

## SSC Selection Post (Higher Secondary) Similar Paper (Held on 2 Aug 2025 S2)

**Q1.** In the expression " $P \geq Q < R$ ", which of the following statements is definitely true?

- (a)  $P > Q$
- (b)  $Q < R$
- (c)  $P < R$
- (d)  $P = R$

**Ans.(b)**

**Q2.** Z is to T as M is to:

- (a) H
- (b) G
- (c) F
- (d) I

**Ans.(b)**

**Q3.** What comes next in the series? 196, 169, 144, 121, ?

- (a) 100
- (b) 99
- (c) 81
- (d) 64

**Ans.(a)**

**Q4.** Find the next letter in the series. C, E, G, I, ?

- (a) J
- (b) K
- (c) L
- (d) M

**Ans.(b)**

**Q5.** Which of these does not belong? 64, 125, 216, 343

- (a) 64
- (b) 125
- (c) 216
- (d) 343

**Ans.(a)**

**Q6.** If  $14 : 196 :: 18 : ?$

- (a) 324
- (b) 256
- (c) 300
- (d) 400

**Ans.(a)**

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**Q7.** If A @ B means A is added to the cube of B, then find the value of 2 @ 4.

- (a) 66
- (b) 64
- (c) 18
- (d) 34

**Ans.(a)**

**Q8.** In a certain code, FLOWER is written as GMPXFS. How will GARDEN be written in that code?

- (a) HBSEFO
- (b) HBTEFO
- (c) HBSFEO
- (d) HCTEFO

**Ans.(a)**

**Q9.** Which of the following options can be used to form the maximum number of meaningful English words using the letters: L, I, S, T, E, N?

- (a) 2-letter words
- (b) 3-letter words
- (c) 4-letter words
- (d) 5-letter words

**Ans.(d)**

**Q10.** Head is to Cap as Hand is to \_\_\_\_.

- (a) Ring
- (b) Glove
- (c) Nail
- (d) Shirt

**Ans.(b)**

**Q11.** If the letters of the word "FRIEND" are arranged alphabetically, which letter will be at the second position?

- (a) D
- (b) E
- (c) F
- (d) I

**Ans.(b)**

**Q12.** Which of the following numbers is different from the rest?

- (a) 20
- (b) 28
- (c) 36
- (d) 45

**Ans.(d)**

**Q13.** During a group discussion, Rohan listens carefully to everyone and responds politely. This shows:

- (a) Arrogance

- (b) Emotional intelligence
- (c) Carelessness
- (d) Indifference

**Ans.(b)**

**Q14.** R is to V as K is to:

- (a) O
- (b) P
- (c) Q
- (d) R

**Ans.(a)**

**Q15.** Read the statements carefully and identify the conclusion that follows.

Statement:

1. All teachers are educated.
2. Some educated people are artists.

Conclusion:

- I. Some teachers are artists.
- II. Some educated people are teachers.

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Both I and II follow
- (d) Neither I nor II follows

**Ans.(b)**

**Q16.** What comes next in the series? B, E, I, N, ?

- (a) R
- (b) S
- (c) T
- (d) U

**Ans.(c)**

**Q17.** If  $X \$ Y$  means "X is multiplied by Y and then reduced by 5", what is the value of  $6 \$ 4$ ?

- (a) 19
- (b) 21
- (c) 24
- (d) 29

**Ans.(a)**

**Q18.** If  $7 \# 2 = 23$ ,  $5 \# 2 = 17$ , and  $4 \# 2 = 14$ , find  $6 \# 2$ .

- (a) 18
- (b) 19
- (c) 20
- (d) 21

**Ans.(c)**

**Q19.** Statement: "To improve health standards, the government should promote regular exercise." Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (a) People do not like exercising
- (b) Regular exercise improves health
- (c) Government controls personal habits
- (d) Health standards are already good

**Ans.(b)**

**Q20.** If  $9 \times 3 = 30$ ,  $7 \times 4 = 32$ , then what is the value of  $8 \times 5$ ?

- (a) 40
- (b) 45
- (c) 50
- (d) 55

**Ans.(b)**

**Q21.** During performance reviews, manager Rahul often avoids addressing key improvement areas when employees appear anxious, even though the feedback is necessary. What does this behavior indicate?

- (a) Rahul is demonstrating strong empathy and effective leadership
- (b) Rahul's discomfort with others' anxiety may reduce the impact of his feedback
- (c) Employees' anxiety should determine all feedback decisions
- (d) Avoiding difficult feedback always improves team morale

**Ans.(b)**

**Q22.** If "BAT" = 2120, then "COW" = ?

- (a) 31523
- (b) 31423
- (c) 31513
- (d) 31413

**Ans.(a)**

**Q23.** Which symbol does NOT belong?

- (a) ★
- (b) ●
- (c) ■
- (d) A

**Ans.(d)**

**Q24.** Which word does NOT belong?

- (a) Essay
- (b) Poem
- (c) Painting
- (d) Play

**Ans.(c)**

**Q25.** Which of the following would be the mirror image of the word "NOTE"?

- (a) ETOH

- (b) ETON
- (c) ETQN
- (d) ETQN

**Ans.(a)**

**Q26.** According to the EIU, which country showed the most significant improvement in its business environment over the past 20 years?

- (a) India
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Romania
- (d) Serbia

**Ans.(b)**

**Q27.** The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992) aimed at legal reform in which of the following areas?

- (a) Industrial disputes management
- (b) Environmental protection at grassroots level
- (c) Local self-governance at rural level
- (d) Consumer protection rights in villages

**Ans.(c)**

**Q28.** The Rigveda points to an organized society. What kind of marriage existed there?

- (a) Only monogamy was practiced
- (b) Only polygamy was practiced
- (c) Both monogamy and polygamy was practiced equally
- (d) Monogamy was general rule but some princes practiced polygamy

**Ans.(d)**

**Q29.** Who hand-calligraphed the original manuscript of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) B.N. Rau
- (b) Prem Behari Narain Raizada
- (c) S.N. Mukherjee
- (d) Gopaldaswami Ayyangar

**Ans.(b)**

**Q30.** The basic layout of early temples mentioned in the passage typically included:

- (a) Stupa, Mandapa, Tower
- (b) Hall, Shrine, Veranda
- (c) Dome, Garbhagriha, Pillars
- (d) Sanctum, Shikhara, Cave

**Ans.(b)**

**Q31.** Which energy source cannot be replenished naturally in a short period of time?

- (a) Wind
- (b) Solar
- (c) Natural Gas
- (d) Hydroelectric

**Ans.(c)**

**Q32.** Name the principle that states that as production increases, the cost per unit decreases?

- (a) Law of diminishing returns
- (b) Economies of scale
- (c) Opportunity cost
- (d) Marginal utility

**Ans.(b)**

**Q33.** Consider the following statements about the Polaris Dawn Mission and Van Allen Radiation Belts:

1. The Van Allen Belts consist of charged particles originating exclusively from the Sun.
  2. The Polaris Dawn Mission studied the biological effects of space radiation by traveling through high-radiation zones around Earth.
  3. Spacecraft passing through the Van Allen Belts must limit their transit time to reduce radiation exposure.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3

**Ans.(b)**

**Q34.** What is the eligibility criterion for artisans under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana?

- (a) Must belong to urban areas
- (b) Must be engaged in traditional crafts
- (c) Must have a minimum income of ₹5 lakh
- (d) Must be employed in government services

**Ans.(b)**

**Q35.** India recently became the fourth country to successfully demonstrate space docking. Which of the following countries had achieved this feat before India?

- (a) USA, Russia, France
- (b) USA, Russia, Japan
- (c) USA, Russia, China
- (d) USA, China, UK

**Ans.(c)**

**Q36.** Identify the correct option base on given statements: Assertion (A): The Union Government alone can legislate on matters related to the deployment and jurisdiction of armed forces within Indian states. Reason (R): The Constitution includes the deployment of Union forces in aid of civil power, regulation of cantonments, and control over arms and atomic energy in the Union List

- (a) A and R are correct, and R is the correct reason for A
- (b) A and R both true, but R is not the appropriate explanation for A
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true

**Ans.(a)**

**Q37.** Which of the following is a non-renewable resource?

- (a) Coal
- (b) Wind energy
- (c) Tidal energy
- (d) Solar energy

**Ans.(a)**

**Q38.** In which part of India is the The Coromandel Coast located?

- (a) Western Coastal Plain
- (b) Eastern Coastal Plain
- (c) Northern Plains
- (d) Deccan Plateau

**Ans.(b)**

**Q39.** Who is the 15th President of India?

- (a) Pratibha Patil
- (b) Ram Nath Kovind
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) Pranab Mukherjee

**Ans.(c)**

**Q40.** The first ever South Asian Games held in India took place in which year?

- (a) 1982
- (b) 1987
- (c) 1991
- (d) 1995

**Ans.(b)**

**Q41.** The first Five-Year Plan of India was launched in which year?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1950
- (c) 1951
- (d) 1955

**Ans.(c)**

**Q42.** What does the fertility rate measure?

- (a) Number of live births per 1000 people in the population
- (b) Number of women in the population between ages 15 and 49
- (c) Number of live births per 1000 women aged 15 to 49 in a given year
- (d) Number of children born per family regardless of age

**Ans.(c)**

**Q43.** Which of the following minerals are found in the state of Kerala?

- (a) Monazite, thorium, and bauxite clay
- (b) Iron ore, coal, and gold
- (c) Copper, limestone, and gypsum

(d) Uranium, petroleum, and mica

**Ans.(a)**

**Q44.** Which festival is popularly known as the "Water Festival" in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam?

- (a) Losar
- (b) Poi Sangken
- (c) Dree
- (d) Mopin

**Ans.(b)**

**Q45.** Who received the 2024 Sahitya Akademi Award for English for their novel "Spirit Nights"?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Amitav Ghosh
- (c) Easterine Kire
- (d) Jhumpa Lahiri

**Ans.(c)**

**Q46.** Which plant tissue is primarily responsible for forming the hard husk of a coconut?

- (a) Collenchyma
- (b) Parenchyma
- (c) Sclerenchyma
- (d) Xylem

**Ans.(c)**

**Q47.** Which of the following was a key feature of India's trade policy reforms in 1991 period?

- (a) Imposing new quantitative restrictions on essential imports
- (b) Expanding import licensing to control foreign trade
- (c) Introducing quotas to limit agricultural exports
- (d) Removal of licensing procedures for imports

**Ans.(d)**

**Q48.** Given below are the statements in assertion and reason. Choose the correct options: Assertion (A): An athlete found with banned substances in their system, even unintentionally, can still face penalties.

Reason(R): Under WADA rules, athletes are strictly liable for any prohibited substance found in their body.

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true, but R is false.
- (d) A is false, but R is true.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q49.** What is the term for the economic phenomenon where high inflation is combined with stagnant economic growth?

- (a) Recession
- (b) Hyperinflation
- (c) Stagflation
- (d) Deflation

**Ans.(c)**

**Q50.** The Indus Valley Civilization flourished under which economy?

- (a) Barter system
- (b) Currency-based economy
- (c) Feudal economy
- (d) Industrial economy

**Ans.(a)**

**Q51.** There is a slide in a park. One of its side walls, shaped like a triangle, is painted with a message: "RESPECT NATURE, PRESERVE GREENERY." If the sides of the wall are 13 m, 14 m, and 15 m, what is the area painted in color?

- (a)  $84 m^2$
- (b)  $92 m^2$
- (c)  $76.5 m^2$
- (d)  $96.5 m^2$

**Ans.(a)**

**Q52.** What is the ratio of surface areas of two spheres whose radii are in the ratio 2:3?

- (a) 2:3
- (b) 4:6
- (c) 8:27
- (d) 4:9

**Ans.(d)**

**Q53.** A circle is entirely enclosed within a parallelogram such that all four sides of the parallelogram are tangent to the circle. What specific type of parallelogram must this be?

- (a) Rectangle
- (b) Square
- (c) Trapezoid
- (d) Rhombus

**Ans.(d)**

**Q54.** Match the concepts in Column I with their corresponding properties in Column II:

Column I (Concept)	Column II (Property)
A. Chord bisected by center	1. Line is perpendicular to chord
B. Equal chords	2. Subtend equal angles at center
C. Distance from center to chord	3. Helps compare chord lengths
D. Perpendicular from center	4. Bisects the chord

- (a) A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1
- (b) A-4, B-2, C-3, D-1
- (c) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
- (d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3

**Ans.(b)**

**Q55.** In a company, 65% of the employees are above 35 years of age. Among them, 80% are males and the rest are females. If there are 1560 female employees above 35 years, find the total number of employees in the company.

- (a) 7200
- (b) 7800
- (c) 12000
- (d) 8400

**Ans.(c)**

**Q56.** A bike rider travels 30 kilometers at a velocity of 5 km/h and then comes back along the same path at 6 km/h. What is the cyclist's average speed for the entire trip?

- (a) 5 km/h
- (b) 5.45 km/h
- (c) 5.2 km/h
- (d) 6 km/h

**Ans.(b)**

**Q57.** Two circles touch each other internally. How many common tangents can be drawn?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

**Ans.(a)**

**Q58.** For an angle measuring precisely 75 degrees, determine the numeric value of its sine multiplied by its cosine.

- (a)  $1/2$
- (b)  $-1$
- (c)  $1/4$
- (d)  $\sqrt{2}/4$

**Ans.(c)**

**Q59.** The mean of five consecutive even numbers is 68. Find the greatest number.

- (a) 70
- (b) 72
- (c) 74
- (d) 76

**Ans.(b)**

**Q60.** Given that  $(\sqrt{a} + 1/\sqrt{a})^2 = 10$ , find the value of  $a^2 + 1/a^2$ .

- (a) 60
- (b) 61
- (c) 62
- (d) 63

**Ans.(c)**

**Q61.** The difference between the simple interest on ₹5,000 for 3 years and 4 years at the same rate of interest per annum is ₹500. Find the rate of interest.

- (a) 8%
- (b) 9%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 12%

**Ans.(c)**

**Q62.** A cylindrical container with internal radius 7 cm and height 30 cm is completely filled with water. The water is then poured into identical conical vessels, each having a radius of 3.5 cm and height of 6 cm. How many such conical vessels can be completely filled with the water from the cylinder?

- (a) 45
- (b) 54
- (c) 60
- (d) 72

**Ans.(c)**

**Q63.** The value of a machine depreciates by 10% per annum. If its present value is ₹72,900, find its value 2 years ago.

- (a) ₹80,000
- (b) ₹85,000
- (c) ₹90,000
- (d) ₹95,000

**Ans.(c)**

**Q64.** Find the amount after 2 years on ₹6,000 at 8% per annum when compounded half-yearly.

- (a) ₹6,960.00
- (b) ₹7,000.75
- (c) ₹7,019.15
- (d) ₹7,100.89

**Ans.(c)**

**Q65.** 16 men can complete a work in 20 days. In how many days will 20 men complete the same work?

- (a) 16
- (b) 18
- (c) 20
- (d) 22

**Ans.(a)**

**Q66.** A car starts a 360 km journey with a full tank. For the first 150 km, it travels at 60 km/h. Due to fuel reduction, the speed drops by 10 km/h for the next 120 km. For the remaining journey, it further slows by 10 km/h. Estimate the average speed for the whole journey.

- (a) 45 km/h
- (b) 48 km/h
- (c) 50 km/h
- (d) 52 km/h

**Ans.(c)**

**Q67.** Which of the following square roots is irrational?

- (a)  $\sqrt{64}$
- (b)  $\sqrt{121}$
- (c)  $\sqrt{51}$
- (d)  $\sqrt{169}$

**Ans.(c)**

**Q68.** A retailer offers a successive discount of 25% and 15% on a TV set marked at Rs.80,000. What is the final selling price?

- (a) Rs. 71,000
- (b) Rs. 52,000
- (c) Rs. 61,000
- (d) Rs. 51,000

**Ans.(d)**

**Q69.** A shopkeeper earns 70% profit on selling an article. If he increases the selling price by Rs. 338, the profit becomes 83%. Find the cost price.

- (a) Rs. 2600
- (b) Rs. 3600
- (c) Rs. 2500
- (d) Rs. 2660

**Ans.(a)**

**Q70.** The length of the base and height of a triangle is 20 cm and 10 cm, respectively. If the area of the triangle is equal to the area of a rectangle whose length is 25 cm, then find the breadth of the same rectangle.

- (a) 5 cm
- (b) 9 cm
- (c) 7 cm
- (d) 4 cm

**Ans.(d)**

**Q71.** Which of the following equations represents a line that is perpendicular to the line  $4x-3y=17$ ?

- (a)  $4x-3y=21$
- (b)  $4x+3y=17$
- (c)  $3x+4y=21$
- (d)  $3x-4y=21$

**Ans.(c)**

**Q72.** Three people, A, B, and C, have incomes that are in the ratio 17:18:19. If their total earnings are Rs.2,97,000, how much money does B earn?

- (a) Rs. 99,000
- (b) Rs. 93,500
- (c) Rs. 1,04,500
- (d) Rs. 78,000

**Ans.(a)**

**Q73.** Three workers A, B and C are given a job to make a sofa. At the end of each day, they are given Rs. 650 collectively as wages. If A worked alone, the work would be completed in 5 days. If B worked alone, the work would be completed in 10 days. If C worked alone, the work would be completed in 15 days. Find the individual daily wage of C

- (a) 120
- (b) 118.18
- (c) 177.89
- (d) 137

**Ans.(b)**

**Q74.** The ratio of the ages of two friends is 7:8. After 12 years, the ratio becomes 9:10. What are their present ages?

- (a) 42 and 48
- (b) 52 and 58
- (c) 38 and 45
- (d) 26 and 32

**Ans.(a)**

**Q75.** A student is standing, reading an article 25 meters away from his school building. If the angle of elevation of the top of the school building is 60 degrees, how tall is the school building (approx.)?

- (a) 40 m
- (b) 43 m
- (c) 46 m
- (d) 49 m

**Ans.(b)**

**Q76.** Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No substitution required'.

If the emergency funds had been released on time, the relief operations could commence without any delay.

- (a) could have commenced
- (b) had commenced
- (c) could commenced
- (d) No substitution required

**Ans.(a)**

**Q77.** Choose the antonym of 'Deride'.

- (a) Taunt
- (b) Mock
- (c) Applaud
- (d) Scoff

**Ans.(c)**

**Q78.** Choose the synonym of 'Falter'.

- (a) Persist

- (b) Advance
- (c) Hesitate
- (d) Strengthen

**Ans.(c)**

**Q79.** The exhausted traveller could not \_\_ the weight of the heavy backpack any longer.

- (a) bare
- (b) bear
- (c) beer
- (d) boar

**Ans.(b)**

**Q80.** Choose the correctly spelled scientific word.

- (a) Haemoglobin
- (b) Hemoglobbin
- (c) Haemgloben
- (d) Hoemoglobin

**Ans.(a)**

**Q81.** Which is the correct spelling for a word meaning 'able to be maintained or kept going'?

- (a) Sustainable
- (b) Sustaniable
- (c) Sustainable
- (d) Sustainible

**Ans.(c)**

**Q82.** Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "Hit the nail on the head"

- (a) To strike someone forcefully on the head.
- (b) To describe exactly what is causing a situation or problem.
- (c) To complete a task hastily without attention to detail.
- (d) To make a decision without consulting others.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q83.** Choose the correct idiom for the word highlighted in bold.

The seasoned politician always managed to keep his cards close to his chest during press conferences, never revealing his next move.

- (a) To be open and transparent about one's intentions.
- (b) To carry playing cards for entertainment.
- (c) To keep one's plans or information secret.
- (d) To take bold risks in a competitive situation.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q84.** Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No substitution required'.

The CEO of the company, together with the board of directors, have decided to postpone the annual general meeting.

- (a) has decided
- (b) were deciding
- (c) had decided
- (d) No substitution required

**Ans.(a)**

**Q85.** Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:  
The monthly accounts are audited by the finance department every quarter.

- (a) The finance department audits the monthly accounts every quarter.
- (b) The finance department has audited the monthly accounts every quarter.
- (c) The monthly accounts were being audited by the finance department every quarter.
- (d) The finance department was auditing the monthly accounts every quarter.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q86.** Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure: A complaint was filed by the residents against the construction company last month.

- (a) The residents filed a complaint against the construction company last month.
- (b) The residents had filed a complaint against the construction company last month.
- (c) The residents file a complaint against the construction company last month.
- (d) The residents were filing a complaint against the construction company last month.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q87.** A sentence is provided in indirect speech. From the four given options, choose the one that most accurately conveys the sentence in its corresponding direct speech. He said that he had already submitted the application form.

- (a) He said, "He have already submitted the application form."
- (b) He said, "I have already submitted the application form."
- (c) He said, "I am already submitting the application form."
- (d) He said, "I was already submitting the application form."

**Ans.(b)**

**Q88.** Which among the following sentences is wrong?

- (a) The manager called off the scheduled board meeting.
- (b) The volunteers took up the cause of the flood victims.
- (c) The student looked forward to appear for the examination.
- (d) The officer put up with the new directive without question.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q89.** Complete the collocation by choosing a suitable word to fill in the blank.

The new governor is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ an important speech at the inauguration ceremony tomorrow.

- (a) do
- (b) make
- (c) deliver
- (d) perform

**Ans.(c)**

**Q90.** Identify the error in the sentence.

She is pursuing a MBA from one of the most reputed business schools in the country.

- (a) pursuing
- (b) a
- (c) reputed
- (d) business schools

**Ans.(b)**

**Q91.** Identify the word in this sentence that contains an error.

The officials confirmed that the summit would be held in the New Delhi next month.

- (a) confirmed
- (b) summit
- (c) the
- (d) next month

**Ans.(c)**

**Q92.** Which of the given options is the most logical sequencing of the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph?

1. Simple habits like fixing leaky taps and harvesting rainwater can make a significant difference.
2. Water is one of the most precious and finite natural resources on the planet.
3. Adopting these practices collectively can help ensure water security for future generations.
4. However, rampant overuse and pollution have brought many regions to the brink of water scarcity.

- (a) 2-4-1-3
- (b) 1-3-2-4
- (c) 4-2-3-1
- (d) 3-1-4-2

**Ans.(a)**

**Q93.** Which of the given options is the most logical sequencing of the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph?

1. They provide habitat for thousands of marine species and protect coastlines from erosion.
2. Coral reefs are among the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth.
3. Unfortunately, rising ocean temperatures and pollution are causing widespread coral bleaching.
4. If this trend continues, entire reef systems could collapse within the coming decades.

- (a) 3-2-1-4
- (b) 2-1-3-4
- (c) 4-1-2-3
- (d) 1-3-4-2

**Ans.(b)**

**Q94.** Which of the given options is the most logical sequencing of the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph?

1. One significant drawback has been the widening inequality between developed and developing nations.
2. Many local industries in poorer countries have been unable to compete with large multinational corporations.
3. Globalisation has fundamentally reshaped the economic and cultural landscape of the modern world.

4. Furthermore, the unrestricted flow of capital has led to exploitation of cheap labour in several regions.

- (a) 3-1-2-4
- (b) 2-1-4-3
- (c) 4-1-3-2
- (d) 1-4-3-2

**Ans.(a)**

**Q95.** Which of the given options is the most logical sequencing of the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph?

1. In 2023, India's Chandrayaan-3 successfully made a soft landing near the lunar south pole.
2. Scientists believe the region may contain frozen water ice in permanently shadowed craters.
3. This discovery could have profound implications for future human missions to the Moon.
4. India's space agency, ISRO, had been working toward this milestone for over a decade.

- (a) 1-4-3-2
- (b) 4-1-2-3
- (c) 2-3-1-4
- (d) 3-1-4-2

**Ans.(b)**

**Q96.** Choose the correct one word substitution for:

"A person who doubts the truth of all claims and accepted beliefs".

- (a) Epicurean
- (b) Stoic
- (c) Cynic
- (d) Nihilist

**Ans.(c)**

**Q97.** Choose the correct one word substitution for:

"A person who believes that life is meaningless and rejects all moral principles".

- (a) Recluse
- (b) Nihilist
- (c) Pagan
- (d) Mystic

**Ans.(b)**

**Q98.** Rearrange the parts of the sentence in the correct order.

Sport

P. building character and discipline

Q plays a vital role in society

R. beyond physical fitness

S. by fostering teamwork,

- (a) PSRQ
- (b) QRSP
- (c) SPRQ
- (d) PQSR

**Ans.(b)**

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**Q99.** Rearrange the parts of the sentence in the correct order.

Journalism

P. by holding institutions accountable

Q serves as a cornerstone of democracy

R. and giving voice to the marginalised

S. through fearless and independent reporting

(a) RQSP

(b) QSPR

(c) SPRQ

(d) QRSP

**Ans.(b)**

**Q100.** Choose the correct indirect speech form of the following sentence.

The team leader said to the members, "Let's begin the presentation with a brief overview of the project."

(a) The team leader suggested that they should begin the presentation with a brief overview of the project.

(b) The team leader requested the members to begin the presentation with a brief overview of the project.

(c) The team leader urged the members to begin the presentation with a brief overview.

(d) The team leader told the members to begin the presentation with a brief overview of the project.

**Ans.(a)**