

## SBI CBO Previous Year Paper 2022 (Reasoning and English)

**Directions (1-7):** Read each sentence to find out if there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer if there is no error, the answer is (e).

**Q1.** If the other party forgives us, (A)/ good enough, however, if that person is not prepared (B)/ to do so, it is him who will have to (C)/ burn in the fire of passions, not us. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q2.** More Covid vaccines have been (A)/delivered in 10 months than (B)/any other vaccines put together (C)/every year before the outbreak of the pandemic. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q3.** After all it is us not (A)/the other person who has to be (B)/set free from the suffering(C)/ resulted from anger. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q4.** It is claimed that in Afghanistan (A)/only a couple of (B)/ hundred thousands Afghan lives (C)/ have been lost. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q5.** With the sudden rise of awareness around money management, (A)/finance influencers have been able to gain momentum (B)/ in the social media industry and their advice is valued (C)/specifically only if it have value-added benefits. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q6.** Those with fears over (A)/ inadequate social distancing measures have to be (B)/reassured and schools must ensure (C)/ better ventilation and surveillance for symptoms. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Q7.** Supreme Court has righteous refused (A)/to entertain a school-goer's petition (B)/seeking directions to central and state governments (C)/to enable students to attend physical classes. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) B
- (b) C
- (c) A
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

**Directions (8-14):** In the following questions a paragraph is given with two blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option 'None of these' as your answer.



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**Q8.** A school is a \_\_\_\_\_ of democratic citizenship, and should not be a training ground for\_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) commendation, confinement
- (b) commotion, nationalism
- (c) raze, mayhem
- (d) forge, jingoism
- (e) None of these.

**Q9.** Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ with too much information too \_\_\_\_\_ on that pocket devil.

- (a) parched, unusual
- (b) inundated, frequently
- (c) drained, interrupted
- (d) claiming, occasional
- (e) None of these

**Q10.** Equity markets are \_\_\_\_\_ but they eventually \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) volatile, recoup
- (b) lasting, slump
- (c) immutable, dwindle
- (d) settled, wilt
- (e) None of these.

**Q11.** The spirit of truthfulness should \_\_\_\_\_ every aspect of life and society and \_\_\_\_\_ our thoughts, words and actions.

- (a) confound, developing
- (b) obfuscate, assembled
- (c) retreat, meliorate
- (d) penetrate, mould
- (e) None of these.

**Q12.** Patriotism is emotionally\_\_\_\_\_, and a powerful\_\_\_\_\_ to public-spirited action.

- (a) cavernous, dejection
- (b) hollow, damper
- (c) resonant, spur
- (d) smothered, gloom
- (e) None of these.

**Q13.** We \_\_\_\_\_ look for \_\_\_\_\_ of joy in the activities, relationships and objects of this world.

- (a) variously, exit
- (b) continually, avenues
- (c) rarely, egress
- (d) sporadically, refusal
- (e) None of these

**Q14.** The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday voted \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ with regard to the policy repo rate.

- (a) Unanimously, status-quo
- (b) Concordant, irregularity
- (c) Dissension, abnormality
- (d) Acquiescence, standing
- (e) None of these

**Directions (15-20):** In each of the following question a part of the sentence is highlighted which is grammatically incorrect. Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correction in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark option "no replacement required" as the answer.

**Q15.** We need a **more bigger** industrial manufacturing sector.

- (I) a farther bigger
- (II) a far bigger
- (III) a far big
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Q16.** So, it is not that Government of India is **bending on backward** for Amazon.

- (I) bending to backward
- (II) bending for backwards
- (III) bending over backwards
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Q17.** **Rarely we do pause to reflect on** the value of life itself and think of making use of the divine treasures that God has given us.

- (I) Rarely do we pause to reflect on
- (II) Rarely we pause to reflect for
- (III) Rarely do we pause for reflecting on

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Q18.** What governments gain through fuel tax **can be partially offset by a slowdown** in the GST collection trend.

- (I) can be partial offset by a slowdown
- (II) can partially offset by a slowdown
- (III) can be partial offsetted through a slowdown
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Q19.** Fixed income allocation can be **devoid to credit risk fully except for** situations when credit spreads are really attractive.

- (I) devoid by credit risk fully except to
- (II) devoid of credit risk fully except for
- (III) devoid of credit risk fully excepted by
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Q20.** The unconditional surrender to truth gives man the **certainty to the triumph of good on evil**.

- (I) certainty of the triumph of good over evil
- (II) certainty on the triumph of good over evil
- (III) certainly of the triumph of good over evil
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) No replacement required

**Directions (21-30):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

The approval of the PM POSHAN scheme by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs until 2025-26 comes at a critical time when real income declines and the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have affected the ability of families to ensure good nutrition. The findings in Phase I of the NFHS-5 for 22 States and Union Territories in December 2020 were shocking: childhood **stunting** rose in 13 States, there was high prevalence of anaemia among children and women, and wasting was a serious concern in 12 States. The slippage over the previous survey period exposes the worsening scourge of malnutrition, threatening to deprive millions of children of a fully productive adult life. It will take a serious effort to address this hidden crisis, backed by strong budgetary commitment. The centrally supported hot meal programme in Government and Government-aided schools, covering 11.8 crore children, will be supplemented with nutritional elements in identified aspirational districts and areas with high anaemia. The scheme, which is proposed to be extended to pre-primary children, provides for social audit, creation of school nutritional gardens to source fresh produce, involvement of farmer-producer organisations as providers, and lays emphasis on local food traditions. While these are positive features, momentum towards eradicating malnutrition hinges crucially on annual budgetary outlays and proof of POSHAN's working will lie in measurable outcomes.

Support for the PM POSHAN, which the Government says has been approved over the five-year period at ₹1,30,794 crore, including ₹31,733 crore from States and UTs, must remain elastic. While some child growth metrics such as stunting require a longer window to measure, problems such as anaemia and low weight lend themselves to speedy **amelioration**. The Government must demonstrate that Saksham Anganwadi-Mission POSHAN 2.0, which amalgamates the POSHAN Abhiyan and schemes covering anganwadis, crèches and adolescent girls, is fiscally stronger than its erstwhile component parts. There must be

a meaningful increase in the current Budget estimate over the combined past outlay for the subsumed individual schemes. On nutritional planning, the renewed plan should introduce a greater diversity of diets that compensates for micronutrient and protein deficiency. Strong supplementation of nutrition at school, in the community, and at childcare centres is critical at a time when criticism of food inflation has met with a **tone-deaf response**, and pandemic-induced income declines have depressed essential consumption. The lower offtake of foodgrains for the noon meal scheme during the pandemic over the previous year and patchy food distribution mechanisms in many States should \_\_\_\_\_ (I) \_\_\_\_\_. The future of a generation of Indians is at stake.

**Q21.** Which of the following is/are the correct statement(s) as per the information given in the passage?

- (i) The illnesses of anemia and underweight are subjected to fast recovery
- (ii) In 12 states, Childhood development barriers increased
- (iii) Due to the pandemic Covid-19, incomes of the people have declined which resulted in a decrease in necessary consumption

(a) Only (i)  
 (b) Only (ii)  
 (c) Only (iii)  
 (d) Both (i) and (ii)  
 (e) Both (i) and (iii)

**Q22.** Which of the following phrases can fill the given blank (I) in the most suitable way to complete the given sentence in a meaningful way?

(a) be hoping against hope  
 (b) come off with flying colors  
 (c) be hitting the nail on the head  
 (d) set alarm bells ringing.  
 (e) None of these

**Q23.** Which of the following can be concluded as an appropriate summary for the given passage?

- (a) The necessity of good quality meals for students at school
- (b) Shortcomings of PM POSHAN Scheme
- (c) The future generation of Indians is in danger
- (d) Recent data on child malnutrition underscore the value of good school meals
- (e) None of these

**Q24.** Which of the following is the most suitable tone for the given passage?

- (a) Commiserating
- (b) Belligerent
- (c) Indignant
- (d) Grandiose
- (e) None of these

**Q25.** Which of the following is/are incorrect as per the information given in the passage?

- (i) With regard to nutritional planning, the renewed plan should include a greater variety of diets that meet micronutrient and protein deficiencies.
- (ii) The decrease in the last survey period undermines the dire form of malnutrition
- (iii) There should be a significant increase in the current budget estimate as compared to the combined previous outlay for the individual plans covered.

(a) Only (i)  
 (b) Only (ii)  
 (c) Only (iii)  
 (d) Both (i) and (ii)  
 (e) Both (i) and (iii)

**Q26.** Which of the following does not correctly infers to PM POSHAN Scheme?

- (a) The scheme has participation of farmer-producer organizations as providers
- (b) The scheme emphasizes on local food traditions.
- (c) There is a provision of social audit in PM POSHAN scheme.
- (d) The scheme is proposed to be extended to post-primary children
- (e) All are correct

**Q27.** Which of the following correctly represents the meaning of phrase '**tone-deaf response**' according to the given passage?

- (a) not able to hear anything and hence unable to response
- (b) not able to speak anything and hence unable to response
- (c) having or showing insensitivity towards a matter and hence not responding
- (d) lack of knowledge regarding a particular matter and hence not responding
- (e) None of these

**Q28.** Which of the following is the most suitable title for the given passage?

- (a) Food Inflation
- (b) Importance of food in households
- (c) Failing on Food
- (d) PM POSHAN Scheme's achievements
- (e) None of these

**Q29.** Which of the following words is opposite to the word '**STUNTING**' as highlighted in the given passage?

- (a) checking
- (b) advancing
- (c) impeding
- (d) stemming
- (e) None of these

**Q30.** Which of the following words is most similar to the word '**AMELIORATION**' as highlighted in the given passage?

- (a) Recovery
- (b) flagging
- (c) ebbing
- (d) breakdown
- (e) None of these

**Directions (31-35):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

**In a certain code language,**

'review success analysis story' is coded as 'ts ie mn as'

'current opportunity success analysis' is coded as 'mn bn st ie'

'current quiz analysis story' is coded as 'cd as mn bn'

'review story image article' is coded as 'ts as yj yx'

**Q31.** Which of the following is the code for 'opportunity'?

- (a) st
- (b) bn
- (c) ie
- (d) mn
- (e) None of these

**Q32.** Which of the following word is coded as 'bn'?

- (a) quiz
- (b) story
- (c) opportunity
- (d) Current
- (e) None of these

**Q33.** What may be the code of 'quiz orange'?

- (a) st ie
- (b) cd mn
- (c) ie bn
- (d) mn ie
- (e) cd qw

**Q34.** Which of the following code is coded for 'Success'?

- (a) mn
- (b) ie
- (c) bn
- (d) cd
- (e) None of these

**Q35.** What will be the code of 'article'?

- (a) yj
- (b) as
- (c) yx
- (d) Either (a) or (c)
- (e) None of these

**Directions (36-38):** Study the information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Abhay starts his journey from point S, walks 10m towards North to reach at point D, then takes a right turn and walks 6m to reach point F. From point F, He start walking in the west direction and walk 4m to reach at point N, from point N he takes a left turn and walks 9m to reach at point M, then takes a left turn again and walks 4m to reach point T.

**Q36.** What is the shortest distance between point T and point F?

- (a) 6m
- (b) 5m
- (c) 8m
- (d) 9m
- (e) None of these

**Q37.** In which direction is point N with respect to point T?

- (a) North
- (b) North-East
- (c) South-East
- (d) North-West
- (e) Can't be determined

**Q38.** If point K is 2m north of point S, then What is the shortest distance between point D and point K?

- (a) 6m
- (b) 8m
- (c) 3m
- (d) 10m
- (e) None of these

**Directions (39-43):** Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions:

A number arrangement machine when given an input line of numbers rearranges them following a particular rule. The following is an illustration of input and rearrangement.

**Input: 35 12 92 87 8 18**

Step I: 8 35 12 87 18 92

Step II: 12 8 35 18 92 87

Step III: 18 12 8 92 87 35

Step III is the last step of the rearrangement. As per the rules followed in the above steps, find out in each of the following questions the appropriate steps for the given input.

**Input: 36 43 5 44 78 11**

**Q39.** What is the sum of the numbers which is 2<sup>nd</sup> left end in Step II and 3<sup>rd</sup> right end in Step III?

- (a) 47
- (b) 89
- (c) 83
- (d) 87
- (e) 41

**Q40.** What is the last step in the given input?

- (a) 11 5 36 43 78 44
- (b) 36 11 5 78 43 44
- (c) 11 5 36 78 44 43
- (d) 36 11 5 78 44 43
- (e) None of these

**Q41.** How many steps required to complete the given arrangement?

- (a) Step III
- (b) Step V
- (c) Step VI
- (d) Step II
- (e) Step IV

**Q42.** If 11 is related to 44 and 36 is related to 43 in step II in the same way 5 is related to \_\_\_ in step II?

- (a) 44
- (b) 43
- (c) 36
- (d) 11
- (e) None of these

**Q43.** Which of the following elopement is 2<sup>nd</sup> to the left of the element which is 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right end in step III?

- (a) 44
- (b) 43
- (c) 36
- (d) 11
- (e) None of these

**Directions (44-46):** Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions:

Seven members are living in the family of three generations in which only two married couples.

M is parent of D. B is the spouse of M. P is the sister of Q. G has no son. C is the brother-in-law of D. B is not a mother-in-law of G. Q is the child of D. M has only one son.

**Q44.** Who among the following is the uncle of P?

- (a) D
- (b) M
- (c) B
- (d) C
- (e) None of these

**Q45.** How many female members are living in the family?

- (a) Two
- (b) Three
- (c) Four
- (d) Five
- (e) Can't be determined

**Q46.** If L is married to P, then how is G related to L?

- (a) Mother
- (b) Grand daughter
- (c) Mother-in-law
- (d) Grand mother
- (e) Daughter

**Directions (47-50):** Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

Point P is 15m east of Point Q. Point R is 5m to the north of Point P. Point S is 5m west of Point R. Point T is 10m south of Point S. Point U is 5m west of Point T. Point V is 10m north of Point U. Point W is 5m west of Point V.

**Q47.** Point W is in which direction with respect to point P?

- (a) South-east
- (b) South
- (c) East
- (d) North-west
- (e) None of these

**Q48.** If point X is south of point W at a distance of 10m, then what is the distance between point T and point X?

- (a) 14m
- (b) 10m
- (c) 15m
- (d) 11m
- (e) None of these

**Q49.** What is the shortest distance between Point U and Point S?

- (a) 5m
- (b) 6m
- (c) 7m
- (d)  $5\sqrt{5}$ m
- (e) None of these

**Q50.** Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and hence form a group. Which of the following does not belong to that group?

- (a) W-P
- (b) Q-T
- (c) V-T
- (d) S-P
- (e) R-Q

## Solutions

### S1. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (C) of the sentence. Replace 'him' with 'he' in part (C). 'He' is a subject pronoun and 'Him' is an object pronoun so 'it is he' is correct to use here. The word we use here must be able to function as the subject. In order for a pronoun to function as the subject, it must be in the nominative form. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S2. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (C) of the sentence. Here replace 'any' with 'all' in part (C). 'Any other' takes a singular noun after it and 'all other' takes a plural noun after it. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S3. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (D) of the sentence. Here replace 'resulted' with 'resulting' in part (D). The given sentence is present tense, hence use of the present form of the verb is correct. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S4. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (C) of the sentence. Replace 'thousands' with 'thousand' in part (C). As we are already using 'Afghan lives' in its plural form hence use of 'thousands' is incorrect here. 'Hundred thousand' refers to an integer equal to or greater than ten. adjective. denoting a quantity consisting of 100,000 items or units. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S5. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (D) of the sentence. Use 'has' in place of 'have' after 'it' in part (D). Here 'it' refers to 'advice' which is in singular form. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S6. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The given sentence is grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S7. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** In the given sentence, the error lies in part (A) of the sentence. To modify the verb 'refused' an adverb 'rightly' is required here. Use of the adjective 'righteous' is grammatically incorrect here. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

### S8. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (d). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

Forge: create (something) strong, enduring, or successful. :

Jingoism: extreme patriotism, especially in the form of aggressive or warlike foreign policy  
commendation means formal or official praise.

nationalism means a feeling of love or pride for your own country; a feeling that your country is better than any other

raze means to completely destroy a building, town, etc. so that nothing is left

mayhem means confusion and fear, usually caused by some sudden shocking event

commotion means great noise or excitement

confinement means being kept in a small space

### S9. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (b). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

inundated: overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

frequently: regularly or habitually; often.

parched means deprived of natural moisture

unusual means not expected or normal

drained means to flow away; to make a liquid flow away

interrupted means to say or do something that makes somebody stop what he/she is saying or doing

claiming means to say that something is true, without having any proof

occasional means done or happening from time to time but not very often

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (a). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

volatile: liable to change rapidly and unpredictably  
recoup: regain (something lost or expended).

lasting means continuing for a long time  
slump means to fall suddenly and by a large amount

immutable means unchanging over time or unable to be changed.

dwindle means to become smaller or weaker  
settled means not changing or not likely to change  
wilt means to bend and start to die, because of heat or a lack of water

**S11. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (d). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

penetrate: go into or through (something), especially with force or effort.

mould: influence the formation or development of.  
confound means to confuse and surprise somebody

developing means that is trying to develop or improve its economy

obfuscate means to make something unclear and more difficult to understand

assembled means to come together or bring somebody/something together in a group

retreat means to move backwards in order to leave a battle or in order not to become involved in a battle

meliorate means to make better

**S12. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (c). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

resonant: (of sound) deep, clear, and continuing to sound or reverberate.

spur: a thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.

cavernous means like a cavern in size, shape, or atmosphere.

dejection means lowness of spirits  
hollow means with a hole or empty space inside  
damper means a little wet  
smothered means to stifle or suffocate  
gloom means a feeling of being sad and without hope

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct answer choice is option (b). All other options are contextually and meaningfully incorrect for the given blanks.

continually: without stopping or interruption  
avenues: a way of approaching a problem or making progress towards something.

variously means in several or different ways.  
exit means a door or way out of a public building or vehicle

rarely means infrequently or exceptionally.  
egress means the action of going out of or leaving a place.

sporadically means occurring occasionally  
refusal means saying or showing that you will not do, give or accept something

**S14. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Among the given words, only 'unanimously' and 'status- quo' can fit in grammatically and contextually in the given blanks. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice. The meaning of these words is:

Unanimously: all agreeing about something

Status-quo: existing state of affairs

Concordant: being of the same opinion

Dissension: A conflict on people's opinion

Acquiescence: A readiness and willingness to yield to the wishes of others.

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** In the given sentence, phrase 'a far bigger' is grammatically correct. In the given sentence and option (I), two comparative forms has been used, which is incorrect. In option (III), there is no comparison making the sentence structurally incorrect.

Among the given options, only alternative (II) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The usage of the preposition 'on' is incorrect as per the context of the question.

To bend over backwards is the correct phrase to use which means, 'to work extra hard to make something happen, particularly to help someone or to make them happy.' Among the given options, only alternative (III) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part.

Hence, option (c) is the correct answer.

**S17. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The usage of the helping verb 'do' is incorrect as per the context of the question. Some words such as 'hardly, rarely, barely' takes helping verb immediately after it before the subject. Moreover, preposition 'on' is correct to use after word 'reflect'.

Among the given options, only alternative (I) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

**S18. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The sentence is grammatically correct hence requires no improvement.

Hence, option (e) is the correct answer.

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The usage of the preposition 'to' and 'by' is incorrect after the word 'devoid'. As per the context of the question, 'except for' is the correct phrase to use. Among the given options, only alternative (II) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part.

Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The usage of the preposition 'on' is incorrect before 'evil' as per the context of the question. In sentence (III), use of 'certainly' is incorrect. Among the given options, only alternative (I) is the correct phrase to replace the highlighted part.

Hence, option (a) is the correct answer.

**S21. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** Referring to the last paragraph, ".....problems such as anaemia and low weight lend themselves to speedy amelioration." And "..... pandemic-induced income declines have depressed essential consumption." We can refer that among the given statements, statement (i) and (iii) are correct. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** As per the context of the given passage and referring to the given sentence, 'set alarm bell ringing' completes the sentence in the most efficient way. It refers to cause concern due to being an indication that there is something wrong. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

be hoping against hope: Without hope

come off with flying colors: Be highly successful

hitting the nail on the head: Do or say the exact thing

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Referring to the given passage, statement (d) conveys the main idea of the given passage in the best possible way. The passage talks about the recent findings which focus on child malnutrition and how this data is emphasizing the value of good quality meals at schools. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S24. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Referring to the above passage, the tone of the given passage is 'Indignant'. An indignant tone in a passage conveys the disappointment or anger regarding a topic by mentioning some arguments, facts and examples regarding the subject. The author intends to justify his anger by stating various reasons related to the issue. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Commiserating means to feel sorry for and show understanding towards somebody who is unhappy or in difficulty

Belligerent means unfriendly and aggressive

Grandiose means bigger or more complicated than necessary

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Refer to the first passage, "...The slippage over the previous survey period exposes the worsening scourge of malnutrition...". We can refer that among the given statements, statement (ii) is incorrect. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to the first passage, "...The scheme, which is proposed to be extended to pre-primary children, provides for social audit, creation of school nutritional gardens to source fresh produce, involvement of farmer-producer organisations as providers, and lays emphasis on local food traditions." We can refer that among the given statements, statement (d) is incorrect. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** As per the information given in the passage, option (c) conveys the meaning of phrase 'tone-deaf response' in the most suitable way. It refers to having or showing an obtuse insensitivity or lack of perception particularly in matters of public sentiment, opinion, or taste. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** According to the given passage, 'failing on food' is the most suitable title for the given passage considering the data given in the passage regarding child malnutrition. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Among the given set of words, 'advancing' is the most opposite word to 'stunting'. 'Stunting' refers to prevent from growing or developing properly. 'Advancing' refers to make or cause to make progress. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable choice.

checking: stop or slow the progress of (something, typically something undesirable).

impeding: delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them  
stemming: originate in or be caused by

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Among the given set of words, 'Recovery' is the most similar word to 'amelioration'. 'Amelioration' refers the act of making something better. 'Recovery' refers a return to good health after an illness or to a normal state after a difficult period of time. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable choice.

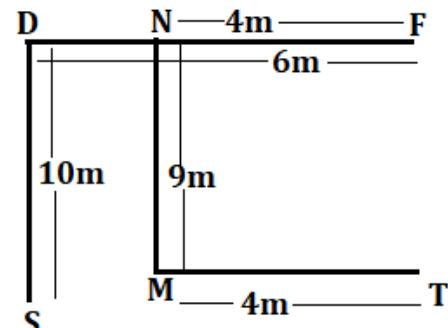
flagging: declining in strength.

ebbing: (of an emotion or quality) gradually decrease.

breakdown: a failure of a relationship or system.

**Directions (31-35):**

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**S31. Ans.(a)****S32. Ans.(d)****S33. Ans.(e)****S34. Ans.(b)****S35. Ans.(d)****Directions (36-38):****S36. Ans.(d)****S37. Ans.(d)****S38. Ans.(b)**

### Direction (39-43):

Two numbers are arranged in each step from both the end such as the lowest number is arranged from left end and the highest number is arranged from the right end in step I. Similarly, second lowest number is arranged from left end while the second highest number is arranged from right end in step II and so on.

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Step I: 5 36 43 44 11 78

Step II: 11 5 36 43 78 44

Step III: 36 11 5 78 44 43

**S39. Ans.(c)**

**S40. Ans.(d)**

**S41. Ans.(a)**

**S42. Ans.(e)**

**S43. Ans.(d)**

**S44. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.**

$$B(+)=M(-)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} D(+)=G(-)-C(+) \\ | \\ P(-)-Q(-) \end{array}$$

**S45. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.**

$$B(+)=M(-)$$

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**S46. Ans.(c)**

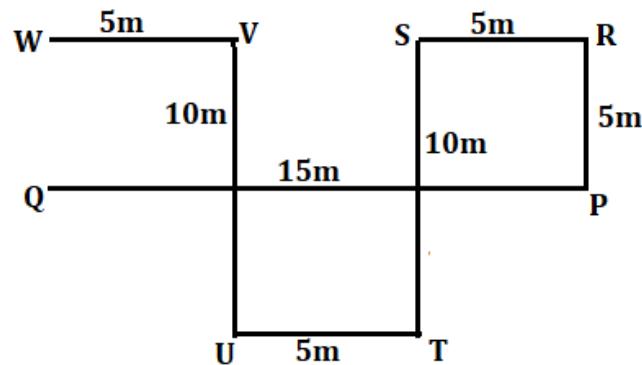
**Sol.**

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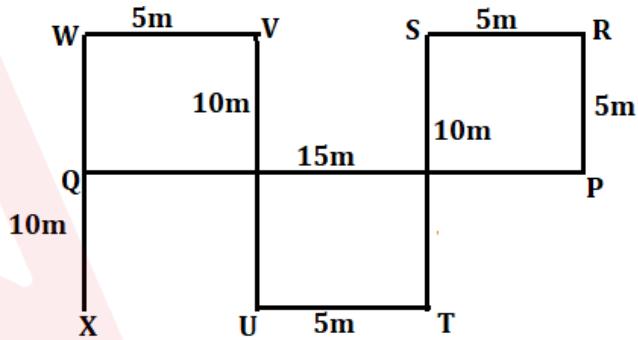
**Sol.**



**S47. Ans.(d)**

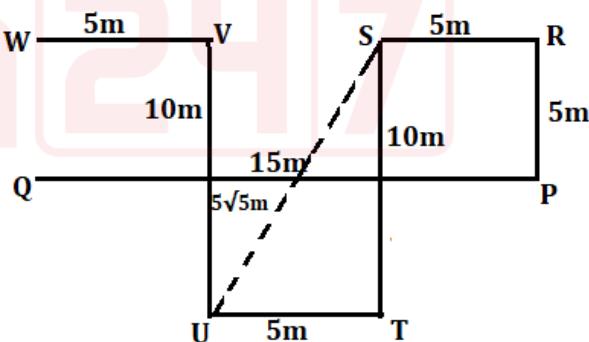
**S48. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.**



**S49. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.**



**S50. Ans.(e)**