans. C

Sol. The first sentence should be C as it introduces the subjects of the passage i.e. 'Aditya and I'. The second sentence, A, tells us about the road on which they were driving while returning from the site. The sentence D then mentions the point on the road where they reached (bifurcation). The sentence B then aptly concludes the passage by describing where the one road would lead them.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

26.

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

Garima told her friends that she couldn't go with them to the movie that night as she was very busy.

- A. Garima said to her friends, "She couldn't go with them to the movie that night as she was very busy."
- B. Garima said to her friends, "I can't go with you to the movie tonight as I am very busy."
- C. Garima said to her friends, "I can't go with them to the movie that night as I was very busy."
- D. Garima said to her friends, "I couldn't go with you to the movie tonight as I was very busy."

Ans. B

Sol. The rules for converting indirect to direct speech are as follows:

1. Use the reporting verb, "said".
  2. Remove the conjunction "that" and insert quotation marks.
  3. Put a comma before the statement.
  4. Change the past tense ("couldn't" & "was") into present tense ("can't" & "am").
  5. Change the pronouns 'them' into 'you' and 'she' into 'I'.
  6. 'That' night' is changed to 'tonight'.
- Therefore, the sentence in direct Speech will be option B i.e. Garima said to her friends, "I can't go with you to the movie tonight as I am very busy."

27.

**Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.**

The reason for visiting Meerut was because my mother needed to be looked after.

- A. to be looked after
- B. The reason for visiting
- C. my mother needed
- D. was because

Ans. D

Sol. The error is in the segment 'was because'. The conjunction 'because' is erroneous. 'Because' means 'for the reason that; since'. It should be replaced with the conjunction 'that' which is used to express a reason or a cause.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

28.

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

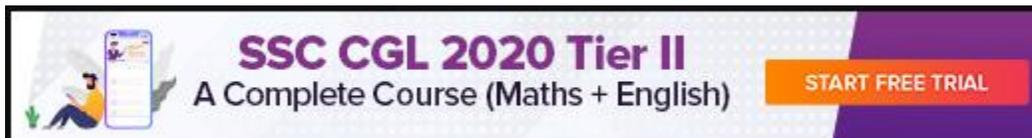
According to a new American study headed by Dr. Willis, it has been found that people who exercise in the morning seem to lose more weight than

people completing the same workouts later in the day. These findings help shed light on the vexing issue of why some people shed considerable weight with exercise and others almost none. The study adds to the growing body of science suggesting that the timing of various activities, including exercise, could affect how those activities affect us. The relationship between exercise and body weight is somewhat befuddling. Multiple past studies show that a majority of people who take up exercise to lose weight drop fewer pounds than would be expected, given how many calories they are burning during their workouts. Some gain weight. But a few respond quite well, shedding pound after pound with the same exercise regimen that prompts others to add inches. The Midwest Trial 2, was conducted in the University of Kansas, U.S. on how regular, supervised exercise influences body weight. The trial involved 100 overweight, previously inactive young men and women who were made to work out five times a week at a physiology lab, jogging or otherwise sweating until they had burned up to 600 calories per session. After 10 months of this regimen, almost everyone had dropped pounds. But the extent of their losses fluctuated wildly, even though everyone was doing the same, supervised workout. A team of researchers started brainstorming what could be responsible for the enormous variability in weight loss. They hit upon activity timing. They decided to do a Follow-up study of the Mid West Trial 2. In this new study, the Mid West Trial 2 Follow up study the researchers now studied a team of participants who could visit the gym whenever they wished between 7 a.m.

and 7 p.m. They also tracked everyone's calorie intake and daily movement habits throughout the 10 months. They knew, too, whether and by how much people's weights had changed. Now, they checked weight change against exercise schedules and quickly noticed a consistent pattern. Those people who usually worked out before noon had lost more weight, on average, than the men and women who typically exercised after 3 p.m. The researchers uncovered a few other, possibly relevant differences between the morning and late-day exercisers. The early-exercise group tended to be slightly more active throughout the day, taking more steps in total than those who worked out later. They also ate less. These factors may cumulatively have contributed to the sinking differences in how many pounds people lost, Dr. Willis says. Thus it seems that people who worked out before noon lost more weight, on average than those who typically exercised after 3 p.m. But Dr. Willis also points out that most of those who worked out later in the day did lose weight, even if not as much as the larkish exercisers, and almost certainly became healthier. I would not want anyone to think that it's not worth exercising if you can't do it first thing in the morning," he says. Any exercise, at any time of day, is going to be better than none."

What would Dr. Willis say to someone who has given up exercising because they cannot do so in the morning? A. Evening is the worst time to exercise. B. Any exercise is better than none. C. Exercise only with a trainer. D. Exercise is good only in the morning.

Ans. B



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Sol.

In the last part of the passage, Dr. Willis mentioned that he would not want anyone to think that it's not worth exercising if you can't do it first thing in the morning. Any exercise, at any time of day, is going to be better than none. Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

29. Find one word in the passage which means the same as 'confusing'.

- A. vexing
- B. striking
- C. brainstorming
- D. befuddling

Ans. D

Sol.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

**Vexing** = annoying or worrying.

**Striking** = interesting and unusual enough to attract attention.

**Brainstorming** = a way of making a group of people all think about something at the same time, often in order to solve a problem or to create good ideas.

**Befuddling** = confused and unable to think normally.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

30. Find one word which means the same as the following. 'A set of rules about food and diet that someone follows.'

- A. regimen
- B. fundamental
- C. catalogue
- D. regiment

Ans. A

Sol.

**Regimen** = a set of rules about food and diet that someone follows.

**Catalogue** = a complete list of items, for example of things that people can look at or buy.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

31. Select the correct option. By 'larkish exercisers' the writer refers to people who \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. like to exercise late with larks
- B. exercise in the morning
- C. love to see the lark in the morning
- D. like to sing in the morning

Ans. B

Sol.

By 'larkish exercisers' the writer refers to people who exercise in the morning.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

32. Select the option which is **not true**. The successful weight losers in the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. remained active
- B. slept more
- C. walked more
- D. ate less

Ans. B

Sol.

According to the passage, the successful weight losers in the Mid West trial 2 follow-up study remained active, walked more and ate less. So option (a) is not true about the weight losers.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

33. The finding of the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study was that the best time for exercise was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. between 3-7 p.m.
- B. before noon.
- C. 7 p.m. onwards
- D. noon to 3 p.m.

Ans. B  
Sol.

In the passage, the finding of the Mid West trial 2 follow up study mentions that the person who exercised before noon had lost more weight.  
Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

34. What was the difference between the Mid West Trial 2 study and the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study that was taken up later?

- A. The duration of the follow up study was longer.
- B. The calorie intake and the time of exercise were examined.
- C. Face to face interviews were conducted.
- D. Participants of the study stayed in the premises.

Ans. B  
Sol.

In the Mid West trial 2 study, the researchers studied the calorie intake while in the Mid West trial 2 follow-up study, the researchers studied the time of the exercise.  
Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

35. Select the option that is not true as per the passage. 'Several studies show that as a result of the workout \_\_\_\_\_.'

- A. most gained a lot of weight
- B. some gained some weight
- C. a few had the desired weight loss
- D. the majority lost a little weight

Ans. A  
Sol.

In the passage, it is mentioned that a person who exercised after 3 pm had gained some weight and who workout

before noon had the desired weight loss.

Hence, **option A** is not true as per the passage.

36. The Mid West Trial 2 duration was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 12 months
- B. 10 months
- C. 6 months
- D. 18 months

Ans. B  
Sol.

The duration of the **Mid West trial 2 was 10 months.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

37.

The Mid West Trail 2 was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. U.S based study on 100 participants who exercised 5 times a week and burnt 600 calories
- B. A European study on 100 participants who exercised 7 times a week and burnt 800 calories.
- C. Canadian study on 500 participants who exercised 6 times a week and burnt 600 calories.
- D. U.S. based study on 100 participants who exercised 3 times a week and burnt 300 calories.

Ans. A  
Sol.

According to the passage, it is mentioned in the third paragraph that the Mid West trial 2 was conducted in the University of Kansas, **U.S.** on how regular, supervised exercise influences body weight. It involved 100 participants who exercised **5 times a week** and burnt 600 calories.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

38. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.

The team manager is examining the documents of all the players.

A. The team manager has been examining the documents of all the players.

B. The documents of all the players are being examined by the team manager.

C. The documents of all the players the team manager is examining.

D. Examination of the documents of all the players was done by the team manager.

Ans. B

Sol.

The sentence given is in active voice, so, we need to convert it in passive form. The structure given here is "subject + is/am/are + verb's first form with ing + object". So, in passive voice the structure must be "Object + is/am/are + being + verb's third form + subject". Hence, option b will be the correct choice.

39. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The business prospect seemed quite \_\_\_\_\_ so I convinced my friend to partner with me to start the venture.

A. lucrative

B. prosperous

C. flourishing

D. dubious

Ans. A

Sol.

Lucrative (Adjective): Producing a lot of money

Dubious (Adjective): not sure or certain.

Flourishing (Adjective): developing in a successful way; prosperous.

40.

**Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

I could make out that the conversation was leading to a fight so I \_\_\_\_\_

A. made a song and a dance

B. nipped it in the bud

C. cut corners

D. killed two birds with a stone

Ans. B

Sol.

Let's understand the meanings of the given idioms:

**Made a song and a dance** = to make something seem more important than it really is so that everyone notices it  
Example: *I only asked her to move her car but she made such a song and dance about it.*

**Nipped it in the bud** = to stop something before it has an opportunity to become established:

Example: *Many serious illnesses can be nipped in the bud if they are detected early enough.*

**Cut corners** = to do something in the easiest, cheapest, or fastest way:

Example: *I don't like to cut corners when I have company for dinner.*

**Killed two birds with a stone** = to succeed in achieving two things in a single action:

Example: *I killed two birds with one stone and picked the kids up on the way to the supermarket.*

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

41. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

Our home was built in 1990 by my father.

- A. My father built our home in 1990
- B. Our home was being built in 1990 by my father.
- C. My father had built our home in 1990
- D. My father was building our home in 1990

Ans. A

Sol.

The sentence given is in passive voice, so, we need to convert it in active voice. The structure given here is "object + was/were + verb's third form + subject". So, in active voice, the structure must be "Subject + verb's second form + object". Hence option A will be the correct choice.

42.

**Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

- A) Some of the Vitamin A rich sources of foods are carrots, broccoli, spinach, fish and meat.
  - B) An American research study has found that Vitamin A intake can lower risk of skin cancer.
  - C) It suggests that we should consume a diet with fruits and vegetables.
  - D) This study has been published in JAMA Dermatology.
- A. CABD
  - B. BDCA
  - C. BADC
  - D. ABDC

Ans. B

Sol.

Sentence B is indicating the beginning of a story.

In Sentence D there is information delivered about what is mentioned in sentence C. Hence it should be the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence.

Sentence C, talks in detail about former line. So it is next sentence in the row.

Sentence A is the left one and also has a note of resolution. Hence it comes last.

43.

Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

(A) Its chief feature is that the reader is given the opportunity to play along and engage in the process of deduction.

(B) A whodunit is a kind of detective story made famous by Agatha Christie.

(C) Thus, along with the protagonist the reader is also involved in solving the case.

(D) As the reader goes along he/she takes note of the clues, deduces and tries to identify the criminal before the climax.

- A. BDAC
- B. ABCD
- C. DABC
- D. BADC

Ans. D

Sol.

Sentence B is indicating the beginning of a story.

In Sentence A there is information delivered about what is mentioned in sentence C. Hence it should be the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence.

Sentence D, talks in detail about former line. So it is next sentence in the row.

Sentence C is the left one and also has a note of resolution. Hence it comes last.

44.

In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

One can soon feast (1) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes on Humayun's Tomb (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Safdarjung Tomb at night with the government deciding to keep 10 heritage (3) \_\_\_\_\_ open to the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from sunrise (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 9 p.m. The announcement was made (6) \_\_\_\_\_ morning by the Union Minister for Culture and (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Currently, most monuments (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for visitors at 6 pm. The change in timings (9) \_\_\_\_\_ effective for a period (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 years.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 10.

- A. about
- B. into
- C. of
- D. through

Ans. C

Sol.

Here, preposition "of" will be used, after "the period". Hence, option c will be the correct choice.

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 9.

- A. would have been
- B. will be
- C. has been
- D. will have been

Ans. B

Sol.

Here, future infinite tense will be used. Future time is evident here. Hence, option b will be the correct choice.

46. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 8.

- A. was closed
- B. close
- C. having closed
- D. was being closed

Ans. B

Sol.

Here, present simple indefinite tense should be used. Hence, option b is the correct choice.

47. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 7.

- A. tour
- B. tourists
- C. tourism
- D. tourist

Ans. C

Sol.

Option c will be the correct choice as there is a "ministry of culture and tourism". "Tourism" means travel for pleasure or business.

48. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 6.

- A. those
- B. that
- C. then
- D. this

Ans. D

Sol.

Here, "this" will be most appropriate among the given options. "This morning" means today or in the morning.

49. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 5.

- A. by
- B. for
- C. till
- D. in

Ans. C

Sol.

Here, "till" will be most appropriate among the given option. "Till" means up to that time.

50. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 4.

- A. residents
- B. public
- C. peoples
- D. mob

Ans. B

Sol.

Here, public will be the correct choice, as, public means people in general. Mob means a large angry crowd, that could easily become violent. Resident means person who live in a place.

51. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 3.

- A. monuments
- B. apartments
- C. building
- D. monument

Ans. A

Sol.

In the sentence, it is talking about 10 heritage, so with countable noun plural should be used. Here, monument is a building or statue that is built to remind people of a famous person or event. Hence, option A is the correct choice.

52. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 2.

- A. both
- B. and
- C. therefore
- D. by

Ans. B

Sol.

"And" connects the two subjects or sentences, etc. Here, Humayun's Tomb and Safdarjung Tomb are connected with connector 'and'. Hence, option b will be the correct choice.

53.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 1.

- A. ours
- B. theirs
- C. one's
- D. her's

Ans. C

Sol.

The possessive case of "one" is "one's". Hence, option c is the correct choice.

54.

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

An apple carries about 100 million useful bacteria.

- A. The useful bacteria to be carried in an apple is about loo million.
- B. An apple will carry about 100 million useful bacteria.
- C. About 100 million useful bacteria are carried by an apple.
- D. About 100 million useful bacteria are being carried by an apple.

Ans. C

Sol.

The sentence given is in active voice, so, we need to convert it in passive form. The structure given here is "subject + verb's first form + object". So, in passive voice the structure must be "Object + is/am/are + verb's third form + subject". Hence, option c will be the correct choice.

55.

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

The Inspector stopped the boy and asked where he went.

- A. he was going
- B. No improvement
- C. he has gone
- D. he had going

Ans. A

Sol.

According to the flow of meaning the second sentence should be in past continuous, hence the right structure would be: Subject + was/were + verb + ing + object.

56.

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

My uncle said, "Just my luck! I've missed the bus again."

- A. My uncle says that he is unlucky as he has missed the bus again.
- B. My uncle exclaimed that he is once again lucky to miss the bus.
- C. My uncle exclaimed that he was unlucky as he had missed the bus again.

D. My uncle said he was lucky as he had missed the bus again.

Ans. C

Sol.

In the given sentence, there is a sign of exclamation here, so our indirect sentence will contain sense of exclamation. So, it should be either option B or option C. The sentence is given in the present perfect, so it will be converted into the past perfect tense.

Hence, option C is the correct choice.

57.

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

"You should lock your car as there have been some instances of theft," said Anil.

- A. There have been instances of theft so I should lock my car was told to me by Anil.
- B. Anil advised me that I should lock my car as there had been some instances of theft.
- C. There have been some instances of theft so I should have locked my car said Mil.
- D. Anil said he must lock his car because there were some instances of theft.

Ans. B

Sol.

Advice or suggestion is evident here. Thus, 'said' will be converted into advised or suggested. And 'have been' into 'had been'.

58.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

When my friend suggested going to the mall for lunch, I agreed \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. at once
- B. at large
- C. at ease
- D. at most

Ans. A

Sol.

For the given sentence, option 'a' is the correct choice.

At once means immediately.

At large means liberty, free.

At most means not more than something else.

At ease means free from worry or awkwardness or relaxed.

59.

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

It was a bittersweet moment for me when I found out that I had been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. A fully-funded opportunity of a lifetime. Fly off to Saitama without a care on the world, and all I had to do was put into practice what I love to do – computer science. The bitter part of the episode – that I would lose two weeks of IB education, an almost literal mountain to cover when I got back – was quickly forgotten when I envisioned myself programming robots in the country that gave us Anime and sushi! It was with the eagerness to have an extended vacation in an un-visited land, and the opportunity to learn more about a subject that I am passionate about, that I headed to the Kempegowda

International Airport outside Bengaluru. Little did I know this would be the experience of a lifetime, more for the endearing values of the Japanese culture that made their mark on me than anything else. The first feature of Japanese society that called out to me was the Discipline. Walking into the Narita International Airport, used as I was to the noisy crowds back in India, I quite literally lost my breath to the sight that awaited me. Be it the security check or baggage claim, somehow there was a silence that felt right. Everyone went about their activities without any confusion. And, contrary to the bharatiya custom of lazy pot-bellied officials, every guard and all counter personnel did what they were supposed to do to ensure this flow was maintained.

Which country is credited for producing Anime? A. India

- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. USA

Ans. B

Sol. The seventh line of the passage states that the author is visiting the country i.e. Japan which has given the world Anime and sushi. The author is selected for the Science exchange programme in Japan only.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

60. What aspect of Japanese culture left a mark on the writer?

- A. Their cuisine
- B. Their unity
- C. Their health consciousness
- D. Their values

Ans. D

Sol. The disciplined environment witnessed by the author came as a

surprise as this kind of manner is not seen back in India. The personnel at the Airport were not following the rules with compulsion as they have to and it was because it's their values, which is their lifestyle.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

61. Why was the writer travelling to Japan?

- A. On a holiday
- B. For two weeks of IB education
- C. For employment
- D. To attend a robotics workshop

Ans. D

Sol. The second line of the passage states clearly that the author has been selected for the Sakura Science Exchange programme, a Robotics and IoT workshop in Japan. He went there to attend the robotics workshop.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

62. What did the writer notice when he arrived at Narita International Airport?

- A. The bags arriving on time in baggage claim
- B. The cleanliness
- C. That there was no security check
- D. The silence

Ans. D

Sol. The last few lines of the passage states that the silence on the Narita International Airport took his breath and the sight was shocking for the author. The security check or every activity going on the airport was happening in a disciplined manner. This silence is not common to the author in India.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

63. What was it that the writer did not like about his trip to Japan?

- A. That the trip was so short
- B. That he would be compelled to eat sushi
- C. That he would miss a fortnight worth of IB education
- D. That Japanese people are too disciplined

Ans. C

Sol. The fifth line of the passage suggests that the author wasn't happy about losing the two weeks of IB education because of his trip to Japan for the Sakura Science exchange programme.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

64.

Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians, and many other European nationals would tend to make because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalizations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to

language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development, and even political ideologies. The magnitude of the diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian States, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

According to the writer the responsibility of explaining the facts about India to Europeans rests with? A. Europeans  
B. Indians  
C. Rest of the world  
D. Indian Government

Ans. B

Sol. The last two lines of the passage state that the responsibility to clarify the nuances Europeans think comes to the Indians, as there's no one better who can converse these facts to them. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

65. The writer compares diversity of one European country to the diversity of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. One major city in India
- B. One Indian State
- C. The whole continent of Asia
- D. The whole world

Ans. B

Sol. The last fourth line clearly states that the magnitude of the diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian States.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

66. What's wrong with respect to India are the Europeans responsible for?

- A. Their hatred towards Indian culture
- B. Their complete lack of knowledge regarding India's past
- C. That India is economically decades behind the developed world
- D. Their inappropriate generalizations

Ans. D

Sol. The last few lines of the passage state that inappropriate generalizations made by the Europeans for India is not limited to language, but to culture, cuisine, music, art, and everything. These generalizations show that people in European countries think that we all live the same lifestyle without any diversity. They fail to understand that we live in a diversified environment with integration.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

67. The writer was working at a university in which country?

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Italy
- D. India

Ans. A

Sol. The first line of the passage states that the writer was doing an internship at the University of Lille in France.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

68. Why do some French people think that Hindi is the only Indian language?

- A. Because that is the way in most European countries
- B. That is what is being taught to them
- C. They know India is also called as Hindustan so people there must speak only Hindi

D. As most Indians they meet speak Hindi

Ans. A

Sol. The tenth line of the passage states clearly that it is a misconception for French that Hindi is the only language spoken in India as in the European countries, there's a single language that is spoken in the entire country.

Hence, A is correct.

69.

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

It is a delight \_\_\_\_\_ (1) the illuminating thoughts which came to the minds of these men; and, on the other hand, it is amusing to see how \_\_\_\_\_ (2) they launched \_\_\_\_\_ (3) on boundless seas when they were unprovided with chart and compass. They were \_\_\_\_\_ (4) brilliant children, who know little of the dangers of the great world, but are ready to undertake anything. These philosophers regarded all knowledge as their province, and did \_\_\_\_\_ (5) despair of governing so great a realm. Find out the appropriate word in each case. A. no

- B. not
- C. nothing
- D. none

Ans. B

Sol. The sentence here refers to the philosophers who regarded the realm of knowledge as their province which they wanted to be in. This refers to them wanting to attain the knowledge. In this sense the word 'not' will be accurate, which would imply that they

not afraid of governing the realm of knowledge. Hence, option B is the answer.

70. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. too
- B. like
- C. that
- D. so

Ans. B

Sol. The word 'like' seems to be correct in the context as here 'like' means 'similar to' children who are ignorant of the dangers that are there in this world.

71. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. them
- B. their
- C. they
- D. themselves

Ans. D

Sol. The pronouns like 'them', 'they' and 'their' are plural pronouns. They do not seem to agree with the personal tone that the sentence carries. The word 'themselves' is a reflexive pronoun which refers back to the subject pronoun like 'they' in the case of the given sentence. Here the subject 'they' and the object 'themselves' are the same. Hence, option D is the answer.

72. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. reckless
- B. recklessness
- C. recklessly
- D. reckless

Ans. C

Sol. The word 'reckless', which means 'heedless of danger or the

consequences of one's actions' in its simple noun form does not seem to grammatically agree with the sentence. 'Recklessness' again indicating the nature of being rash does not seem to be accurate. The word 'reckful' means to be 'clever or funny', hence option D is also wrong. Option C with the word 'recklessly', refers to the manner in which one acts, here it means the rash manner in which one acts. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

73. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. discover
- B. discovery
- C. rediscover
- D. to discover

Ans. D

Sol. Option A with the word 'discover' lacks the use of a preposition. Similarly, option C lacks a preposition. The word 'discovery' in option B means the ongoing process of discovering or finding something. This does not grammatically agree with the sentence. Hence, option D with the correct noun and preposition 'to discover' is the correct answer.

74.

**Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Farmers could no longer pay their loans and some banks were closed down.

Q. Prices dropped due to increased supply, which was followed by a drought.

R. The country was well advanced in technology and farmers increased their production levels.

S. The Great Depression in America began with overproduction and low prices in the agricultural sector. A. RQPS

- B. QPSR
- C. PSRQ
- D. SRQP

Ans. D

Sol. S should be the first sentence. It introduces the topic i.e. the Great Depression.

R states another factor responsible for the Great Depression.

The pair QP describes the fallout of the factors which led to the Great Depression.

Hence, the correct sequence is SRQP.

75.

**Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P: About 30 new hydro projects are now under execution with an installed capacity of 5,600 MW.

Q: However, with the rapid increase in demand for power, higher priority was given to the pithead super thermal power stations as their gestation period was smaller than that of the hydel schemes.

R: Many projects were taken up for execution after independence and at one time (1962-6C., the capacity contribution from hydro schemes was equal to thermal schemes.

S: The first hydro generating unit in India was commissioned in Darjeeling (W.Bengal) in 1897. A. RQPS

- B. SRQP
- C. QPSR

D. PQRS

Ans. B

Sol. S should be the first sentence. It introduces the first hydro generating unit.

R talks about the history of the projects in the same regard.

Q talks about the development in the field.

P talks about the present scenario.

Hence, the correct sequence is SRQP.

76.

**Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P: They feel that during their time, young boys and girls were better behaved, more obedient, and had greater respect for their elders.

Q: Young people on the other hand, feel that they are capable enough to learn on their own rather than lean heavily on the older generation for any guidance.

R: The people belonging to the older generation always wonder as to what has gone wrong with the new generation.

S: They feel that a lack of respect for the old will ruin and spell disaster for the young. A. PRSQ

B. SPQR

C. PRQS

D. RPSQ

Ans. D

Sol. R should be the first sentence. It introduces the central idea i.e. the differences the older generation find with the new generation.

P describes it further; with an example that the old feel in that their generation young people respected elders.

S should follow. It states that the old feel that in the present scenario young people do not respect their elders.

Q puts forth a contrast by stating 'on the other hand'; hence it follows

hence, the correct sequence is RPSQ.

77.

**Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P: As a result, they are more able to live in harmony with themselves and with the world that surrounds them.

Q: Stabilizing meditation is catalogued as one of the hardest techniques of meditation because followers must keep their minds under total control for long period of time.

R: The benefits of this meditation, according to the followers, is that meditators can experience full understanding of their thoughts and ideas.

S: This consists of maintaining full attention to their role object focus. A.

QSRP

B. PQRS

C. QPSR

D. PRQS

Ans. A

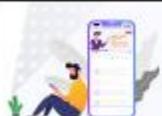
Sol. Q should be the first sentence. It introduces the central idea i.e. stabilizing meditation.

'This' in sentence S refers to the process of keeping minds under control.

R introduces the benefits of this meditation; hence it follows after general introduction. 'This' makes it clear that it can't be the introductory sentence.

P is a concluding sentence as it describes the result of the meditation.

| Hence, the correct sequence is SQRP.



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