

## SSC Stenographer (9 Sep 2026) Exam Day Based Paper

**Q1.** In the following letter sequence, each group follows a specific pattern. Identify the group of letters that should come next in the sequence.

ZYA, WVD, TSG, QPJ, ?

- (a) MNM
- (b) MON
- (c) NMM
- (d) OMN

**Ans.(c)**

**Q2.** Refer to the following number and symbol series and answer the question. Counting to be done from left to right only. (All numbers are single-digit numbers only.)

(Left)  $\Omega \% + \# 3 ? = £ 149265 @ 7 \& \$ \sim * 8$  (Right)

How many such symbols are there, each of which is immediately preceded by a number and also immediately followed by another number?

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) One
- (d) Two

**Ans.(c)**

**Q3.** Based on the pattern shown in the previous example, how many steps will be required for the rearrangement of the following input?

Input: Zebra 8 Elephant Rabbit 5 9 Crocodile 6

Read the following information carefully and answer the questions:

The following is an example of input and its rearrangement.

Input: Peacock 3 Hen Toucan 6 7 Crow 4

Step I: Crow Peacock 3 Hen Toucan 6 7 4

Step II: Crow 4 Peacock 3 Hen Toucan 6 7

Step III: Crow 4 Hen Peacock 3 Toucan 6 7

Step IV: Crow 4 Hen 3 Peacock Toucan 6 7

Step V: Crow 4 Hen 3 Peacock 7 Toucan 6

- (a) Six
- (b) Four
- (c) Seven
- (d) Five

**Ans.(a)**

**Q4.** Match List I with List II :

| List I                                       | List II    |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| A. If $M=13$ and $MAD=52$ , then $MOOD=$     | I. 4752    |
| B. If $T=20$ and $TEAM=39$ , then $TREE =$   | II. 910    |
| C. If $P=16$ and $PUT=6720$ , then $PICK=$   | III. 11700 |
| D. If $N=14$ and $NOT =4200$ , then $NAME =$ | IV. 48     |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (b) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (c) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (d) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III

**Ans.(c)**

**Q5.** In a certain code language, 'window is open' is coded as 'fq ul pt' and 'clean the window' is coded as 'zd fq wp'. How is 'window' coded in that language?

- (a) fq
- (b) ul
- (c) wp
- (d) pt

**Ans.(a)**

**Q6.** Read the given statement(s) and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statement(s).

Statements:

Some buckets are pictures.

Some pictures are chairs.

Conclusions:

(I): Some buckets are chairs.

(II): All chairs are pictures.

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

**Ans.(b)**

**Q7.** Diwakar starts from Point A and drives 8 km towards West. He then takes a left turn, drives 6 km, turns left and drives 11 km. He then takes a left turn and drives 9 km. He takes a final left turn, drives 3 km and stops at Point P. How far (shortest distance) and towards which direction should he drive in order to reach Point A again? (All turns are 90 degrees turns only unless specified)

- (a) 3 km to the south
- (b) 2 km to the north

- (c) 2 km to the south  
(d) 3 km to the north

**Ans.(a)**

**Q8.** In a certain code language,  
A+B means 'A is the mother of B',  
A-B means 'A is the brother of B',  
A×B means 'A is the wife of B',  
A%B means 'A is the father of B' and  
A # B means 'A is the daughter of B'.  
How is F related to M if 'F#H×J%E%M'?

- (a) Son's daughter  
(b) Brother's son  
(c) Father's sister  
(d) Father's mother

**Ans.(c)**

**Q9.** A, B, C, E, F, P, and Q are sitting around a circular table, facing the centre. A sits fourth to the left of C. P sits fourth to the right of B. Only two people sit between C and B, when counted from the left of C. E is not an immediate neighbour of P or B. F is not an immediate neighbour of P. Who sits third to the right of Q?

- (a) F  
(b) B  
(c) P  
(d) C

**Ans.(a)**

**Q10.** Seven boxes, A, B, C, D, E, F and G, are kept one over the other but not necessarily in the same order. Only two boxes are kept below B. Only one box is kept above G. Only one box is kept between G and A. C is kept immediately above F. E is kept at some place below D. How many boxes are kept below E?

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

**Ans.(c)**

**Q11.** Select the option that is related to the sixth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and third number is related to fourth number.

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g.13 - Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting/multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)

9452 : 9404 :: 5963 : 5915 :: ? : 3769

- (a) 3821
- (b) 3811
- (c) 3818
- (d) 3817

**Ans.(d)**

**Q12.** Sanjay starts from point Y and drives 32 km towards West. He then takes a left turn, drives 51 km, turns right and drives 66 km. He then takes a right turn and drives 14 km. He takes a right turn, drives 45 km. He then turns left, drives 37 km to stop at point Z. How far (shortest distance) and towards which direction should he drive in order to reach point Y again?

(All turns are 90-degree turns only unless specified.)

- (a) 51 km towards west
- (b) 49 km towards east
- (c) 53 km towards east
- (d) 55 km towards north

**Ans.(c)**

**Q13.** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement : Several complaints have been received about delayed emergency ambulance services in a metro city.

Course of action I : Increase the number of ambulances and ensure GPS tracking for quick response.

Course of action II : Close all emergency services until better management is implemented.

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Both follow
- (d) Either I or II follows

**Ans.(a)**

**Q14.** Read the given statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Statement: The government decided to pay a compensation of ₹ 5 lakhs to the family members of those who were killed in the boat accident in the Godavari at Pasuvullanka.

Assumptions:

I. Government treasury has enough funds to fulfil the compensation expenses.

II. The government can try to bring down the incidents of boat accidents in the future in that area.

- (a) Only assumption I is implicit.
- (b) Only assumption II is implicit.
- (c) Either assumption I or II is implicit.
- (d) Neither assumption I nor II is implicit.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q15.** P, Q, R, S, T and U live on six different floors of the same building. The lowermost floor in the building is numbered 1, the floor above it is numbered 2 and so on till the topmost floor is numbered 6. T lives on an even numbered floor but not 6. The sum of the floors on which Q and T live is 7. P lives immediately above U. The sum of the floors on which T and R live is 3. How many people live below T?

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

**Ans.(a)**

**Q16.** 'J&K' means 'J is the mother of K',

'J×K' means 'J is the sister of K',

'J#K' means 'J is the husband of K',

'J\$K' means 'J is the daughter of K',

'J@K' means 'J is the brother of K'.

If 'B&F×G@C\$D' is given, then how is B related to D?

- (a) Wife
- (b) Maternal aunt
- (c) Sister
- (d) Daughter

**Ans.(a)**

**Q17.** D, E, F, H, I, J and K are sitting around a square table facing the centre of the table. Only two people sit between E and J when counted from the right of E. Only two people sit between J and F. Only three people sit between E and I. D sits to the immediate left of K. Who sits third to the left of H?

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

**Ans.(c)**

**Q18.** In the following analogy, find the option that does not conform to the same relationship.

- (a) Library : Books
- (b) Aquarium : Fish
- (c) Garage : Cars
- (d) Kitchen : Chef

**Ans.(d)**

**Q19.** A clock is 5 minutes fast at 10:00 AM and 15 minutes fast at 4:00 PM. At what time (in AM) will it show the correct time?

- (a) 7:00
- (b) 6:00
- (c) 12:30

(d) 4:00

**Ans.(a)**

**Q20.** Difference between the present ages of A and B is 10 years. 3 years ago from present, the ratio of ages of A and B is 22:17. What is the present age of B?

(a) 15 years

(b) 20 years

(c) 37 years

(d) 40 years

**Ans.(c)**

**Q21.** Choose the address that is the same as the one given below.

Sample Address: Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

(a) Room No. 5, Block B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

(b) Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

(c) Room No. 5, Block-B, Hostel I, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

(d) Room No. 6, Block-B, Hostel 1, IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh - 208016

**Ans.(b)**

**Q22.** Which of the following pairs of numbers and signs, when their positions are interchanged, will correctly solve the given mathematical equation?

$$469 \div 67 \times 192 - 238 + 12 = 130$$

(a) 12 and 238,  $\times$  and  $\div$

(b) 192 and 238, + and  $\div$

(c) 12 and 192, + and -

(d) 12 and 192, + and  $\div$

**Ans.(c)**

**Q23.** What should come in place of ? in the given series based on the English alphabetical order?

SQU TRV USW VTX ?

(a) WVX

(b) WUY

(c) WXZ

(d) WTX

**Ans.(b)**

**Q24.** The criteria for selecting a candidate for the post of Metallurgical Engineer' are as follow:

The candidate:

(a) must have passed M.Tech. in Metallurgical Engineering with more than 80% marks.

(b) must have secured more than 82% marks in the written test and more than 81% in the interview.

(c) must not be less than 30 years and not more than 35 years of age as on 1 January 2019.

However, if a candidate fulfils all the above criteria EXCEPT:

a. no. 2, but has got more than more than 85% marks in M.Tech, his/her case is to be referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

b. no. 3, but has obtained more than 85% marks in both written test and interview., his/her case is to be referred to the Director (Production).

Based on the criteria given and without assuming any additional information, you have to a take a decision for the following candidate.

Ashok completed M.Tech with 80.2% marks in Metallurgical Engineering. He was born on 24th December 1991. He has got 83% marks in both written test and interview.

(a) The candidate is to be selected.

(b) The candidate is not to be selected.

(c) The candidate's case is to be referred to the Chief Manager.

(d) The candidate's case is to be referred to Director (Production).

**Ans.(b)**

**Q25.** 35 students are arranged in a row. Karan is 9th from left and Arjun is 15th from right. Find the number of students between Karan and Arjun.

(a) 10

(b) 11

(c) 12

(d) 13

**Ans.(b)**

**Q26.** This question is based on the following words.

OUT USE TUG RIP

How many letters are there between the second letter of the first word from the right and the second letter of the first word from the left as per the English alphabetical order?

(a) 11

(b) 12

(c) 14

(d) 10

**Ans.(a)**

**Q27.** In a certain code language, 'TOUR' is coded as '4791' and 'FORT' is coded as '1279'. What is the code for 'F' in the given code language?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 9

(d) 7

**Ans.(b)**

**Q28.** If 'P' stands for '÷', 'R' stands for '×', 'S' stands for '+' and 'Q' stands for '-', then what will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equation?

$$109 \text{ S } 256 \text{ P } 8 \text{ Q } 2 \text{ R } 17 \text{ Q } 58 = ?$$

(a) 81

(b) 23

(c) 57

(d) 49

**Ans.(d)**

**Q29.** Which of the following letter-number clusters will replace the question mark (?) in the given series to make it logically complete?

HEP 27, MCN 41, RAL 55, WYJ 69, ?

(a) CVH 83

(b) BXG 81

(c) BWH 83

(d) AWG 81

**Ans.(c)**

**Q30.** Based on the English alphabetical order, three of the following four letter-cluster pairs are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?

(Note: The odd man out is not based on the number of consonants/vowels or their position in the letter cluster.)

(a) RF – NB

(b) MJ – IF

(c) UG – QC

(d) PT – LG

**Ans.(d)**

**Q31.** Here some problem or solution of the problem is given in the statement you have to choose the appropriate logical deduction for given statement.

Statement:

Tourism helps promote cultural exchange and contributes to the economy. However, in several heritage sites,

the surge in visitors has caused damage to ancient monuments and local ecosystems. Authorities are now

limiting access and introducing conservation fees.

Conclusions:

I. Tourism can harm the very sites it seeks to promote.

II. All tourists intentionally damage heritage sites.

III. Authorities are taking steps to reduce the negative impact of tourism.

Which conclusion necessarily follows?

(a) Only I follows

(b) I and III follow



- (c) Only II follows  
(d) All follow

**Ans.(b)**

**Q32.** Each of C, D, E, F, X, Y and Z has an exam on a different day of a week starting from Monday and ending on Sunday of the same week. Only two people have exams before D. Only one person has exam after C. Only three people have exams between D and Z. Only one person has exam between X and Y. F has exam immediately before X. How many people have exam(s) between E and X?

- (a) One  
(b) Two  
(c) Four  
(d) Three

**Ans.(b)**

**Q33.** Instructions: Carefully examine the Reference Statement. Then, identify the single option among the four alternatives (a, b, c, d) that is an EXACT AND COMPLETE REPLICATION of the Reference Statement. Pay exceptionally close attention to every character, number, symbol, space, and punctuation mark.

Reference: Rome-April 21, 753 BC.

- (a) Rome-April 21, 753 BC.  
(b) Rome-April 21, 753 B.C.  
(c) Rome-April 21, 753 BC  
(d) Roome-April 21, 753 BC.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q34.** Step III of an input is: 81 boat 73 wheel spike dancer 32 59.

How many more steps are required to complete the rearrangement?

Read the following information carefully to answer the given questions:

A word and number arrangement machine when given an input line of words and numbers, rearranges them following a particular rule in each step. The following is an illustration of input and rearrangement.

Input: goal 63 57 home five task 82 17

Step I: 82 goal 63 57 home five task 17

Step II: 82 five goal 63 57 home task 17

Step III: 82 five 63 goal 57 home task 17

Step IV: 82 five 63 goal 57 home 17 task

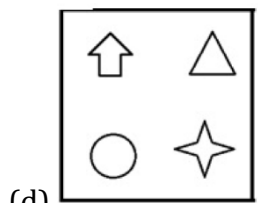
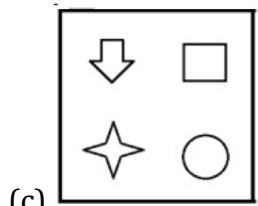
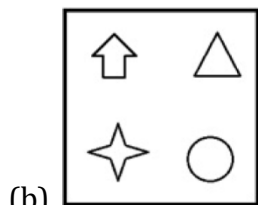
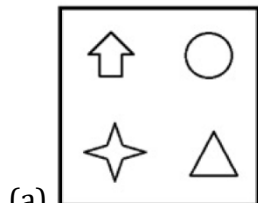
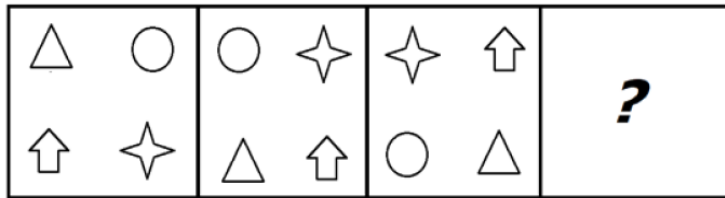
And Step IV is the last output.

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

- (a) Three  
(b) Four  
(c) Five  
(d) None of these

**Ans.(b)**

**Q35.** Select the figure from the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.



**Ans.(b)**

**Q36.** In a certain code language, "OXGP" is coded as "62" and "DSNL" is coded as "75". What is the code for "VBQT" in that language?

- (a) 70
- (b) 68
- (c) 61
- (d) 63

**Ans.(d)**

**Q37.** A girl introduced a boy as the son of the daughter of her father. Identify the boy's relationship with the girl.

- (a) Son
- (b) Uncle

- (c) Son-in-law  
(d) Mother's sister

**Ans.(a)**

**Q38.** At what time (approximately) (in AM) between 8 AM and 9 AM will the angle between the hour and the minute hand of a clock be 75 degrees?

- (a) 8:55  
(b) 8:54  
(c) 8:57  
(d) 8:59

**Ans.(c)**

**Q39.** In a certain code language, 'THORP' is written as 'IUNKM' and 'SERIES' is written as 'JXKTXJ'. How will 'TRACE' be written in that language?

- (a) IKBXZ  
(b) XBZKI  
(c) IKBZX  
(d) IKXBZ

**Ans.(c)**

**Q40.** Identify the pattern in the following sequence.

6, 15, 40, 104, 273

What is the next number in the sequence?

- (a) 714  
(b) 756  
(c) 782  
(d) 684

**Ans.(a)**

**Q41.** Three statements are given, followed by four conclusions numbered I to IV. Assuming the statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the given statements.

Statements:

All copies are books.

Some books are magazines.

All magazines are newspapers.

Conclusions:

I. Some magazines are copies.

II. Some magazines are books.

III. Some newspapers are magazines.

IV. No magazine is copy.

- (a) Only conclusion I and III follow.  
(b) Either conclusion I or IV follows.

- (c) Conclusion II and either I or IV follows.  
(d) Conclusion II and III and either I or IV follows.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q42.** Each item describes a situation and is followed by four possible responses. Indicate the response you find most appropriate. Choose only one response for each item. The responses will be evaluated based on the level of appropriateness for the given situation.

A project manager's team wants an extended deadline, but the client insists on the original date. What is the best decision?

- (a) Ignore the team and push them harder  
(b) Request a partial delivery plan to satisfy both  
(c) Cancel the project  
(d) Replace the team

**Ans.(b)**

**Q43.** The average of 8 numbers is 26. If one number is excluded, the average becomes 25. Find the excluded number.

- (a) 34  
(b) 40  
(c) 33  
(d) 32

**Ans.(c)**

**Q44.** Seven persons, A, B, C, D, E, F and G, are sitting in a row facing north. Only one person sits to the right of E. Exactly three persons sit between G and E. Exactly three persons sit between A and D, and neither of them sits at the left end. F sits immediately to the right of C. Exactly one person sits between A and B. Who sits second to the left of C?

- (a) E  
(b) A  
(c) G  
(d) D

**Ans.(c)**

**Q45.** In the following question, set of letter clusters are given. The letter clusters of each set are related to the letter clusters of the same set by some Logic/Rule/Relation. From the given alternatives, select a group of letter clusters which follows the same Logic/Rule/Relation.

- (NK, LI, OR)  
(CP, AN, ZM)  
(a) (OL, MO, KJ)  
(b) (LU, JT, NI)  
(c) (LN, JL, QO)  
(d) (PV, NT, JI)

**Ans.(c)**

**Q46.** Which number will replace the question mark (?) in the following series?

18, 19, 19, 21, ?, 45

(a) 36

(b) 38

(c) 40

(d) 42

**Ans.(d)**

**Q47.** S is the mother of N.N is the sister of U.L is the father of E.E is the husband of U. How is S related to E ?

(a) Wife's sister

(b) Sister

(c) Wife's Mother

(d) Mother

**Ans.(c)**

**Q48.** LEMO is related to RJST in a certain way based on the English alphabetical order. In the same way, JYKI is related to PDQN. To which of the following options is BNCX related, following the same logic?

(a) SHIK

(b) HSIC

(c) KISH

(d) CISH

**Ans.(b)**

**Q49.** In this question some conditions or circumstances is provided to you, you have to make logical judgement according to mentioned circumstances and mark the correct judgement for question.

A hiring manager must fill a tech role. All applicants meet technical criteria, but one also shows strong teamwork and leadership. Who should be selected?

(a) Applicant with highest test score

(b) Applicant with most degrees

(c) Applicant with strong teamwork and leadership

(d) Applicant with longest resume

**Ans.(c)**

**Q50.** A statement is given followed by two conclusions, numbered I and II. Find out which conclusion(s) is/are true based on the given statement.

Statement:

$U < B < A > L = W$

Conclusions:

(I):  $W > B$

(II):  $A > W$

(a) Only I is true

- (b) Neither I nor II is true  
(c) Both I and II are true  
(d) Only II is true

**Ans.(d)**

**Q51.** Consider the following and arrange them in correct chronological order starting from the earliest to the last :

- I. First five year plan in India  
II. Implementation of GST in India  
III. Starting of Social Banking in India  
IV. Establishment of NABARD in India

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

- (a) I, III, II, IV  
(b) I, II, IV, III  
(c) III, IV, II, I  
(d) I, III, IV, II

**Ans.(d)**

**Q52.** Match the folk dance with the state they belong to.

| Folk Dance      | State       |
|-----------------|-------------|
| A. Moise        | 1. Mizoram  |
| B. Thoulal Jogi | 2. Tripura  |
| C. Hojagiri     | 3. Nagaland |
| D. Khullam      | 4. Manipur  |

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

**Ans.(d)**

**Q53.** Which of the following parameters definitely decreases on an average with increase in latitude?

- (a) Altitude  
(b) Pressure  
(c) Temperature  
(d) Seismic activity

**Ans.(c)**

**Q54.** The term 'Backhand Strokes' is associated with which among the following ?

- (a) Tennis  
(b) Volleyball  
(c) Archery

(d) Chess

**Ans.(a)**

**Q55.** Consider the following statements about the Ajanta Caves:

1. The Ajanta Caves primarily depict scenes from the life of Gautama Buddha.
2. They belong to the period of the Maurya Empire.
3. The paintings in the Ajanta Caves exhibit the use of fresco technique.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

**Ans.(b)**

**Q56.** The ISRO-NASA joint satellite mission 'NISAR', which was in the final stages of pre-launch integration in early 2026, is primarily designed for which purpose?

- (a) Deep space planetary exploration
- (b) Solar corona observation
- (c) Earth observation and mapping surface changes
- (d) Advanced military communication

**Ans.(c)**

**Q57.** Which of the following statement is correct about Gupta achievements in literature and arts?

1. Kalidasa, a renowned playwright, lived during the Gupta period.
2. The Gupta Empire made significant advancements in the field of sculpture.
3. The Gupta period saw the development of classical Sanskrit literature.
4. The Gupta Empire had no contributions to the field of music.

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 4
- (c) Only 4
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

**Ans.(d)**

**Q58.** In which year was the Men's cricket world cup started?

- (a) 1985
- (b) 1970
- (c) 1980
- (d) 1975

**Ans.(d)**

**Q59.** The folk dance 'Chheih Lam' is traditionally performed in which of the following Indian states?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Karnataka

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**Ans.(b)**

**Q60.** What were the two main objectives proposed in the Fifth Five-Year Plan (1974-79)?

- (a) Industrialization and privatisation
- (b) Removal of poverty and attainment of self-reliance
- (c) High-tech infrastructure and trade expansion
- (d) Agriculture-focused growth and foreign investment

**Ans.(b)**

**Q61.** During the Mughal period, which tax was charged on agricultural produce?

- (a) Zakat
- (b) Kharaj
- (c) Ushr
- (d) Jizya

**Ans.(b)**

**Q62.** The Minimum Needs Programme was introduced in India in the \_\_\_\_ year of the Fifth Five-Year Plan.

- (a) second
- (b) fourth
- (c) first
- (d) third

**Ans.(c)**

**Q63.** Where is Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) located in India?

- (a) Thiruvantpuram
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Sriharikota
- (d) Hyderabad

**Ans.(c)**

**Q64.** Which institution emerged as India's top university in the THE Asia University Rankings 2026?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IISc Bengaluru
- (d) JNU

**Ans.(c)**

**Q65.** The Cholas came to power after overthrowing the authority of which of the following dynasties in South India?

- (a) Pallavas
- (b) Chera
- (c) Rashtrakuta



(d) Satavahana

**Ans.(a)**

**Q66.** The Sports Day is celebrated on

- (a) 25th August
- (b) 29th August
- (c) 30th August
- (d) 31st August

**Ans.(b)**

**Q67.** Which launch vehicle was used by ISRO to launch the EOS-05 Earth observation satellite on 4 September 2026?

- (a) PSLV-C62
- (b) LVM3-M7
- (c) GSLV-F17
- (d) GSLV-F16

**Ans.(c)**

**Q68.** Which mountain ranges traverse the Trans-Himalayan zone in India?

- (a) Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats, Satpura
- (b) Himalayas, Satpura, Karakoram
- (c) Zaskar, Ladakh, Karakoram
- (d) Himalayas, Aravalli, Vindhya

**Ans.(c)**

**Q69.** Which industry was given priority during the Second Five-Year Plan (1956-1961) in India?

- (a) Textiles
- (b) Steel
- (c) Agriculture
- (d) Pharmaceuticals

**Ans.(b)**

**Q70.** Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi initiated the Seventh Five-Year Plan (1985–90) in India. Which of the following was a key focus area of the Seventh Five-Year Plan?

- (a) Privatisation
- (b) Liberalisation
- (c) Modernisation and technology upgrade
- (d) Structural reforms

**Ans.(c)**

**Q71.** Which of the following is a folk dance from the state of Maharashtra?

- (a) Garba
- (b) Dhangari Gaja

- (c) Ghoomar  
(d) Bhangra

**Ans.(b)**

**Q72.** What does the term 'deuce' signify in tennis?

- (a) A let  
(b) A tied score at 40-40  
(c) The final point in a game  
(d) A fault in serving

**Ans.(b)**

**Q73.** Match the following

| Column A                       | Column B                          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Greater Himalayas (Himadri) | A. Dehradun and Kotli Dun         |
| 2. Lesser Himalayas (Himachal) | B. Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga |
| 3. Outer Himalayas (Shivaliks) | C. Shimla, Darjeeling, Mussoorie  |

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

**Ans.(a)**

**Q74.** Which festival is a major religious celebration of the Jaintia community in Meghalaya?

- (a) Kang  
(b) Bumchu  
(c) Chaitrual  
(d) Behdienkhlam

**Ans.(d)**

**Q75.** Which of the following rivers flows through the Equator ( $0^\circ$  latitude) twice?

- (a) Nile  
(b) Ganges  
(c) Amazon  
(d) Congo

**Ans.(d)**

**Q76.** 'Vikram-1', flagged off in April 2026, was developed by which private space company?

- (a) Agnikul Cosmos  
(b) Bellatrix Aerospace  
(c) Skyroot Aerospace  
(d) Dhruva Space

**Ans.(c)**

**Q77.** 'Anchor' term is used in

- (a) Long Jump
- (b) Relay Race
- (c) Marathon Race
- (d) Javelin Throw

**Ans.(b)**

**Q78.** Which trend shows that the 1991 reforms led to "growth with inequality"?

- (a) Rural poverty declined faster than urban poverty
- (b) Agricultural employment grew faster than industrial employment
- (c) The informal sector shrank significantly
- (d) Urban service sector expanded rapidly while agriculture stagnated

**Ans.(d)**

**Q79.** Match the mountain ranges in column-A with their states in column-B.

| Column-A (Mountain range) | Column-B (State)                    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Aravali mountain       | 1. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand |
| b. Vindhya range          | 2. Kerala and Karnataka             |
| c. Western ghat           | 3. Rajasthan                        |
| d. Himalaya range         | 4. Madhya Pradesh                   |

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

**Ans.(c)**

**Q80.** Which of the following folk dance of Chhattisgarh is also known as 'Parrot dance'?

- (a) Suwa Dance
- (b) Kolatam Dance
- (c) Lambadi Dance
- (d) Aoling Monyu Dance

**Ans.(a)**

**Q81.** Which body was set up in 1952 to approve the Five-Year Plans?

- (a) The National Development Council (NDC)
- (b) The Parliament
- (c) The Cabinet
- (d) NITI Aayog

**Ans.(a)**

**Q82.** Which of the Following Statements is Incorrect?

1. The Mauryan Empire was founded by Chandragupta Maurya, a former general of the Nanda Empire.
2. Chandragupta Maurya was a military genius who defeated the Nanda Empire and expanded the Mauryan Empire to its greatest extent.
3. Chandragupta Maurya was a wise ruler who established a well-organized administrative system and a strong military.
3. Chandragupta Maurya abdicated the throne and became a Jain monk in his later years.

- (a) 1 and 2  
(b) Only 3  
(c) 2, 3 and 4  
(d) 1, 2 and 3

**Ans.(a)**

**Q83.** Which traditional sport or event is associated with snake boat races during the Onam festivities?

- (a) Vallamkali  
(b) Kathakali  
(c) Theyyam  
(d) Kalaripayattu

**Ans.(a)**

**Q84.** Consider the following statements regarding Mughal administration during Aurangzeb's reign:

1. He reintroduced the jizya tax on non-Muslims which had been abolished by Akbar.
2. His administration witnessed a significant expansion of the Mansabdari system with a stricter implementation of military obligations.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) None of the above

**Ans.(c)**

**Q85.** The Aravidu dynasty is a part of which empire in India?

- (a) Mughal Empire  
(b) Vijayanagar Empire  
(c) Gupta Empire  
(d) Mauryan Empire

**Ans.(b)**

**Q86.** According to the Numbeo Cost of Living Index 2026, which city has been ranked as the most expensive city in the world?

- (a) Geneva  
(b) New York City  
(c) Zurich

(d) Basel

**Ans.(c)**

**Q87.** Consider the following statements:

1. Cemetery H represents a late or transitional phase of the Indus Valley Civilization.
2. At Ropar, a burial has been found in which a dog was interred along with a human.
3. Kalibangan shows evidence of brick-lined graves as well as symbolic burials.
4. Harappan burials commonly contained precious metals and royal treasures comparable to those of ancient Egypt or Mesopotamia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) . 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) . 2 and 4 only
- (c) . 1 and 3 only
- (d) . 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Ans.(a)**

**Q88.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding World Press Freedom Day 2026?

1. It is observed annually on May 3 to promote freedom of expression.
2. The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993.
3. The 2026 theme was "Shaping a Future at Peace".
4. India ranked 1st in the World Press Freedom Index 2026.

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Ans.(a)**

**Q89.** Which of the following was not a major dynasty of South India?

- (a) Pratihara
- (b) Chalukya
- (c) Chola
- (d) Rashtrakuta

**Ans.(a)**

**Q90.** Consider the following statements with reference to Hoysala Dynasty:

1. They were defeated by the Delhi Sultanate in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
2. Major Hoysala temples include Hoysaleswara and Chennakesava.
3. Warangal's Kakatiya dynasty often clashed with Hoysalas.

How many of the above statement is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

**Ans.(b)**

**Q91.** Arrange the following regional divisions of the Himalayas from West to East:

1. Kumaon Himalayas
2. Nepal Himalayas
3. Punjab Himalayas
4. Assam Himalayas

Codes:

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

**Ans.(a)**

**Q92.** Consider the following statements with reference to Chola Dynasty:

1. Rajendra Chola I expanded the Chola Empire to Southeast Asia, including regions like Srivijaya.
2. The Cholas were primarily Shaivites and built numerous Shiva temples.
3. Chola administration was characterized by a decentralized system of governance.
4. Kulothunga Chola II was a patron of literature and art during the Chola period.

How many of the above statement is/are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

**Ans.(c)**

**Q93.** Which country secured the top position in the Global AI Brain Race Report 2026?

- (a) China
- (b) Singapore
- (c) United States
- (d) United Kingdom

**Ans.(c)**

**Q94.** The annual 'Sangai Festival', showcasing ethnic diversity and cultural heritage, is celebrated in which Indian state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Tripura

**Ans.(b)**

**Q95.** What was one of the key effects of globalisation on the Indian economy after 1991?

- (a) Entry of foreign companies and capital
- (b) Closure of Indian banks
- (c) Reduction in foreign exchange reserves
- (d) Decrease in exports

**Ans.(a)**

**Q96.** Match the Administrative Terms with Their Descriptions

| Terms / Rulers       | Descriptions                                                                 |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Circle of Justice | 1. Concept explaining the interdependence of rulers, soldiers, and peasants  |
| B. Iqta              | 2. Land granted to governors for revenue collection and military maintenance |
| C. Razia Sultan      | 3. Daughter of Iltutmish; faced opposition due to gender                     |
| D. Minhaj-us-Siraj   | 4. Chronicler critical of female rulers                                      |

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

**Ans.(d)**

**Q97.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026 released by the World Economic Forum?

- 1. India improved its ranking to 70th position in ETI 2026.
- 2. Sweden topped the ETI 2026 rankings.
- 3. The ETI is published by the World Economic Forum in collaboration with Accenture.
- 4. Finland and Denmark secured the second and third positions respectively.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Ans.(d)**

**Q98.** Consider the following statements about latitudes:

- 1. The equator represents 0° latitude.
- 2. All parallels of latitude are equal in length.
- 3. Latitudes are measured in degrees north or south.
- 4. 90° N latitude marks the North Pole.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Ans.(a)**

**Q99.** Which mission launched by NASA on April 1, 2026, marks the first crewed journey toward the Moon in over 50 years?

- (a) Artemis I
- (b) Apollo 18
- (c) Artemis II
- (d) Lunar Gateway Phase 1

**Ans.(c)**

**Q100.** Which of the following is NOT included in the national income?

- (a) Income received by a person as a donation
- (b) Income received by a household for the use of their entrepreneurial skill
- (c) Income received by a person for the use of his capital
- (d) Income received by a household for the use of their land

**Ans.(a)**

**Q101.** Which of the following European countries was the first one to add chocolate in their cooking?

Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

Chocolate is a food product made from cocoa beans, consumed as candy and used to make beverages and to flavour or coat various confections and bakery products. Chocolate is rich in carbohydrates. It is an excellent source of quick energy, and it also contains minute amounts of the stimulating alkaloids theobromine and caffeine. The cacao tree was cultivated more than 3,000 years ago by the Mayan, Toltec, and Aztec peoples who prepared a beverage from its fruit, (something using it as a ceremonial drink) and also used the bean as a currency. The Mayans considered chocolate to be the food of the gods, held the cacao tree to be sacred, and even buried dignitaries with bowls of the substance (along with other items deemed useful in the afterlife).

In fact, the identification of the word ka-kaw ("cacao") inscribed on those containers was key to deciphering the Mayan's phonetic manner of writing. Spain was the earliest European country to incorporate chocolate into its cuisine, but exactly how that happened is vague. It is known that Christopher Columbus took cocoa beans to Spain after his fourth voyage in 1502, though little was made of it at that time. It has been commonly thought that in 1519, Montezuma II, the Aztec ruler of Mexico, served a bitter cocoa-bean drink to the Spanish conquistador, Hernan Cortes, who subsequently introduced the drink to Spain.

- (a) Mexico
- (b) Spain
- (c) USA
- (d) France

**Ans.(b)**

**Q102.** Chocolate is rich in \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Proteins
- (b) Fats
- (c) Vitamins
- (d) Carbohydrates

**Ans.(d)**

**Q103.** Aztec people prepared a drink from the cacao tree's \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (a) Fruits
- (b) Leaves
- (c) Roots
- (d) Trunks

**Ans.(a)**

**Q104.** Why did the Mayans bury dignitaries with bowls of cocoa substance?

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- (a) They believed in the afterlife
- (b) They considered the chocolate very delicious
- (c) It was their custom because those buried were fond of chocolate
- (d) None of these

**Ans.(a)**

**Q105.** According to the passage, which of the following cannot be inferred from the passage?

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- (a) 3000 years ago, Mayan people cultivated cacao.
- (b) Aztec people used cacao beans only for food.
- (c) The Mayans regarded the cocoa to be the food of the Gods.

(d) All of these

**Ans.(b)**

**Q106.** We can infer that the writer was a

Read the passage and answer the questions given below it.

No one can look back on his schooldays and say with truth that they were altogether unhappy. I have good memories of St Cyprian's, among a horde of bad ones. Sometimes on summer afternoons there were wonderful expeditions across the Downs to a village called Birling Gap, or to Beachy Head, where one bathed dangerously among the boulders and came home covered with cuts. And there were still more wonderful mid-summer evenings when, as a special treat, we were not driven off to bed as usual but allowed to wander about the grounds in the long twilight, ending up with a plunge into the swimming bath at about nine o'clock. There was the joy of waking early on summer mornings and getting in an hour's undisturbed reading (Ian Hay, Thackeray, Kipling and H. G. Wells were the favourite authors of my boyhood) in the sunlit, sleeping dormitory. There was also cricket, which I was no good at but with which I conducted a sort of hopeless love affair up to the age of about eighteen. And there was the pleasure of keeping caterpillars — the silky green and purple puss-moth, the ghostly green poplar-hawk, the privet-hawk, large as one's third finger, specimens of which could be illicitly purchased for sixpence at a shop in the town — and, when one could escape long enough from the master who was 'taking the walk', there was the excitement of dredging the dew-ponds on the Downs for enormous newts with orange-coloured bellies. This business of being out for a walk, coming across something of fascinating interest and then being dragged away from it by a yell from the master, like a dog jerked onwards by the leash, is an important feature of school life, and helps to build up the conviction, so strong in many children, that the things you most want to do are always unattainable.

(a) disobedient student

(b) lonely child

(c) mischievous boy

(d) studious boy

**Ans.(c)**

**Q107.** Why does the writer call cricket a hopeless love affair?

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- (a) He was forced to give it up
- (b) He did not play it at all
- (c) He played it secretly
- (d) He tried hard to learn it

**Ans.(d)**

**Q108.** “where one bathed dangerously”. Why does the writer call the bathing dangerous?

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- (a) they were punished later
- (b) there were snakes in the water
- (c) the boulders gave them bruises
- (d) the water was too deep

**Ans.(c)**

**Q109.** What is the ‘moral’ the boy draws from his childhood experiences?

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- (a) Things you enjoy doing are always unreachable
- (b) Only do the things your masters tell you to.
- (c) Do not walk alone in the grounds.
- (d) Do not collect insects like caterpillars

**Ans.(a)**

**Q110.** . Which of the following did the boys not do on summer mornings?

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- (a) Read in bed
- (b) Sleep until late



- (c) play cricket
- (d) Collect caterpillars

**Ans.(b)**

**Q111.** Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

Had the meticulous investigators examined all the critical evidence before they closed the case?

- (a) Was all the critical evidence examined by the meticulous investigators before they closed the case?
- (b) Had all the critical evidence been examined by the meticulous investigators before they closed the case?
- (c) Has all the critical evidence been examined by the meticulous investigators before they closed the case?
- (d) Had all the critical evidence examined by the meticulous investigators before they closed the case?

**Ans.(b)**

**Q112.** Change the following sentence into the Active form.

It was widely considered that the ancient ruins were believed to have been constructed by a previously unknown civilization.

- (a) They widely considered that a previously unknown civilization believed to have constructed the ancient ruins.
- (b) People widely considered that a previously unknown civilization was believed to have constructed the ancient ruins.
- (c) People widely considered that a previously unknown civilization had constructed the ancient ruins.
- (d) It was believed that a previously unknown civilization had constructed the ancient ruins, it was widely considered.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q113.** Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

Bob was drawing the portrait.

- (a) The portrait is being drawn by Bob.
- (b) The portrait was being drawn by Bob.
- (c) The portrait has been drawn by Bob.
- (d) The portrait was drawn by Bob.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q114.** Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

A person who is inclined to see the worst aspect of things

- (a) Pessimist
- (b) Philanthropist
- (c) Optimist
- (d) Altruist

**Ans.(a)**

**Q115.** Choose the word that is closest in meaning to “Acolyte.”

- (a) Opponent
- (b) Follower
- (c) Leader
- (d) Stranger

**Ans.(b)**

**Q116.** Which of the following options is the most suitable conversion of the following sentence into Passive Voice?

Will she forgive him after all this time?

- (a) Will he forgive by her after all this time?
- (b) Will he be forgiven by her after all this time?
- (c) Will he be forgive by her after all this time?
- (d) Will he forgiven by her after all this time?

**Ans.(b)**

**Q117.** From the alternatives given below, select the correct passive voice of the following sentence.

Cut the blue wire all at once; otherwise, you have to throw the entire thing out of the house with your maximum strength.

- (a) Let the blue wire be cut all at once; otherwise, the entire thing has to throw out of the house with your maximum strength.
- (b) Let the blue wire cut all at once; otherwise, the entire thing has to be thrown out of the house by you with your maximum strength.
- (c) Let the blue wire be cut all at once; otherwise, the entire thing has to be thrown out of the house by you with your maximum strength.
- (d) Let the blue wire be cut all at once; otherwise, the entire thing has to be thrown out with your maximum strength of the house by you.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q118.** Find the part of the sentence that contains an error.

Seldom the villagers had witnessed such a devastating flood in living memory, and never before had the river risen so far above its embankments.

- (a) Seldom the villagers had witnessed
- (b) such a devastating flood in living memory,
- (c) and never before had the river
- (d) risen so far above its embankments.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q119.** Select the correct option to complete the given sentence.

Kabeer often \_\_\_\_\_ rice for lunch.

- (a) eaten
- (b) taken
- (c) have

(d) has

**Ans.(d)**

**Q120.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select "No substitution."

The company has done away for unnecessary paperwork by going completely digital.

(a) Done away with

(b) Done off

(c) Done in for

(d) No substitution

**Ans.(a)**

**Q121.** Which of the following idioms given in the alternatives has the meaning?

To be very pleased, delighted, or amused.

(a) Be in the pink

(b) Tickled pink

(c) See pink elephants

(d) See pink spiders

**Ans.(b)**

**Q122.** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 1.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The modern city has developed an odd relationship with silence. Once (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere absence, quiet is now marketed as a commodity, sold in the form of noise-cancelling headphones and weekend retreats in the hills. Urban planners, long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the acoustic consequences of their own designs, have lately begun to concede that ambient din is not simply an irritant but a public-health hazard in its own right. Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over three decades suggest that chronic exposure to traffic noise correlates with hypertension in adults and with impaired concentration in children. Yet the remedy is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_: a city that muffles itself entirely risks becoming sterile, and the very hum that exhausts its inhabitants is also the signature of a vitality (5) \_\_\_\_\_ which urban life would be unimaginable.

(a) extolled

(b) dismissed

(c) venerated

(d) chronicled

**Ans.(b)**

**Q123.** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 2.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The modern city has developed an odd relationship with silence. Once (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere absence, quiet is now marketed as a commodity, sold in the form of noise-cancelling headphones and weekend retreats in the hills. Urban planners, long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the acoustic consequences of their own designs,



have lately begun to concede that ambient din is not simply an irritant but a public-health hazard in its own right. Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over three decades suggest that chronic exposure to traffic noise correlates with hypertension in adults and with impaired concentration in children. Yet the remedy is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_: a city that muffles itself entirely risks becoming sterile, and the very hum that exhausts its inhabitants is also the signature of a vitality (5) \_\_\_\_\_ which urban life would be unimaginable.

- (a) amenable
- (b) susceptible
- (c) oblivious
- (d) partial

**Ans.(c)**

**Q124.** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 3.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The modern city has developed an odd relationship with silence. Once (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere absence, quiet is now marketed as a commodity, sold in the form of noise-cancelling headphones and weekend retreats in the hills. Urban planners, long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the acoustic consequences of their own designs, have lately begun to concede that ambient din is not simply an irritant but a public-health hazard in its own right. Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over three decades suggest that chronic exposure to traffic noise correlates with hypertension in adults and with impaired concentration in children. Yet the remedy is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_: a city that muffles itself entirely risks becoming sterile, and the very hum that exhausts its inhabitants is also the signature of a vitality (5) \_\_\_\_\_ which urban life would be unimaginable.

- (a) conducting
- (b) which conducting
- (c) have conducted
- (d) conducted

**Ans.(d)**

**Q125.** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 4.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The modern city has developed an odd relationship with silence. Once (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere absence, quiet is now marketed as a commodity, sold in the form of noise-cancelling headphones and weekend retreats in the hills. Urban planners, long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the acoustic consequences of their own designs, have lately begun to concede that ambient din is not simply an irritant but a public-health hazard in its own right. Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over three decades suggest that chronic exposure to traffic noise correlates with hypertension in adults and with impaired concentration in children. Yet the remedy is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_: a city that muffles itself entirely risks becoming sterile, and the very hum that exhausts its inhabitants is also the signature of a vitality (5) \_\_\_\_\_ which urban life would be unimaginable.

- (a) straightforward
- (b) redundant
- (c) inexorable
- (d) perfunctory

**Ans.(a)**

**Q126.** . Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank 5.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The modern city has developed an odd relationship with silence. Once (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as a mere absence, quiet is now marketed as a commodity, sold in the form of noise-cancelling headphones and weekend retreats in the hills. Urban planners, long (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the acoustic consequences of their own designs, have lately begun to concede that ambient din is not simply an irritant but a public-health hazard in its own right. Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over three decades suggest that chronic exposure to traffic noise correlates with hypertension in adults and with impaired concentration in children. Yet the remedy is rarely (4) \_\_\_\_\_: a city that muffles itself entirely risks becoming sterile, and the very hum that exhausts its inhabitants is also the signature of a vitality (5) \_\_\_\_\_ which urban life would be unimaginable.

- (a) with
- (b) for
- (c) without
- (d) beyond

**Ans.(c)**

**Q127.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Reading \_\_\_ good book can be a relaxing way to spend an afternoon.

- (a) the
- (b) No article required
- (c) a
- (d) an

**Ans.(c)**

**Q128.** Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

He was reading the newspaper (1) / in the drawing room (2) / while she is cooking (3) / in the kitchen. (4)

- (a) He was reading the newspaper (1)
- (b) in the drawing room (2)
- (c) while she is cooking (3)
- (d) in the kitchen. (4)

**Ans.(c)**

**Q129.** Select the part of the sentence that contains an error.

The board, in a rare moment of complete agreement, were unanimous in its decision to fire the CEO, which came as a surprise.

- (a) The board
- (b) in a rare moment of complete agreement
- (c) were unanimous in its decision
- (d) to fire the CEO, which came as a surprise.

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**Ans.(c)**

**Q130.** Select the part of the sentence that contains an error.

A. Despite of B. his low score in the test, C. he was able to pass D. the course.

- (a) Despite of
- (b) his low score in the test
- (c) he was able to pass
- (d) the course.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q131.** In the following questions, a pair of similar sounding words is provided. You are required to select the option that most appropriately describes the meaning of both the words.

Veil, Vale

- (a) A deep narrow valley; a covering that conceals or hides something
- (b) A covering or screen that conceals something; a valley or low area of land between hills
- (c) To reveal something clearly; a high mountain surrounded by hills
- (d) A thin layer of mist; a steep slope leading to a mountain peak

**Ans.(b)**

**Q132.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect voice.

She said to him, "You were sleeping."

- (a) She told him that he was sleeping.
- (b) She told him that he had been sleeping.
- (c) She told him that you had been sleeping.
- (d) She told him that she had been sleeping.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q133.** Change the following sentence into the Active form.

The new policy will have been debated for months before it is implemented.

- (a) They will have debated the new policy for months before it is implemented.
- (b) The new policy will have debated for months before they implement it.
- (c) The new policy will be debated for months before it is implemented.
- (d) They will be debating the new policy for months before they implement it.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q134.** Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ sun is not the biggest star but it is the nearest star to us.

- (a) The
- (b) No article needed
- (c) A
- (d) An

**Ans.(a)**

**Q135.** Choose the correct indirect narration of the following statement from the given alternatives:  
Snigdha said, "What a beautiful day today is!"

- (a) Snigdha exclaimed that that day has been a very beautiful day.
- (b) Snigdha exclaimed that that day a very beautiful day was.
- (c) Snigdha exclaimed that day was a very beautiful day.
- (d) Snigdha exclaimed that that day was a very beautiful day.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q136.** Select the correct active voice of the given sentence.

What a magnificent fresco has been painted on the ceiling of that forgotten chapel by the anonymous artist!

- (a) How magnificent a fresco has the anonymous artist painted on the ceiling of that forgotten chapel!
- (b) What a magnificent fresco did the anonymous artist paint on the ceiling of that forgotten chapel!
- (c) The anonymous artist has painted what a magnificent fresco on the ceiling of that forgotten chapel!
- (d) What a magnificent fresco the anonymous artist has painted on the ceiling of that forgotten chapel!

**Ans.(d)**

**Q137.** Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Cigarette
- (b) Cigerette
- (c) Cigartte
- (d) Cigarate

**Ans.(a)**

**Q138.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech:

He said that by the time she arrived, the guests had already started leaving.

- (a) He said, "By the time she has arrived, the guests were already leaving."
- (b) He said, "By the time she had arrived, the guests had already started leaving."
- (c) He said, "By the time she arrived, the guests had already started leaving."
- (d) He said, "By the time she arrived, the guests had already started to leave."

**Ans.(c)**

**Q139.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

She is good in painting but weak in studies.

- (a) Good at painting
- (b) Good with painting
- (c) Good for painting
- (d) No substitution

**Ans.(a)**

**Q140.** Rearrange the following sentences to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:

P. The last sculpture, a woman carved from one block of marble, had an expression of deep sorrow.

Q For months, the sculptor had worked incessantly, hacking away at the rock.

R. She was motivated by a black-and-white photo of her grandmother taken during times of severe hardship.

S. The sculpture was a dedication, a gesture of honouring the memory and the resilience of the woman.

(a) P, R, Q, S

(b) R, Q, P, S

(c) S, R, P, Q

(d) Q, R, P, S

**Ans.(d)**

**Q141.** Rearrange the following sentences to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:

P. A robot built to tackle a challenging challenge served as the students' final assignment.

Q The code that would enable the machine to traverse a maze was written over the course of weeks.

R. Their engineering, programming, and design abilities came together to create it.

S. Their commitment and cooperation were demonstrated by the robot's faultless performance.

(a) S, R, Q, P

(b) Q, R, P, S

(c) P, R, Q, S

(d) S, R, P, Q

**Ans.(c)**

**Q142.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select "No substitution."

The plane flew on the city, offering a great view.

(a) over the city

(b) in the city

(c) at the city

(d) No substitution

**Ans.(a)**

**Q143.** In the sentence given below, four words/phrases have been highlighted. Select the words/phrase that contains an error.

After I saw the movie I was so impressed by the characters portrayed in it, I decided that to buy the book.

(a) saw the movie

(b) was so impressed

(c) I decided

(d) that to buy

**Ans.(d)**

**Q144.** Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

- A) the importance
- B) to be treated
- C) of treating other people
- D) now he knows
- E) as he would like

- (a) D, A, C, E, B
- (b) B, D, C, A, E
- (c) C, D, B, A, E
- (d) C, E, B, A, D

**Ans.(a)**

**Q145.** Rearrange the following sentence parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:

P. He created mockups of each screen the user would view in order to build the user interface.

Q He programmed the app's features and response, writing the fundamental logic.

R. He fixed errors and made sure the app ran well by testing it on a variety of devices.

S. He made the finished product available for download by uploading it to the app store.

- (a) R, Q, P, S
- (b) Q, P, R, S
- (c) S, Q, R, P
- (d) P, Q, R, S

**Ans.(d)**

**Q146.** Choose the sentence in which the subject correctly agrees with its verb.

- (a) The committee have submitted their individual recommendations to the board.
- (b) Each of the contestants were given a separate briefing by the organizers.
- (c) Neither the dean nor the professors was present at the convocation ceremony.
- (d) The efficacy of these experimental vaccines has been validated by rigorous clinical trials.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q147.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

He asked me if I had ever been to the Louvre.

- (a) He said, "You have ever been to the Louvre?"
- (b) He asked, "Do you ever go to the Louvre?"
- (c) He asked me, "Have you been to the Louvre?"
- (d) He said to me, "Have you ever been to the Louvre?"

**Ans.(d)**

**Q148.** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction:

He will be promoted \_\_\_\_\_ he improves his communication and leadership skills.

- (a) unless
- (b) although
- (c) provided that
- (d) whereas

**Ans.(c)**

**Q149.** Select the most appropriate antonym of the word: Obsolete

- (a) Outdated
- (b) Ancient
- (c) Current
- (d) Disused

**Ans.(c)**

**Q150.** Change the following sentence into the Active form.

The report, which should have been submitted by the deadline, was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

- (a) The report, which should have submitted by the deadline, was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- (b) They should have submitted the report by the deadline, but it was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- (c) Due to unforeseen circumstances, the report was delayed, which should have been submitted by the deadline.
- (d) They should have submitted the report by the deadline, but unforeseen circumstances delayed it.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q151.** Identify the part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error.

The group of friends / were going on / a hiking trip / next weekend.

- (a) The group of friends
- (b) were going on
- (c) a hiking trip
- (d) next weekend.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q152.** Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: ABNEGATE

- (a) Demand
- (b) Accept
- (c) Renounce
- (d) Support

**Ans.(c)**

**Q153.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

She said to them, "You will be surprised."

- (a) She told them that they would be surprised.
- (b) She told them that you would be surprised.
- (c) She told them that they will be surprised.
- (d) She told them that she would be surprised.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q154.** Which of the following words is spelled incorrectly?

- (a) Acquiesce
- (b) Conscientous
- (c) Benevolent
- (d) Hierarchy

**Ans.(b)**

**Q155.** Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: Flying by the seat of our pants

- (a) Acting without preparation
- (b) Planning everything in advance
- (c) Feeling nervous before doing something
- (d) Taking everything slowly

**Ans.(a)**

**Q156.** A sentence with a grammatical error is given. Identify the error and then from the given options, select the sentence which is error-free and grammatically correct.

The state of affairs in this reputed institution are causing anxiety.

- (a) The state of affairs in this reputed institution is causing anxiety.
- (b) The state of affairs in this reputed institution are caused anxiety.
- (c) The state of affairs in this reputed institution causing anxiety.
- (d) The state of affairs in this reputed institution were causing anxiety.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q157.** Choose the correctly spelt word:

- (a) Sacrilegious
- (b) Sacriligious
- (c) Sacreligous
- (d) Secreligeous

**Ans.(a)**

**Q158.** Correct the homonym in the sentence.

Sentence: He is the sole hare to the estate.

Correct word: \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Hair
- (b) Heir



- (c) Hire  
(d) Hier

**Ans.(b)**

**Q159.** Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

We are watching a fantastic movie tonight.

- (a) A fantastic movie has been watched by us tonight.  
(b) A fantastic movie is watched by us tonight.  
(c) A fantastic movie was being watched by us tonight.  
(d) A fantastic movie is being watched by us tonight.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q160.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence.

'I prefer travelling on train than travelling by bus as I suffer from motion sickness.

- (a) Prefer travelling in train to travelling by bus  
(b) Prefer travelling by train to travelling by bus  
(c) Prefer travelling by train than travelling by bus  
(d) No substitution

**Ans.(b)**

**Q161.** Change the following sentence into the Active form.

Dinner is being prepared by my sister.

- (a) Dinner prepared my sister.  
(b) My sister is preparing dinner.  
(c) My sister prepares dinner.  
(d) My sister was preparing dinner.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q162.** Reorder the word/words given below to form one correct sentence:

this responsibility (A)/ that (B)/ he cannot shoulder (C)/ he is so young. (D)

- (a) DABC  
(b) DBCA  
(c) CBDA  
(d) CDBA

**Ans.(b)**

**Q163.** Find the part of the sentence that contains an error:

No sooner the verdict was delivered (1)/ than the defence counsel (2)/ filed an application (3)/ for an immediate stay. (4)/

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

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**Ans.(a)**

**Q164.** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:

After the heavy rain, the floodwaters rose \_\_\_\_\_ the level of the streets.

- (a) below
- (b) above
- (c) across
- (d) between

**Ans.(b)**

**Q165.** Choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted part of the sentence:

The trend of wearing boots is something that has most sure come around this season.

- (a) most surely
- (b) very certainly
- (c) very sure
- (d) maybe

**Ans.(a)**

**Q166.** Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases:

Look before you leap.

- (a) Hide something
- (b) Analyze the consequences before making a decision
- (c) Depending on others for task completion
- (d) Always be humble to people of lower designation

**Ans.(b)**

**Q167.** Identify the part of the sentence that contains an error:

"No sooner had she left the room when the lights went out."

- (a) No sooner
- (b) had she left
- (c) the room when
- (d) the lights went out

**Ans.(c)**

**Q168.** Select the sentence containing the homonym of the highlighted word:

She dug a well behind the cottage to access groundwater.

- (a) He was feeling well after a week of illness.
- (b) The well had dried up due to drought.
- (c) She lowered the bucket into the deep well.
- (d) They built a stone wall around the old well.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q169.** A part of the following sentence is highlighted. Choose the option which can replace the highlighted part to improve the sentence. In case Options A, B and C are not found suitable, choose Option D: "No Improvement Required."

The minister clarified that the funds allocated for the scheme are disbursed judiciously and not misused as it has been alleged.

- (a) were disbursed judiciously and not misused
- (b) were disbursed with judiciousness and not misused
- (c) were not misused and had been disbursed in judiciously
- (d) No improvement required

**Ans.(a)**

**Q170.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

The student inquired what the deadline for the submission was.

- (a) The student said, "When is the deadline for submission?"
- (b) The student asked, "What the deadline for the submission was?"
- (c) The students inquired, "What was the deadline for the submission?"
- (d) The student inquired, "What is the deadline for the submission?"

**Ans.(d)**

**Q171.** Arrange the parts of the sentence to form a meaningful sentence.

It is...

- A. who are continually trying to improve
- B. not the least talented
- C. their dialogue skills
- D. the most talented people

- (a) DACB
- (b) BADC
- (c) CDBA
- (d) ABDC

**Ans.(a)**

**Q172.** One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one is it?

- (a) Acknowledgment
- (b) Proficiency
- (c) Perseverence
- (d) Reputable

**Ans.(c)**

**Q173.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

The mentor asked whether I had been preparing regularly and if I would be ready by Monday.

- (a) The mentor asked, "Have you been preparing regularly and will you be ready by Monday?"
- (b) The mentor asked, "Had you been preparing regularly and would you be ready by Monday?"
- (c) The mentor asked, "Were you preparing regularly and will you be ready by Monday?"
- (d) The mentor asked, "Have you prepared regularly and are you ready by Monday?"

**Ans.(a)**

**Q174.** Rearrange the following sentence parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct paragraph:

P. He presented his diagnosis and suggested a course of treatment with assurance.

**Q** In order to search for particular markers, he ordered a number of imaging scans and blood tests.

R. He went over all the information, comparing it to what he knew about medicine.

S. As the patient explained their symptoms, the doctor paid close attention.

- (a) S, P, R, Q
- (b) Q, S, R, P
- (c) S, Q, R, P
- (d) P, Q, R, S

**Ans.(c)**

**Q175.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

I don't understand why the puppy keeps running over that tree.

- (a) on that tree
- (b) across that tree
- (c) around that tree
- (d) No substitution

**Ans.(c)**

**Q176.** Given below are six sentences taken from a paragraph. The first and the last sentences are numbered S1 and S2 and are placed in the first and last positions respectively and are fixed in their positions. The other four sentences between the first and last sentences are jumbled up and are numbered A, B, C, and D. Rearrange the jumbled sentences in a logical sequence keeping the unity and coherence of the paragraph intact. Choose the correct alternative that best describes the sequence.

S1 In old times there was a certain petty monarch by the name of Jayadatta, and there was born to him a son named Devadatta.

A. Therefore, I will take a wife to my son from a merchant's family, in order that misfortune may not overtake his throne, though it is surrounded with many relations."

B. "The prosperity of kings is very unstable, being like a courtesan to be enjoyed by force; but the prosperity of merchants is like a woman of good family; it is steady and does not fly to another man.

C. And that wise king, wishing to marry his son, who was grown up, thus reflected:

D. Having formed this resolve, that king sought for his son the daughter of a merchant in Pataliputra named Vasudatta.

S2 Vasudatta for his part, eager for such a distinguished alliance, gave that daughter of his to the prince, though he dwelt in a remote foreign land.

- (a) BCDA
- (b) DABC
- (c) CBAD
- (d) ADCB

**Ans.(c)**

**Q177.** Given below are six sentences taken from a paragraph. The first and the last sentences are numbered S1 and S2 and are placed in the first and last positions respectively and are fixed in their positions. The other four sentences between the first and last sentences are jumbled up and are numbered A, B, C, and D. Rearrange the jumbled sentences in a logical sequence keeping the unity and coherence of the paragraph intact. Choose the correct alternative that best describes the sequence.

S1 Then, one day, she was up, playing; Isabel was in the kitchen fixing lunch for the two boys when they'd come in from school, and she heard Grace fall down in the living room.

A. And she ran to the living room and there was little Grace on the floor, all twisted up, and the reason she hadn't screamed was that she couldn't get her breath.

B. When you have a lot of children you don't always start running when one of them falls, unless they start screaming or something.

C. Yet, Isabel says that when she heard that thump and then that silence, something happened in her to make her afraid.

D. And, this time, Grace was quiet.

S2 And when she did scream, it was the worst sound, Isabel says, that she'd ever heard in all her life, and she still hears it sometimes in her dreams.

- (a) ADBC
- (b) DCBA
- (c) BDCA
- (d) DCAB

**Ans.(c)**

**Q178.** Which of the following options is the most suitable conversion of the following sentence into Passive Voice?

The police arrested the thief last night.

- (a) The police was arrested the thief last night.
- (b) The thief is arrested last night by the police.
- (c) The thief was arrested by the police last night.
- (d) The thief has been arrested last night.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q179.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Active Voice:

All the arrangements had been made by the organizers before we arrived.

- (a) The organizers made all the arrangements before we arrived.
- (b) The organizers will have made all the arrangements before we arrive.
- (c) The organizers had made all the arrangements before we arrived.
- (d) The organizers have made all the arrangements before we arrived.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q180.** In the following question, you are required to fill in the blank by choosing the word that best completes the sentence.

If Marina doesn't speed up in the final lap, she will surely \_\_\_\_\_ the race to her strongest rival.

- (a) lose
- (b) loose
- (c) lost
- (d) losing

**Ans.(a)**

**Q181.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

The crowd had gathered at the streets to witness the parade.

- (a) gathered into
- (b) gathered on
- (c) gathered aside
- (d) No substitution

**Ans.(b)**

**Q182.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech:

They asked if I knew the way to the museum.

- (a) They asked, "Do you know the way to the museum?"
- (b) They asked, "Did you know the way to the museum?"
- (c) They ask, "If I know the way to the museum?"
- (d) They said, "Did you know the way to the museum?"

**Ans.(a)**

**Q183.** Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

- A) said that they are
- B) hear this news
- C) very sorry to
- D) Catherine and David

- (a) C, D, B, A
- (b) D, A, C, B

(c) B, D, C, A

(d) A, C, D, B

**Ans.(b)**

**Q184.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the given word.

Harangue

(a) Strict disciplinarian

(b) Breaker of idols

(c) Airplane shed

(d) A lengthy and aggressive speech

**Ans.(d)**

**Q185.** Choose the correct indirect narration of the following statement from the given alternatives:

Sohan said, "You will get up early tomorrow to go for a morning walk as you must qualify in the physical test."

(a) Sohan said that he would get up early the day after to go for a morning walk as he had to qualify in the physical test.

(b) Sohan said that he should get up early the day after to go for a morning walk as he had to qualify in the physical test.

(c) Sohan said that he should get up early the day after to go for a morning walk as he must qualify in the physical test.

(d) Sohan said that you would get up early the day after to go for a morning walk as you had to qualify in the physical test.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q186.** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:

He invested heavily \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy startups last year.

(a) into

(b) in

(c) to

(d) for

**Ans.(b)**

**Q187.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

He said that he planned to visit his grandparents that night.

(a) He said, "I plan to visit my grandparents that night."

(b) He said, "I plan to visit my grandparents tonight."

(c) He said, "I plan to visit my grandparents this night."

(d) He said, "I planned to visit my grandparents at night."

**Ans.(b)**

**Q188.** Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

The doctor is examining the patient.

- (a) The patient was being examined by the doctor.
- (b) The patient is examined by the doctor.
- (c) The patient is being examined by the doctor.
- (d) The patient has been examined by the doctor.

**Ans.(c)**

**Q189.** The following sentence is divided into four parts given in the alternatives A, B, C, and D. Select the alternative which contains that part of the sentence which has an error.

She mentioned that the annual cultural programme gives place in the open-air theatre every monsoon season without fail.

- (a) She mentioned that the annual
- (b) cultural programme gives place
- (c) in the open-air theatre every
- (d) monsoon season without fail.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q190.** Choose the option that has an error in the sentence:

"I'm lucky that I have been doing a job I enjoy all my working life."

- (a) I'm lucky that
- (b) I have been doing a job
- (c) I enjoy all my working life.
- (d) No correction required

**Ans.(d)**

**Q191.** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:

The manager was taken aback \_\_\_\_ the sudden resignation of three key employees.

- (a) by
- (b) at
- (c) for
- (d) over

**Ans.(a)**

**Q192.** In the following questions, a sentence is divided into parts. Identify the part containing the error.  
Scarcely I had (a) / settled into my demanding new role (B) / when a series of wholly unforeseen crises (C) / descended upon the entire organisation. (D) /

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Ans.(a)**



**Q193.** From the alternatives given below, select the correct passive voice of the following sentence:  
The students were imitating the way of the description by the teacher.

- (a) The way of the description by the teacher was imitated by the students.
- (b) The way of the description by the teacher were being imitated by the students.
- (c) The way of the description by the teacher had been imitated by the students.
- (d) The way of the description by the teacher was being imitated by the students.

**Ans.(d)**

**Q194.** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate verb:

The witness \_\_\_\_\_ under cross-examination, revealing inconsistencies in the testimony.

- (a) collapsed
- (b) admitted
- (c) faltered
- (d) insisted

**Ans.(c)**

**Q195.** Select the most appropriate synonym of the word: RELUCTANT

- (a) Talkative
- (b) Hesitant
- (c) Loud
- (d) Open

**Ans.(b)**

**Q196.** Select the most appropriate option to complete the given sentence.

Rohan always \_\_\_\_\_ his homework before dinner.

- (a) cooks
- (b) sleeps
- (c) finishes
- (d) plays

**Ans.(c)**

**Q197.** Choose the correct sentence where the homonym "nail" means a metal fastener.

- (a) She polished her nail with red paint.
- (b) The carpenter hammered a nail into the wood.
- (c) He tried to nail the thief with evidence.
- (d) The cat injured me with its sharp nail.

**Ans.(b)**

**Q198.** Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Active Voice.

The students were made to rewrite the entire assignment.

- (a) The teacher made the students rewrite the entire assignment.
- (b) The teacher makes the students rewrite the entire assignment.

- (c) The teacher is making the students rewrite the entire assignment.  
(d) The teacher has made the students rewrite the entire assignment.

**Ans.(a)**

**Q199.** Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part.

He opened the package by a knife.

- (a) with a knife  
(b) up a knife  
(c) off a knife  
(d) No substitution

**Ans.(a)**

**Q200.** Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. Imbroglia

- (a) Entanglement  
(b) Complication  
(c) Agreement  
(d) Dispute

**Ans.(c)**

