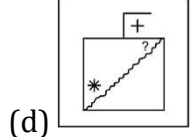
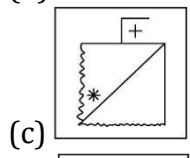
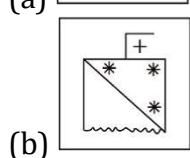
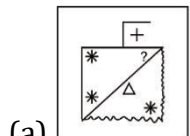
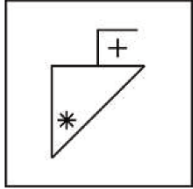


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Q1. From the given answer figures, select the one in which the question figure is hidden/embedded.



Ans.(a)

Q2. 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: Reports indicate that several children in rural areas are dropping out of school due to lack of mid- day meals.

Course of action I: Introduce a robust mid-day meal program in rural schools.

Course of action II: Make education optional for children in rural areas.

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

Ans.(a)

Q3. If all the letters of the word 'MOVETIME' are arranged in alphabetical order from left to right, then position of how many letters remain unchanged after the re-arrangement?

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

Ans.(a)



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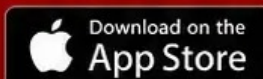


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Q4. How many days are there from 2 October 2023 to 9 July 2024 (both inclusive)?

- (a) 283
- (b) 284
- (c) 281
- (d) 282

Ans.(d)

Q5. What will come in place of '?' in the following equation, if '+' and '×' are interchanged and '-' and '÷' are interchanged?

$$8 + 3 \div 116 - 4 \times 18 = ?$$

- (a) 22
- (b) 19
- (c) 13
- (d) 15

Ans.(c)

Q6. Seven friends - A, B, C, D, E, F and G - each have a meeting on a different day of the week, starting from Monday to Sunday. C has a meeting on Thursday. Only one person has a meeting between C and F. A's meeting is immediately before F's, but not on a Monday. Only two persons have meetings between A and G. B's meeting is before E's but after D's. On which day does B have the meeting?

- (a) Friday
- (b) Wednesday
- (c) Tuesday
- (d) Monday

Ans.(b)

Q7. Angle between minute hand and hour hand of a clock at 2:50 and 7:20 are J and K respectively. What is the difference (in degrees) between J and K?

- (a) 30
- (b) 60
- (c) 50
- (d) 45

Ans.(d)

Q8. Instructions: For the question below, 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 every character, number, symbol, space, and punctuation mark.

Reference: Sarajevo: 28 Jun. 1914.

- (a) Sarajevo: 28 Jun. 1914.
- (b) Sarajevo; 28 Jun 1914.
- (c) Sarajevo; 28 Jun. 1941.
- (d) Sarajevo; 28 Jun. 1914.

Ans.(a)

Q9. Refer to the following letter series and answer the question that follows.

(Left) X P S A D U G L O E J F K I M C R T Q (Right)

How many vowels are there in the English alphabetical series between the letter which is third from the right end and fifth from the left end of the series?

- (a) Two
- (b) More than one
- (c) Three
- (d) One

Ans.(c)

Q10. In a certain code language, 'PANT' is coded as '102' and 'TAPE' is coded as '84'. How will 'EAST' be coded in that code language?

- (a) 92
- (b) 84
- (c) 80
- (d) 90

Ans.(d)

Q11. If 2 is added to each odd digit and 1 is subtracted from each even digit in the number 1528634, then what will be the sum of the digits that are second from the left and second from the right in the new number thus formed?

- (a) 13
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 14

Ans.(c)

Q12. Which of the following letter-number clusters will replace the question mark (?) in the given series to make it logically complete?

XK253, UO236, RS219, ?

- (a) OW202
- (b) NW206
- (c) OV204
- (d) MV208

Ans.(a)

Q13. Pointing to a photograph, a woman says, "He is the only son of my mother." How is the person in the photograph related to the woman?

- (a) Brother
- (b) Son
- (c) Father
- (d) Husband

Ans.(a)

Q14. What should come in place of '?' in the given series?

41 53 66 80 95 111 ?

- (a) 131

(b) 134

(c) 128

(d) 123

Ans.(c)

Q15. In this type of questions, question is provided with some issues/disputes/problem, followed by few methods to resolve the problem in statement choosing the appropriate problem solving method that can be implemented.

During a cultural festival, two community groups claim the same venue for their performances. How should the organizer decide?

(a) Give it to the bigger group

(b) Split the venue time and coordinate schedules

(c) Ask one group to cancel

(d) Hold a coin toss

Ans.(b)

Q16. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following sets.

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into their 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.)

(14, 7, 21)

(56, 28, 42)

(a) (114, 57, 72)

(b) (242, 121, 134)

(c) (346, 173, 188)

(d) (62, 31, 45)

Ans.(d)

Q17. Which of the option figures represents the correct water image of the figure given below?



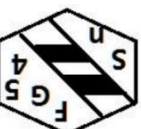
(a)



(b)



(c)





(d)

Ans.(b)

Q18. Refer to the following number, symbol series and answer the question that follows. Counting to be done from left to right only. (All numbers are single digit numbers only.)

(Left) * 5 # % 5 & * * 6 9 3 % # @ & % 5 9 # & € # (Right)

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

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

Ans.(a)

Q19. conclusion is true based on the given statement.

Statement: $F \leq G < H = I > J$

Conclusions:

- I. $F < I$
- II. $G > J$
- (a) Both I and II are true
- (b) Only I is true
- (c) Neither I nor II is true
- (d) Only II is true

Ans.(b)

Q20. A + B means 'A is brother of B'

A-B means 'A is mother of B'

$A \times B$ means 'A is husband of B'

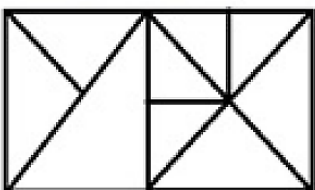
$A \div B$ means 'A is father of B'

If $X+J \div Q \times V - L$, then which of the following statement is correct?

- (a) J is father of V.
- (b) L is mother of Q.
- (c) X is grandmother of L.
- (d) J is paternal grandfather of L.

Ans.(d)

Q21. How many triangles are in the figure?



- (a) 15
- (b) 17

(c) 19

(d) 20

Ans.(b)

Q22. Read the given statements 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 conclusion(s) logically follow(s) from the statements.

Statements:

All pigs are jackals. All pigs are cats. All elephants are cats.

Conclusions:

(I) All elephants are jackals.

(II) Some cats are jackals.

(a) Only conclusion (I) follows.

(b) Neither conclusion (I) nor (II) follows.

(c) Both conclusions (I) and (II) follow.

(d) Only conclusion (II) follows.

Ans.(d)

Q23. In a certain coded language 'BUSS' is coded as 'CXQN' and 'ANDS' is coded as 'BQBN'. How will 'VEIN' be coded in the same code language?

(a) WHGI

(b) XFFH

(c) XIIH

(d) VIHG

Ans.(a)

Q24. The statement given below is followed by two decisions labeled I, and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the two suggested decisions logically follows for pursuing.

Statement: There are huge numbers of people affected by air pollution caused by automobile industries.

Decisions:

I. Automobile industries should be closed immediately.

II. Such types of industries should be shifted outer sides of city.

ptions :

(a) only I follows

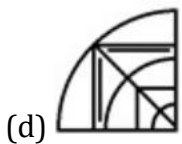
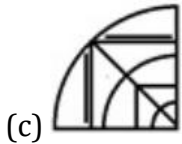
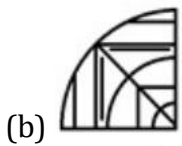
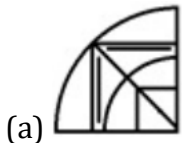
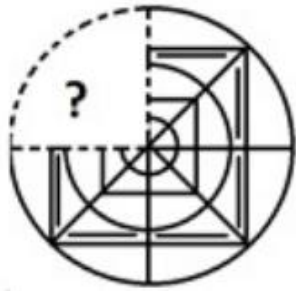
(b) Both I and II follow

(c) Neither I nor II follow

(d) only II follows

Ans.(d)

Q25. Which of the following option figure will complete the pattern in the figure given below?



Ans.(d)

Q26. Seven boxes P, Q, R, S, T, U and V are kept one over the other but not necessarily in the same order. No box is kept above U. Only three boxes are kept between U and P. Only one box is kept between R and T. T is kept immediately above P. Only four boxes are kept between R and V. Q is kept at some place above S. How many boxes are kept between S and U?

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

Ans.(c)

Q27. Select the option that is related to the fifth letter-number cluster in the same way as the second letter-number cluster is related to the first letter-number cluster and fourth letter-number cluster is related to third letter-number cluster.

(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)

AK50 : CM78 :: TP70 : VR98 :: OQ60 : ?

- (a) SQ88
- (b) SR78
- (c) QR78
- (d) QS88

Ans.(d)

Q28. Find the number of terms in the following series.

15, 25, 35, 45, _____, 125

- (a) 10
- (b) 11
- (c) 12
- (d) 13

Ans.(c)

Q29. Seven people, Manu, Neha, Ojas, Pritam, Rina, Sita and Tina, are sitting around a circular table, facing the centre. Rina sits second to the right of Tina and second to the left of Sita. Manu sits third to the left of Ojas and Manu is an immediate neighbour of Rina. Pritam sits second to the left of Manu. How many people sit between Sita and Tina, when counted from the left of Tina?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) None

Ans.(b)

Q30. A, B, C, D, E and F 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, which is numbered 6. Only one person lives above D. Only two people live between A and D. F lives immediately above B. E does not live above D. How many people live below C?

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

Ans.(a)

Q31. Which word CANNOT be formed using the letters of the word: ACHIEVEMENT

- (a) HEAT
- (b) TIME
- (c) MATE
- (d) CHEF

Ans.(d)

Q32. Select the triad that follows the same pattern as the one followed by the two triads given below. Both triads follow the same pattern.

PK - QL - RT

RM - SN - TV

- (a) LG - MH - NP
- (b) KG - MI - NO
- (c) LG - MH - NO
- (d) KG - MH - NO

Ans.(a)

Q33. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which conclusion/s logically follow/s from the given statements.

Statements:

All chairs are tables. All tables are boards. Some tables are desks.

Conclusions:

- (I) Some boards are desks.
- (II) Some chairs are desks.
- (a) Both conclusions I and II follow.
- (b) Only conclusion II follows.
- (c) Only conclusion I follows.
- (d) Neither conclusion I nor II follows.

Ans.(c)

Q34. Select the letter cluster which is related to third letter cluster in the same way as the second letter cluster is related to first letter cluster.

ADMIT : YZIGP :: COLONY : ?

- (a) YMHMJU
- (b) YLHMJU
- (c) YNHNJU
- (d) ZMHMJU

Ans.(a)

Q35. Seven people, B, C, O, P, Q, R and S, are sitting in a straight line, facing north. Only three people sit to the left of S. Only three people sit between B and O. Only four people sit between Q and O, none of whom sit at the left end. C sits immediately to the left of R. How many people sit between P and R?

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

Ans.(c)

Q36. D, E, H, K, M, R, S and W are sitting around a square table facing the center of the table. Some of them are sitting at the corners while some are sitting at the exact center of the sides. D sits at one of the corners of the table. E sits second to the left of D. Only three people sit between E and H. Only one person sits between H and M. S sits in the immediate left of M. W is not an immediate neighbor of D. K sits second to the right of R. As per the given arrangement who sits in the immediate left of R.

- (a) E
- (b) H
- (c) D
- (d) M

Ans.(a)

Q37. You notice your co-worker is unusually quiet and withdrawn during meetings, after being very active previously. What is the most socially intelligent approach?

- (a) Privately check in with them asking if they're okay and offering support
- (b) Publicly ask why they are not contributing like before

- (c) Ignore it; they will open up if ready
(d) Tell the manager they are underperforming

Ans.(a)

Q38. G is the sister of Y. Y is the brother of J. M is the father of W. W is the son of J. How is G related to M?

- (a) Wife's mother
(b) Sister
(c) Wife's sister
(d) Mother

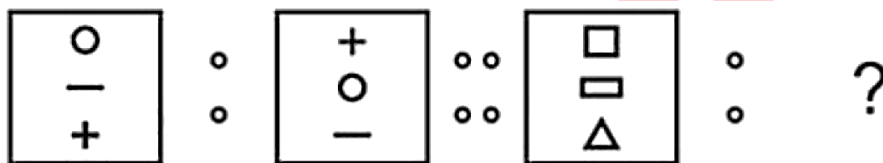
Ans.(c)

Q39. What was the last day of the year 1989?

- (a) Thursday
(b) Friday
(c) Saturday
(d) Sunday

Ans.(d)

Q40. Two figures given on the left side of (::) are related with some logic/rule/relation. Select the missing figure on the right side of (::) from the given alternatives based on the same logic/rule/ relation.



- (a) 
(b) 
(c) 
(d) 

Ans.(a)

Q41. Select the option that is related to the fourth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and fifth number is related to sixth 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)

$$639 : 1921 :: ? : 2206 :: 165 : 499$$

- (a) 741
- (b) 744
- (c) 734
- (d) 733

Ans.(c)

Q42. Seven boxes A, B, R, U, P, T and S are kept one over the other but not necessarily in the same order. Only four boxes are kept above U. Only one box is kept above R. Only one box is kept between R and A. S is kept immediately above T. P is kept at someplace below B. How many boxes are kept between B and S?

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

Ans.(a)

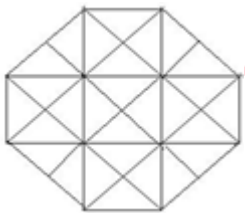
Q43. If 'A' stands for '+', 'B' stands for '-', 'C' stands for '×' and 'D' stands for '÷', then what will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equation?

$$40 \text{ D } 5 \text{ A } 8 \text{ C } 2 \text{ B } 12 = ?$$

- (a) 12
- (b) 10
- (c) 14
- (d) 16

Ans.(a)

Q44. What is the minimum number of lines required to make the following figure?



- (a) 18
- (b) 13
- (c) 20
- (d) 16

Ans.(a)

Q45. In a certain code language, 'FILE' is coded as '4128' and 'LIME' is coded as '1268'. What is the code for 'M' in the given code language?

- (a) 8
- (b) 6
- (c) 1
- (d) 2

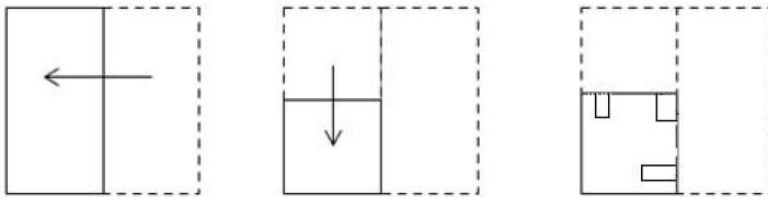
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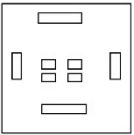
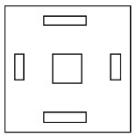
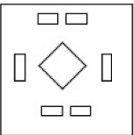
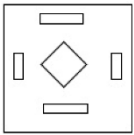
Q46. What should come in place of '?' in the given series based on the English alphabetical order?
URW GDI SPU EBG ?

- (a) QNS
- (b) LIN
- (c) NJP
- (d) PLR

Ans.(a)

Q47. A paper is folded and cut as follows. How can it appear when opened?



- (a) 
- (b) 
- (c) 
- (d) 

Ans.(b)

Q48. Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Statement : Should free healthcare be provided to all citizens regardless of income?

Argument I : Yes, healthcare is a basic right and should be accessible to all.

Argument II : No, it will put excessive financial pressure on the government.

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

Ans.(c)

Q49. In a certain code language,

A @ B means 'A is the son of B',

A ≤ B means 'A is the wife of B',

$A \in B$ means 'A is the father of B' and

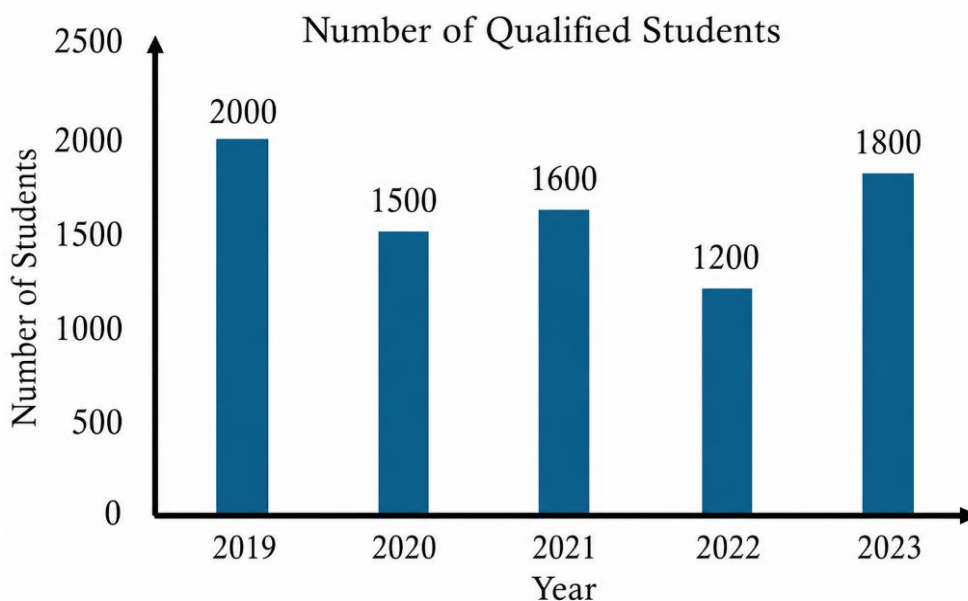
$A \neq B$ means 'A is the brother of B'.

How is A related to P if ' $A @ D \in J \neq L \leq P$ '?

- (a) Wife's mother's mother
- (b) Wife's brother
- (c) Wife's sister
- (d) Wife's mother

Ans.(b)

Q50. The following bar graph shows the number of students who qualified in a competitive examination from 2019 to 2023. Study the bar graph and answer the question that follows.



In which two consecutive years was the percentage increase in the number of qualified students the highest?

- (a) 2019 - 2020
- (b) 2020 - 2021
- (c) 2022 - 2023
- (d) 2021 - 2022

Ans.(c)

Q51. Which of the following statements most accurately describes the formation, composition, and geomorphic importance of eskers in glacial landscapes?

- (a) Eskers are steep-sided, elongated ridges composed mainly of till, formed by subaerial erosion during glacial retreat in temperate climates.
- (b) Eskers are sinuous ridges of stratified sand and gravel deposited by subglacial meltwater streams flowing within ice tunnels, serving as evidence of former glacial drainage patterns.
- (c) Eskers are depositional features formed by wind action on glacial outwash plains, typically consisting of fine loess deposits accumulated during the last ice age.
- (d) Eskers form due to the lateral morainic deposition along valley sides and primarily indicate the maximum extent of glacial advance.

Ans.(b)

Q52. The BHAVYA Scheme, for which DPIIT released operational guidelines in May 2026, aims to develop what in India?

- (a) Rural tourism infrastructure
- (b) Investment-ready industrial infrastructure
- (c) Digital banking infrastructure
- (d) Agricultural export zones

Ans.(b)

Q53. Which of the following pair of dynasty – region is correct? I. Rashtrakuta – Tamil Nadu II. Gurjara-Pratihara – Rajasthan

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

Ans.(b)

Q54. In the Delhi Sultanate, what was the main duty of the 'Muqtis' in their assigned Iqta?

- (a) To manage high quality of horses
- (b) To manage trade and commerce
- (c) To construct forts and palaces
- (d) To lead military campaigns and maintain law and order

Ans.(d)

Q55. Which of the following is correct regarding the Buddhist Stupas? I. They were built of huge mounds of mud. II. They were enclosed in carefully burnt small standard bricks.

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

Ans.(c)

Q56. Which of the following waste products is stored in old xylem of plants? I. Resins II. Gums

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

Ans.(c)

Q57. Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are given below. Choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Population growth can be measured in absolute numbers and percentage change per year.

Reason (R): Measuring growth only in absolute numbers provides detailed insights into population trends over time.

- (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.(c)

Q58. The Mahalanobis Distance, developed by P. C. Mahalanobis, is primarily used to:

- (a) Measure the speed of economic growth
- (b) Determine the similarity between groups of data
- (c) Estimate population density
- (d) Calculate inflation rates

Ans.(b)

Q59. Which of the following officially determines the constitutional validity of any legislation?

- (a) The Parliament of India through a special resolution
- (b) The Supreme Court of India through judicial review
- (c) The President of India through constitutional discretion
- (d) The Union Cabinet through executive interpretation

Ans.(b)

Q60. Open Market Operations (OMOs) are conducted by RBI to control _____.

- (a) Money supply
- (b) State budgets
- (c) Corporate profits
- (d) Foreign trade

Ans.(a)

Q61. The Indian Air Force partnered with IIT Bombay in May 2026 to develop predictive maintenance technology for which fighter aircraft?

- (a) Tejas Mk-1
- (b) Rafale
- (c) Mirage 2000
- (d) Su-30MKI

Ans.(d)

Q62. Which of the following sequences correctly matches the coastal sections from north to south on the western coast?

- (a) Karnataka → Konkan → Malabar
- (b) Kathiawar → Malabar → Konkan
- (c) Konkan → Karnataka → Malabar
- (d) Malabar → Konkan → Karnataka

Ans.(c)

Q63. Read the following Assertion (A) and Reason (R) carefully and choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): The First Five Year Plan mainly focused on the development of the agricultural sector in India.

Reason (R): At that time, India faced serious food shortages and needed to increase agricultural production.

- (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)

Q64. Read the below statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

Assertion (A): Nominal GDP might increase even if the actual physical volume of production remains constant.

Reason (R): This happens because Nominal GDP is calculated at current market prices, which includes the effect of inflation.

- (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)

Q65. Which team officially made its debut or significant return under a new brand at the 2026 Australian Grand Prix, with Gabriel Bortoleto scoring points?

- (a) Aston Martin
- (b) Audi
- (c) Porsche
- (d) Alpine

Ans.(b)

Q66. Read the following statements carefully and choose the correct option regarding Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

Assertion (A): Globalization has led to increased outsourcing of services to India.

Reason (R): India offers high-cost, low-skill services to foreign companies.

- (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.(c)

Q67. What is the name of the national industry platform launched in June 2026 to strengthen India's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) framework?

- (a) FINSAFE
- (b) ARIFAC
- (c) AMLNET
- (d) STR India

Ans.(b)

Q68. Which mountain range lies immediately to the south of the Vindhyan Range, separated by the Narmada Valley?

- (a) Aravalli Range
- (b) Satpura Range
- (c) Western Ghats
- (d) Eastern Ghats

Ans.(b)

Q69. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the inaugural Asian U23 Athletics Championships 2026?

1. India finished fourth in the overall medal standings with 16 medals.
2. The championships were held in Ordos, China from 9–12 July 2026.
3. India won three gold medals, including the Mixed 4×400 m Relay and the Women's 4×400 m Relay.
4. China topped the medal table with 23 gold medals.

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

Ans.(d)

Q70. Which of the following problem was faced by the Indian economy at the beginning of the decade of nineties? I. Indian economy was facing a strong inflationary pressure. II. The economy was experiencing shortages of finance for industrialisation etc.

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

Ans.(c)

Q71. The dissolution of which of the following in water makes the solution acidic due to the formation of sulphurous acid?

- (a) Sulphonic acid
(b) Sulphur trioxide
(c) Sulphur dioxide
(d) Sulphur hexafluoride

Ans.(c)

Q72. In which of the following Indian cities is the world's largest Cricket stadium being constructed?

- (a) Indore
(b) Gwalior
(c) Surat
(d) Ahmedabad

Ans.(d)

Q73. Which of the following is a report published by Reserve Bank of India? I. Financial Stability Report
II. Handbook of Statistics on Indian Economy

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

Ans.(c)

Q74. Which of the following is correct regarding law of conservation of energy? I. Energy can only be converted from one form to another. II. Energy can be easily destroyed.

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

Ans.(a)

Q75. Who is the author of the book 'Angry River'?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
- (b) R. K. Narayan
- (c) V.S. Naipaul
- (d) Ruskin Bond

Ans.(d)

Q76. 'Phulaich Festival' is celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Ans.(d)

Q77. Match List I with List II.

List I

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Ronaldo
- C. Michael Phelps
- D. Virat Kohli

List II

- I. Cricket
- II. Tennis
- III. Swimming
- IV. Football

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Ans.(a)

Q78. Who is the author of the book 'In an Antique Land'?

- (a) Amitav Ghosh
- (b) Manu Joseph
- (c) Neel Mukherjee
- (d) Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi

Ans.(a)

Q79. The urban population percentage of India in the 2011 Census was approximately:

- (a) 20%
- (b) 27%
- (c) 31%
- (d) 36%

Ans.(c)

Q80. Jagannath Temple constructed by a famous king of Ganga Dynasty Ananta Varman Chodaganga Deva is located at _____.

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

Ans.(a)

Q81. Which of the following ministers was the Commander of the entire military under the king during the Mughal rule?

- (a) Mir Saman
- (b) Mir Bakshi
- (c) Diwan-i-Insha
- (d) Sadr-us-Sudur

Ans.(b)

Q82. 'Khupielilie' is a folk dance of which of the following Indian state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Himanchal Pradesh
- (d) Chandigarh

Ans.(b)

Q83. Consider the following statements regarding the Official Language of the Union:

1. Article 343 of the Constitution deals with the Official Language of the Union and recognises Hindi in the Devanagari script for this purpose.
2. Article 351 provides a directive for promoting the spread and development of Hindi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Neither 1 nor 2
- (d) Both 1 and 2

Ans.(d)

Q84. The (i) _____ is one of the finest monuments situated in (ii) _____ .

- (a) (i) Gingee Fort (ii) Puducherry
- (b) (i) Hawa Mahal (ii) Chennai
- (c) (i) Charminar (ii) Kolkata
- (d) (i) Purana Qila (ii) Kolkata

Ans.(a)

Q85. Under the draft Delhi EV Policy 2026–2030, from which date will only electric three-wheelers be eligible for new registration in Delhi?

- (a) January 1, 2025
- (b) January 1, 2026
- (c) January 1, 2027
- (d) April 1, 2027

Ans.(c)

Q86. In March 2026, which state secured the first position in India in the implementation of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0, according to the Progress Dashboard released by the National Crime Records Bureau?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Assam
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Ans.(c)

Q87. Match the following terms with their correct definitions:

Term	Definition
A. GDP	1. Total value of goods/services within domestic territory
B. GNP	2. GDP + Net income from abroad
C. NNP	3. GNP minus depreciation
D. PCI	4. Per person income indicator

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

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

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

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

Ans.(c)

Q88. Which of the following statements is correct regarding fluid friction?

I. It is also called a drag.

II. It depends on the speed of the object with respect to the fluid.

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

Ans.(c)

Q89. Arrange the following non-polar solvents on the basis of increasing dielectric constants:

- A. Diethyl ether
- B. Toluene
- C. Hexane
- D. Chloroform
- E. Pentane

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Ans.(d)

Q90. In 1964, who chaired the Committee on Prevention of Corruption and suggested the Central Vigilance Commission be established?

- (a) K. Santhanam
- (b) G V Ramakrishna
- (c) P K Mohanty
- (d) G K Pillai

Ans.(a)

Q91. Which of the following article of the Indian constitution is related with the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions?

- (a) Article 28
- (b) Article 24
- (c) Article 30
- (d) Article 29

Ans.(c)

Q92. The process by which water moves from the soil (high water concentration) into root cells (low water concentration) through a semi-permeable membrane is called ____.

- (a) Diffusion
- (b) Osmosis
- (c) Plasmolysis
- (d) Active Transport

Ans.(b)

Q93. 'Purnagiri Mela' is celebrated in which Indian state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Uttarakhand

Ans.(d)

Q94. Match the columns.

List I | List II

- A. Charminar | i. Gaya
- B. Charar-e-Sharief | ii. Mount Abu
- C. Vishnupad Temple | iii. Budgam
- D. Dilwara Jain Temple | iv. Hyderabad

- (a) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i
- (b) a-iv, b-iii, c-i, d-ii
- (c) a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii
- (d) a-iii, b-iv, c-ii, d-i

Ans.(b)

Q95. Which Article of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to form new states or alter their boundaries?

- (a) Article 6
- (b) Article 3
- (c) Article 5
- (d) Article 2

Ans.(b)

Q96. In July 2026, Paninian India Private Limited launched India's first private-sector turbofan engine programme named:

- (a) Kaveri
- (b) Shakti
- (c) Yantur
- (d) Garuda

Ans.(c)

Q97. With reference to Bharatanatyam, which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- I. It is one of the classical dance forms of India.
- II. It has its origin in the traditional dance style of Kerala.

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Neither I nor II
- (c) I only
- (d) II only

Ans.(c)

Q98. Which of the following is an example of narcotics used as doping in sports?

- I. Morphine II. Methadone

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

Ans.(c)

Q99. Which of the following changes was introduced in the revised Index of Core Industries (ICI) series with Base Year 2022–23, released by the Office of Economic Adviser (OEA) under DPIIT in July 2026?

- (a) Inclusion of Iron Ore as the 9th core industry
- (b) Removal of Electricity from the list of core industries
- (c) Change in the Base Year from 2011–12 to 2004–05
- (d) Reduction in the number of core industries from eight to seven

Ans.(a)

Q100. Match List I with List II :

List I List II

- A. Early colonial period I. Exploration and Description
- B. Later colonial period II. Regional Analysis

C. 1930s through the Inter-War period III. Areal Differentiation

D. 1950s to the late 1960s IV. Spatial Organisation

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

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

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

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

Ans.(c)

Q101. Select the misspelt word in the following sentence.

Everyone present found the reception something of an ordeal, chiefly on account of the ambassador's obsequious manner and his evident ignorance of even the most elementary protocol.

(a) ordeal

(b) chiefly

(c) obsequious

(d) ignorance

Ans.(c)

Q102. Directions: Select the most appropriate ONE-WORD SUBSTITUTION for the given group of words.

A signal, usually sounded on a bugle or drum, to wake personnel in the armed forces

(a) Tattoo

(b) Taps

(c) Reveille

(d) Retreat

Ans.(c)

Q103. Spot the correct spelling of a lab toxicity assay term.

(a) Cytotoxicity

(b) Cytotoxicity

(c) Cytotoxicety

(d) Cytotoxcity

Ans.(b)

Q104. What should come in the place of blank number 1?

In the given passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage intently and choose the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:

Democracies are usually credited with being resilient, yet the past indicates that they can be quite vulnerable. Those institutions that are meant to protect freedom can weaken when citizens become disconnected or when politicians take advantage of (1)_____ within the system. Gradual removal of checks and balances might not raise an alarm until it is too late.

One of the central factors is the state of public discourse. When argument gets polarised and facts are sacrificed to (2)_____, democratic conventions start to disintegrate. The media is responsible here, either as a watchdog or as a megaphone for disinformation. The advent of echo chambers has made it simpler for individuals to shun (3)_____ perspectives, strengthening tribalism.

Economic inequality is another threat. When significant portions of the populace feel left out of prosperity, they can lose confidence in democratic processes and seek (4)_____ alternatives. This

cynicism can be taken advantage of by populist movements that make quick fixes but destroy democratic ideas.

Democracy must be safeguarded with vigilance, participation, and a willingness to search for truth. Without these, even the most entrenched systems can become (5)_____, susceptible to rot from within.

- (a) Strength
- (b) Balances
- (c) Gaps
- (d) Faults

Ans.(c)

Q105. What should come in the place of blank number 2?

In the given passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage intently and choose the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:

Democracies are usually credited with being resilient, yet the past indicates that they can be quite vulnerable. Those institutions that are meant to protect freedom can weaken when citizens become disconnected or when politicians take advantage of (1)_____ within the system. Gradual removal of checks and balances might not raise an alarm until it is too late.

One of the central factors is the state of public discourse. When argument gets polarised and facts are sacrificed to (2)_____, democratic conventions start to disintegrate. The media is responsible here, either as a watchdog or as a megaphone for disinformation. The advent of echo chambers has made it simpler for individuals to shun (3)_____ perspectives, strengthening tribalism.

Economic inequality is another threat. When significant portions of the populace feel left out of prosperity, they can lose confidence in democratic processes and seek (4)_____ alternatives. This cynicism can be taken advantage of by populist movements that make quick fixes but destroy democratic ideas.

Democracy must be safeguarded with vigilance, participation, and a willingness to search for truth. Without these, even the most entrenched systems can become (5)_____, susceptible to rot from within.

- (a) Lies
- (b) Emotions
- (c) Biases
- (d) Rhetoric

Ans.(d)

Q106. What should come in the place of blank number 3?

In the given passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage intently and choose the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:

Democracies are usually credited with being resilient, yet the past indicates that they can be quite vulnerable. Those institutions that are meant to protect freedom can weaken when citizens become disconnected or when politicians take advantage of (1)_____ within the system. Gradual removal of checks and balances might not raise an alarm until it is too late.

One of the central factors is the state of public discourse. When argument gets polarised and facts are sacrificed to (2)_____, democratic conventions start to disintegrate. The media is responsible here, either as a watchdog or as a megaphone for disinformation. The advent of echo chambers has made it simpler for individuals to shun (3)_____ perspectives, strengthening tribalism.

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cynicism can be taken advantage of by populist movements that make quick fixes but destroy democratic ideas.

Democracy must be safeguarded with vigilance, participation, and a willingness to search for truth. Without these, even the most entrenched systems can become (5)_____, susceptible to rot from within.

- (a) Opposing
- (b) Dissecting
- (c) Critical
- (d) Alternative

Ans.(a)

Q107. What should come in the place of blank number 4?

In the given passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage intently and choose the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:

Democracies are usually credited with being resilient, yet the past indicates that they can be quite vulnerable. Those institutions that are meant to protect freedom can weaken when citizens become disconnected or when politicians take advantage of (1)_____ within the system. Gradual removal of checks and balances might not raise an alarm until it is too late.

One of the central factors is the state of public discourse. When argument gets polarised and facts are sacrificed to (2)_____, democratic conventions start to disintegrate. The media is responsible here, either as a watchdog or as a megaphone for disinformation. The advent of echo chambers has made it simpler for individuals to shun (3)_____ perspectives, strengthening tribalism.

Economic inequality is another threat. When significant portions of the populace feel left out of prosperity, they can lose confidence in democratic processes and seek (4)_____ alternatives. This cynicism can be taken advantage of by populist movements that make quick fixes but destroy democratic ideas.

Democracy must be safeguarded with vigilance, participation, and a willingness to search for truth. Without these, even the most entrenched systems can become (5)_____, susceptible to rot from within.

- (a) Violent
- (b) Radical
- (c) Authoritarian
- (d) Extremist

Ans.(c)

Q108.

What should come in the place of blank number 5?

In the given passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage intently and choose the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:

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cynicism can be taken advantage of by populist movements that make quick fixes but destroy democratic ideas.

Democracy must be safeguarded with vigilance, participation, and a willingness to search for truth. Without these, even the most entrenched systems can become (5)_____, susceptible to rot from within.

- (a) Strong
- (b) Vulnerable
- (c) Honest
- (d) Sincere

Ans.(b)

Q109. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct voice.

The scientist told the students that light travels faster than sound.

- (a) The scientist told the students, "Light travelled faster than sound."
- (b) The scientist said to the students, "Light travels faster than sound."
- (c) The scientist said, "Light is traveling faster than sound."
- (d) The scientist said, "Light will travel faster than sound."

Ans.(b)

Q110. According to the passage, why are the elderly specifically more vulnerable to ethylene glycol poisoning?

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on the passage:

The events in Rajamahendravaram in Andhra Pradesh involving the mass poisoning of consumers by milk contaminated with ethylene glycol sound a regulatory alarm. As of March 8, the death toll was 11, with approximately 20 other people, including infants, hospitalised. Milk is a staple in Indian households and contamination by an industrial compound already infamous in India for its lethality carries the potential to trigger a crisis of confidence in local, unbranded milk supplies. Children and the elderly are most affected by ethylene glycol poisoning due to their higher metabolic sensitivity and lower renal reserves, respectively. This could push people towards pasteurised milk from regulated cooperatives such as Amul or Vijaya, which seems desirable, but a large share of milk is also distributed in India through small vendors. Food-safety compliance is as much about punishing bad actors as about reducing the cost of doing the right thing. In the informal supply chain, cold-chain monitoring and hygiene inspections are almost entirely absent, leaving room for contamination. Subsidised testing kits and cooperative chilling facilities can thus reduce the risk at small dairies. Regulators may also consider safe-harbour provisions that ease penalties for dairy operators who report contamination at their facilities; this could also encourage early disclosure, giving authorities time to save lives.

- (a) Due to their lower renal reserves.
- (b) Due to their higher metabolic sensitivity.
- (c) Because they consume more unbranded milk than infants.
- (d) Because they lack access to regulated cooperatives.

Ans.(a)

Q111. What is a potential consequence of the contamination mentioned in the text?

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on the passage:

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- (a) A complete ban on the sale of milk in Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) A shift in consumer preference toward pasteurised milk.
- (c) An increase in the price of testing kits for small vendors.
- (d) The immediate closure of all informal milk supply chains.

Ans.(b)

Q112. Which measure does the author suggest to improve small dairy safety?

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- (a) Make penalties tougher for all dairy owners.
- (b) Require all milk to be sold through Amul or Vijaya only.
- (c) Providing subsidised testing kits and cooperative chilling facilities.
- (d) Use machines to check cold storage instead of people.

Ans.(c)

Q113. What is the main purpose of the “safe-harbour provisions”?

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lower renal reserves, respectively. This could push people towards pasteurised milk from regulated cooperatives such as Amul or Vijaya, which seems desirable, but a large share of milk is also distributed in India through small vendors. Food-safety compliance is as much about punishing bad actors as about reducing the cost of doing the right thing. In the informal supply chain, cold-chain monitoring and hygiene inspections are almost entirely absent, leaving room for contamination. Subsidised testing kits and cooperative chilling facilities can thus reduce the risk at small dairies. Regulators may also consider safe-harbour provisions that ease penalties for dairy operators who report contamination at their facilities; this could also encourage early disclosure, giving authorities time to save lives.

- (a) To protect consumers from high milk costs.
- (b) To get dairy operators to report contamination early by giving them legal protection and lower penalties.
- (c) To protect regulators from possible public lawsuits about how they enforce the rules.
- (d) To ensure infants and the elderly receive free hospitalisation.

Ans.(b)

Q114.

What does the word “lethality” mean in the passage about industrial hazards?

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- (a) The quality of being very expensive
- (b) The process of industrial manufacturing
- (c) A state of being famous or well-known
- (d) The ability to cause death

Ans.(d)

Q115. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The committee ____ a decision after long deliberation.

- (a) arrived at
- (b) arrived on
- (c) arrived in
- (d) arrived to

Ans.(a)

Q116. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct voice.

He said that if he were to receive a promotion, he would buy his family a bigger house.

- (a) He said, "If I received a promotion, I would buy my family a bigger house."
- (b) He said, "If I were to receive a promotion, I will buy my family a bigger house."
- (c) He said, "If I receive a promotion, I will buy my family a bigger house."
- (d) He said, "If I had received a promotion, I would have bought my family a bigger house."

Ans.(c)

Q117. Choose the most suitable preposition from the given options to fill in the blank in the following sentence:

The decision was consistent ____ company policy.

- (a) with
- (b) to
- (c) by
- (d) for

Ans.(a)

Q118. Which of the following options is NOT one of the meanings of the homonym 'suspension'?

- (a) The act of temporarily stopping or halting something
- (b) A mixture in which particles are dispersed in a fluid but not dissolved
- (c) A state of uncertainty or excitement about what will happen next
- (d) A type of mechanical system used in vehicles to absorb shocks

Ans.(c)

Q119. Which of the following sentences uses the word "found" with a different meaning from the others?

- (a) The company was founded in 1995.
- (b) He found his keys under the couch.
- (c) They found a new species of fish.
- (d) She found the answer to the difficult question.

Ans.(a)

Q120. Directions: Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Cadaverous

- (a) Wan
- (b) Gaunt
- (c) Rubicund
- (d) Sallow

Ans.(c)

Q121. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word: MIRAGE

- (a) Fantasy
- (b) Reality
- (c) Evidence
- (d) Proof

Ans.(a)

Q122. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.

I am never _____ my duty as a professional.

- (a) negligent at
- (b) negligent in
- (c) negligent by
- (d) negligent for

Ans.(b)

Q123. Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

The project was completed before less than three months.

- (a) completed on
- (b) completed at
- (c) completed in
- (d) No substitution

Ans.(c)

Q124. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in INDIRECT SPEECH.

The archaeologist exclaimed, "What an exquisitely preserved frieze this is!"

- (a) The archaeologist exclaimed that what an exquisitely preserved frieze that was.
- (b) The archaeologist exclaimed with delight that that was a very exquisitely preserved frieze.
- (c) The archaeologist said that what an exquisitely preserved frieze this was.
- (d) The archaeologist exclaimed that this is an exquisitely preserved frieze.

Ans.(b)

Q125. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in ACTIVE VOICE.

A stirring encomium was being composed by the laureate's protégé when the news of her demise reached the academy.

- (a) The laureate's protégé had been composing a stirring encomium when the news of her demise reached the academy.
- (b) The laureate's protégé was composing a stirring encomium when the news of her demise reached the academy.
- (c) The laureate's protégé composed a stirring encomium when the news of her demise reached the academy.
- (d) The laureate's protégé was being composed a stirring encomium when the news of her demise reached the academy.

Ans.(b)

Q126. Directions: Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Fatuous

- (a) Inane
- (b) Asinine
- (c) Sagacious
- (d) Vacuous

Ans.(c)

Q127. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which gives the correct meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

Let's call it a day and start over tomorrow morning.

- (a) To start working for the day
- (b) Give the day a specific name.
- (c) To end the work for the day
- (d) Check the calendar for the date.

Ans.(c)

Q128. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

The historian said, "Even if the war had ended earlier, the long-term economic effects would have been equally devastating for the country."

- (a) The historian said that even if the war would have ended earlier, the long-term economic effects would have been equally devastating for the country.
- (b) The historian said that even if the war had ended earlier, the long-term economic effects would have been equally devastating for the country.
- (c) The historian said that even if the war ended earlier, the long-term economic effects would have been equally devastating for the country.
- (d) The historian said that even if the war had ended earlier, the long-term economic effects will have been equally devastating for the country.

Ans.(b)

Q129. Directions: Select the option that can substitute the highlighted segment most appropriately.

More closely one examines the commission's footnotes, more untenable its central conclusion appears to any dispassionate reader.

- (a) The more closely one examines the commission's footnotes, the more untenable
- (b) The more closely one examines the commission's footnotes, more untenable
- (c) More closely one examines the commission's footnotes, the more untenable
- (d) No substitution required

Ans.(a)

Q130. Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence.

I watched the paper boat float on the canal towards the lake.

- (a) down the canal
- (b) in the canal
- (c) over the canal
- (d) No substitution

Ans.(a)

Q131. Directions: Select the option that can substitute the highlighted segment most appropriately.

At the estate auction in Lucknow the collector acquired *a Venetian exquisite little seventeenth-century glass chandelier*, which had hung undisturbed in the same palazzo for close to three hundred years.

- (a) a little exquisite Venetian seventeenth-century glass chandelier
- (b) an exquisite little seventeenth-century Venetian glass chandelier
- (c) an exquisite seventeenth-century little Venetian glass chandelier
- (d) No substitution required

Ans.(b)

Q132. Directions: The following sentences are given in jumbled form. Select the option that arranges them in a meaningful and coherent order.

- A. Yet the cartographers of the period, working from sailors' depositions and fragmentary sketches, filled those blanks with astonishing confidence.
- B. For much of the sixteenth century the interior of the subcontinent remained, to European eyes, an emptiness bounded by a well-charted coastline.
- C. Mountains were placed where no mountains stood, and rivers were made to flow into seas they had never reached.
- D. These inventions, far from being idle, guided the voyages and the appetites of the companies that followed.

(a) BACD

(b) ABCD

(c) BCAD

(d) ACBD

Ans.(a)

Q133. From the alternatives given below, select the correct meaning of the idiom.

Let sleeping dogs lie.

(a) To experience a very deep and restful sleep; to sleep soundly

(b) To leave a situation alone so as to avoid worsening it

(c) To sleep easily and deeply, untroubled by one's conscience or satisfied with one's efforts

(d) Refuse to rouse, provoke, or galvanize the enormous or unstoppable latent power of some person, group, or thing

Ans.(b)

Q134. Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Active Voice.

The guests are being served dinner by the chef.

(a) The chef has served dinner to the guests.

(b) The chef serves dinner to the guests.

(c) The chef is serving dinner to the guests.

(d) The chef will serve dinner to the guests.

Ans.(c)

Q135. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: Do it on autopilot

(a) Do it with full attention

(b) Do it while distracted

(c) Do it out of habit

(d) Do it with full enthusiasm

Ans.(c)

Q136. Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

The truck was loaded on crates of fresh produce for the market.

(a) loaded with

(b) loaded by

- (c) loaded in
- (d) No substitution

Ans.(a)

Q137. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in INDIRECT SPEECH.

The magistrate said to the constable, "Why did you not corroborate the complainant's testimony yesterday?"

- (a) The magistrate asked the constable why he did not corroborate the complainant's testimony yesterday.
- (b) The magistrate told the constable why he had not corroborated the complainant's testimony the previous day.
- (c) The magistrate asked the constable why he had not corroborated the complainant's testimony the previous day.
- (d) The magistrate said to the constable that why had he not corroborated the complainant's testimony the previous day.

Ans.(c)

Q138. Choose the correct indirect narration of the following statement from the given alternatives:

Salini said to Meena, "Why did you not tell the truth to my friend when he was in real trouble?"

- (a) Salini asked Meena why she had not told the truth to her friend when he had been in real trouble.
- (b) Salini asked Meena why he had not told the truth to her friend when she was in real trouble.
- (c) Salini asked Meena that why she had not told the truth to her friend when she had been in real trouble.
- (d) Salini asked Meena why she had not told the truth to his friend when he had in real trouble.

Ans.(a)

Q139. Directions: Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An eager beaver

- (a) A person who works with conspicuous enthusiasm and industry
- (b) One who hoards resources against an imagined shortage
- (c) A novice who blunders through a task he has not understood
- (d) A flatterer who curries favour with his superiors

Ans.(a)

Q140. Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

Shalini asked Yusuf if he would go to her party that night.

- (a) Shalini asked Yusuf, "Would you go to my party this night?"
- (b) Shalini said to Yusuf, "Will you come to my party that night?"
- (c) Shalini said to Yusuf, "Will you come to my party tonight?"
- (d) Shalini asked Yusuf, "You will come to my party tonight?"

Ans.(c)

Q141. Choose the one-word substitute for the below sentence.

Neha approached her new hobby with enthusiasm, eager to grasp the basics as a beginner.

- (a) Veteran
- (b) Mentor

- (c) Apprentice
(d) Expert

Ans.(c)

Q142. The following sentence has been divided into four parts. Identify the part which contains a grammatical error (ignore any punctuation error, if any). If there is no error in the sentence, then select 'No Error'.

The vibrant colors/ of the Holi festival/ were dispersed on the air./ No error.

- (a) The vibrant colors
(b) of the Holi festival
(c) were dispersed on the air.
(d) No error

Ans.(c)

Q143. Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

He begged me to give him another chance.

- (a) He said, "Please give me another chance."
(b) He begged me, "Can you give me another chance?"
(c) He begged, "I need another chance please."
(d) He said to me, "You should give me another chance."

Ans.(a)

Q144. Choose the option that is the most appropriate conversion of the following sentence into Direct Speech.

She said that the documents had to be submitted by the next evening.

- (a) She said, "The documents ought to be submitted by the next evening."
(b) She said, "The documents must be submitted by tomorrow evening."
(c) She said, "The documents need to be submitted by the coming evening."
(d) She said, "The documents are to be submitted by the following evening."

Ans.(b)

Q145. Choose the correct option to specify the meaning of the highlighted idiom.

"I know you are ready. Go break a leg now."

- (a) Say Good Luck to someone
(b) Ask someone not to go for a task
(c) Say Bad Luck to someone
(d) Not saying anything to someone

Ans.(a)

Q146. Choose the correct indirect narration of the following statement.

The king said to his wife, "I have already conquered all the neighbouring kingdoms and possess all the wealth therein."

- (a) The king told his wife that he had already conquered all the neighbouring kingdoms and possessed all the wealth therein.
(b) The king told his wife that he has already conquered all the neighbouring kingdoms and possessed all the wealth therein.

(c) The king told his wife that he had already conquered all the neighbouring kingdoms and possesses all the wealth therein.

(d) The king told his wife that he has already conquered all the neighbouring kingdoms and possesses all the wealth therein.

Ans.(a)

Q147. Given below are four jumbled parts of a sentence. Select the option that gives their correct order and forms a meaningful sentence.

P. while providing a platform for global connectivity

Q can also lead to mental health issues

R. excessive use of social media platforms

S. if not balanced with real-world interactions

(a) PRQS

(b) PQRS

(c) RQPS

(d) SRQP

Ans.(c)

Q148. Spot the correct spelling of a sound-imitative word class.

(a) Onomatopoeya

(b) Onomatopoeia

(c) Onnomatopoeia

(d) Onomatopeia

Ans.(b)

Q149. Directions: In which of the following sentences is the word SANCTION used to mean "a penalty imposed for disobeying a law or rule"?

(a) The finance department declined to sanction the release of the second instalment until the utilisation certificates were filed.

(b) Long usage in the hill districts has sanctioned a practice that the statute nowhere expressly permits.

(c) The council voted to impose severe sanctions on contractors who had abandoned work midway through the monsoon.

(d) The proposal for a satellite campus received the formal sanction of the syndicate at its December sitting.

Ans.(c)

Q150. Sunita said to her brother, "Will you be able to join us for the party?" Choose the option which is the correct indirect form of the given sentence:

(a) Sunita requested her brother if he would be able to join them for the party.

(b) Sunita asked her brother if he would be able to join them for the party.

(c) Sunita asked her brother if he will be able to join us for the party.

(d) Sunita asked her brother if he would join them for the party.

Ans.(b)

Q151. Identify the incorrect sentence.

(a) Ten percent of the students in the class speak three languages.

(b) Forty-five minutes is a very long coffee break.

- (c) His advice was perfect for the situation his friend was facing.
(d) The academic committee was undivided in their decision to hire the new staff.

Ans.(d)

Q152. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct voice.

My friend told me that she could not come.

- (a) My friend said to me, "She could not come."
(b) My friend said to me, "I cannot come."
(c) My friend said to me, "I could not come."
(d) My friend said to me, "I might not come."

Ans.(b)

Q153. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

P: In addition, these ancient manuscripts provide profound insights into human consciousness.

Q: Therefore, modern scholars continue to analyze these texts for timeless wisdom.

R: Ancient Indian scriptures offer a vast treasure of philosophical and spiritual knowledge.

S: However, translating these complex Sanskrit verses remains a very difficult task.

- (a) RPSQ
(b) QSPR
(c) PRSQ
(d) SQRP

Ans.(a)

Q154. Directions: The following sentence has been divided into four parts. Select the part that contains a grammatical error.

The controller of examinations made the invigilators/ to sign an undertaking that they would neither carry/ a mobile telephone into the hall/ nor permit any candidate to leave before the bell.

- (a) The controller of examinations made the invigilators
(b) to sign an undertaking that they would neither carry
(c) a mobile telephone into the hall
(d) nor permit any candidate to leave before the bell.

Ans.(b)

Q155. Choose the correct indirect narration of the following statement from the given alternatives:

The children said, "Teacher! Please show us what is inside the box."

- (a) The children requested the teacher to show them what was inside the box.
(b) The children urged the teacher to show us what was inside the box.
(c) The children requested the teacher to show them what has been inside the box.
(d) The children requested the teacher please show them what was inside the box.

Ans.(a)

Q156. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in ACTIVE VOICE.

The dilapidated manuscripts have been painstakingly restored by a team of Florentine conservators.

- (a) A team of Florentine conservators have painstakingly restored the dilapidated manuscripts.
- (b) A team of Florentine conservators has painstakingly restored the dilapidated manuscripts.
- (c) A team of Florentine conservators had painstakingly restored the dilapidated manuscripts.
- (d) A team of Florentine conservators painstakingly restores the dilapidated manuscripts.

Ans.(b)

Q157. Directions: Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

At the bicentenary dinner the trustee was presented with ____ honorary doctorate and ____ one-rupee coin that had belonged to the founder himself.

- (a) a / an
- (b) an / a
- (c) an / an
- (d) a / a

Ans.(b)

Q158. The following sentence has two blanks. Choose the most suitable set of prepositions from the given options to fill in the blanks and complete the sentence meaningfully:

The athlete excelled ____ sprinting but faltered ____ long-distance events.

- (a) in, at
- (b) on, in
- (c) in, by
- (d) with, at

Ans.(a)

Q159. Select the correct alternative to fill in the blank with the correct preposition/prepositional phrase in the following sentence.

Prepare the project _____ the instructions given in the manual.

- (a) in front of
- (b) according to
- (c) instead of
- (d) for the purpose of

Ans.(b)

Q160. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in ACTIVE VOICE.

The consolidated dossier must be submitted to the vigilance officer by every officiating head of department before the audit commences.

- (a) Every officiating head of department must submit the consolidated dossier to the vigilance officer before the audit commences.
- (b) Every officiating head of department must have submitted the consolidated dossier to the vigilance officer before the audit commences.
- (c) Every officiating head of department should be submitting the consolidated dossier to the vigilance officer before the audit commences.
- (d) Every officiating head of department must submitted the consolidated dossier to the vigilance officer before the audit commences.

Ans.(a)

Q161. Directions: The following sentence has been divided into four parts. Select the part that contains a grammatical error.

Although the forensic auditors had pored upon the ledgers/ for the better part of a fortnight,/ they could not account for the discrepancy/ in the consolidated quarterly statements.

- (a) Although the forensic auditors had pored upon the ledgers
- (b) for the better part of a fortnight,
- (c) they could not account for the discrepancy
- (d) in the consolidated quarterly statements.

Ans.(a)

Q162. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Idiosyncracy
- (b) Idiosyncrasy
- (c) Idiosyncracey
- (d) Ideosyncrasy

Ans.(b)

Q163. Which of the following options is the most suitable conversion of the following sentence into active voice?

You are requested not to enter.

- (a) Please do not enter.
- (b) Do not enter.
- (c) Please not to enter.
- (d) Your entry is not requested.

Ans.(a)

Q164. From the alternatives given below, select the correct passive voice of the following sentence.

The speech of the child impressed the principal and he gave a bouquet to the speaker on the stage.

- (a) The principal was impressed by the speech of the child and a bouquet was given to the speaker on the stage by him.
- (b) The principal had been impressed by the speech of the child and a bouquet was given to the speaker on the stage by him.
- (c) The principal had been impressed by the speech of the child and a bouquet had been given to the speaker on the stage by him.
- (d) Being impressed by the speech of the child by the principal, a bouquet was given to the speaker on the stage by him.

Ans.(a)

Q165. Choose the correct option to give a one-word substitution for the sentence given.

A person who fills up the bodies of dead pets/animals to make them look lifelike.

- (a) Misogynist
- (b) Mistymist
- (c) Taxidermist
- (d) Egoistic

Ans.(c)

Q166. Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

Did she read the book?

- (a) The book was read by her?
- (b) Had the book been read by her?
- (c) Was the book read by her?
- (d) Is the book read by her?

Ans.(c)

Q167. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in ACTIVE VOICE.

It is widely believed that the treaty of cession was signed under considerable duress.

- (a) People widely believe that the treaty of cession was signed under considerable duress.
- (b) People are widely believing that the treaty of cession signed under considerable duress.
- (c) It believes widely that the treaty of cession was signed under considerable duress.
- (d) The treaty of cession is widely believed to have been signed under considerable duress.

Ans.(a)

Q168. Choose the correct passive voice transformation of the sentence:

They are building a new shopping mall.

- (a) A new shopping mall has been built by them.
- (b) A new shopping mall is being built by them.
- (c) A new shopping mall is built by them.
- (d) A new shopping mall was being built by them.

Ans.(b)

Q169. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in PASSIVE VOICE.

The indefatigable curator had meticulously catalogued every artefact in the eastern gallery before the deluge.

- (a) Every artefact in the eastern gallery was meticulously catalogued by the indefatigable curator before the deluge.
- (b) Every artefact in the eastern gallery had been meticulously catalogued by the indefatigable curator before the deluge.
- (c) Every artefact in the eastern gallery has been meticulously catalogued by the indefatigable curator before the deluge.
- (d) Every artefact in the eastern gallery had meticulously been catalogue by the indefatigable curator before the deluge.

Ans.(b)

Q170. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in PASSIVE VOICE.

Submit the impugned tender documents to the vigilance registrar before the stipulated deadline lapses.

- (a) The impugned tender documents are submitted to the vigilance registrar before the stipulated deadline lapses.
- (b) Let the impugned tender documents be submitted to the vigilance registrar before the stipulated deadline lapses.
- (c) You are submitted the impugned tender documents to the vigilance registrar before the stipulated deadline lapses.
- (d) Let the impugned tender documents to be submitted to the vigilance registrar before the stipulated deadline lapses.

Ans.(b)

Q171. Directions: The following sentence has been divided into four parts. Select the part that contains a grammatical error.

Ever since the new stormwater drainage network/ was commissioned in the monsoon of 2019,/ the low-lying wards of the city did not report/ a single instance of prolonged waterlogging.

- (a) Ever since the new stormwater drainage network
- (b) was commissioned in the monsoon of 2019,
- (c) the low-lying wards of the city did not report
- (d) a single instance of prolonged waterlogging.

Ans.(c)

Q172. Choose the correct word from the options given showing a synonym of the word below.

Garrulous

- (a) Loquacious
- (b) Silent
- (c) Defined
- (d) Well-mannered

Ans.(a)

Q173. Directions: Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Tantamount

- (a) Commensurate
- (b) Synonymous
- (c) Disparate
- (d) Equivalent

Ans.(c)

Q174. What is the antonym of "Obdurate"?

- (a) Adamant
- (b) Inflexible
- (c) Compliant
- (d) Unyielding

Ans.(c)

Q175. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: Are on a collision course

- (a) Heading towards an inevitable conflict
- (b) Moving towards each other in a peaceful way
- (c) Working together on a project
- (d) Having different goals but no conflict

Ans.(a)

Q176. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

He said to me, "If I had known of your arrival, I would have postponed the meeting until tomorrow."

- (a) He told me that if he had known of my arrival, he would have postponed the meeting until the following day.
- (b) He told me that if he knew of my arrival, he would postpone the meeting until the next day.

(c) He said to me that if he had known of your arrival, he would have postponed the meeting until tomorrow.

(d) He told me that had he known of my arrival, he will have postponed the meeting the following day.

Ans.(a)

Q177. Choose the best option to replace the highlighted part to improve the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution.'

They decided to put up the launch indefinitely before their chairman was released from jail.

(a) Put on the launch indefinitely till

(b) Put off the launch indefinitely until

(c) Put by the launch indefinitely after

(d) No substitution

Ans.(b)

Q178. According to the passage, which of the following remained unaffected by the strike?

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Banking services across the country were thrown into disarray on Friday as the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), the umbrella body representing the overwhelming majority of bank officers and employees, observed a one-day nationwide strike in support of its long-pending demand for a five-day working week. Nearly eight lakh employees of public sector banks joined the agitation, leaving most state-run branches either wholly or partially shut. Cash deposits and withdrawals, cheque clearances and routine administrative work were disrupted at numerous branches, and a few older private banks reported difficulties as well; digital channels, however, including UPI and internet banking, functioned without interruption.

At the heart of the dispute lies a curious impasse. The unions contend that the conversion of all Saturdays into holidays was conceded in the 12th Bipartite Settlement signed with the Indian Banks' Association in March 2024, but the change still awaits notification by the government; branches at present remain open on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of every month. Union leaders point out that the arrangement envisaged extending daily working hours from Monday to Friday by forty minutes in compensation, and that the proposal has lain unapproved for the better part of two years.

The five-day week is not the only grievance. The forum is also pressing for improvements in pension benefits, a uniform dearness allowance formula for all pensioners, and an option for employees under the National Pension System to migrate to the Old Pension Scheme, besides a review of the Performance Linked Incentive scheme, which the unions say was recast in a discriminatory, individual-centred form that divides the workforce. The strike followed a conciliation meeting with the Chief Labour Commissioner that ended without result.

The UFBU has described Friday's stoppage as merely the first phase of its agitation, announcing a three-day strike from 28 to 30 September and threatening an indefinite strike from 26 October should its demands remain unaddressed.

(a) Cheque clearance at public sector branches

(b) Routine administrative work at branches

(c) UPI and internet banking services

(d) Operations at certain older private banks

Ans.(c)

Q179. The word "impasse" as used in the second paragraph most nearly means:

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- (a) A deliberate act of administrative retaliation
- (b) A deadlock from which no progress appears possible
- (c) A sudden and unforeseen reversal of policy
- (d) A prolonged dispute over the interpretation of a contract

Ans.(b)

Q180. Which of the following can be most reasonably inferred from the passage?

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At the heart of the dispute lies a curious impasse. The unions contend that the conversion of all Saturdays into holidays was conceded in the 12th Bipartite Settlement signed with the Indian Banks' Association in March 2024, but the change still awaits notification by the government; branches at present remain open on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of every month. Union leaders point out that the arrangement envisaged extending daily working hours from Monday to Friday by forty minutes in compensation, and that the proposal has lain unapproved for the better part of two years.

The five-day week is not the only grievance. The forum is also pressing for improvements in pension benefits, a uniform dearness allowance formula for all pensioners, and an option for employees under the National Pension System to migrate to the Old Pension Scheme, besides a review of the Performance Linked Incentive scheme, which the unions say was recast in a discriminatory, individual-centred form that divides the workforce. The strike followed a conciliation meeting with the Chief Labour Commissioner that ended without result.

The UFBU has described Friday's stoppage as merely the first phase of its agitation, announcing a three-day strike from 28 to 30 September and threatening an indefinite strike from 26 October should its demands remain unaddressed.

- (a) The Indian Banks' Association is opposed to the demand for a five-day week
- (b) A settlement signed between the unions and the IBA does not by itself take effect without governmental notification
- (c) The strike was called without any prior attempt at negotiation
- (d) Public sector banks have suffered heavier financial losses than private banks

Ans.(b)

Q181. The unions' objection to the Performance Linked Incentive scheme is founded on the ground that it:

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- (a) links incentives to the profitability of the bank as a whole
- (b) reduces the quantum of incentive payable to senior executives
- (c) is based on individual performance and thereby fractures the workforce
- (d) has been kept in abeyance without consulting the employees

Ans.(c)

Q182. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage?

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- (a) The UFBU regards the one-day strike as the opening phase of a longer agitation
- (b) Bank branches are at present open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month
- (c) The unions have threatened to go on an indefinite strike from 26 October
- (d) The proposed five-day week was to be offset by a lengthening of daily working hours

Ans.(b)

Q183. Select the correct direct form of the given sentence.

The captain urged his men not to lose heart, assuring them that reinforcements would reach them before nightfall.

- (a) The captain said to his men, "Do not lose heart; reinforcements will reach you before nightfall."
- (b) The captain said to his men, "Don't lose heart; reinforcements would reach you before nightfall."
- (c) The captain said to his men, "You must not lose heart, for reinforcements reach us before nightfall."
- (d) The captain told his men, "Do not lose your heart; reinforcements shall have reached you before nightfall."

Ans.(a)

Q184. Given below are four jumbled parts of a sentence. Select the option that gives their correct order and forms a meaningful sentence.

P. to automate complex tasks that once

Q Artificial Intelligence has the potential

R. required human intuition and years of specialized training

S. thereby revolutionizing the modern workforce

- (a) QPRS
- (b) RQPS
- (c) PSQR
- (d) SQPR

Ans.(a)

Q185. Which of the following words is the closest synonym of the word "underneath"?

- (a) Above
- (b) Behind
- (c) Beneath
- (d) Across

Ans.(c)

Q186. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blanks.

The villagers brought the little boy to the _____, who examined him closely, spotted a mole on his left _____, and solemnly declared him the chosen one.

- (a) oracle, oracle
- (b) auricle, oracle
- (c) auricle, auricle
- (d) oracle, auricle

Ans.(d)

Q187. Choose the correct word to fill in blank (A) and complete the sentence.

Complete the passage by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate words.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition that affects millions of people worldwide. It is characterized by episodes of wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness, which occur when the airways become inflamed and constricted. The exact cause of asthma remains unclear, but it is believed to be a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Certain triggers, such as dust, pollen, pet dander, and air pollution, can ___A___ asthma symptoms, making it difficult for sufferers to breathe. Managing asthma involves both preventative and rescue measures. Medications such as inhalers are commonly used to reduce inflammation and open the airways. However, these medications alone are not enough. It is important for individuals with asthma to identify their ___B___ triggers and avoid them whenever possible. Additionally, lifestyle changes such as regular exercise and a healthy diet can help strengthen the immune system and improve lung function. Despite advances in treatment, asthma can still be a debilitating condition. In severe cases, it may lead to hospitalization or even death. This makes early diagnosis and proper management ___C___ essential for those affected by the disease. Furthermore, public awareness about asthma is crucial to help people understand the severity of the condition and seek prompt medical attention. The lack of awareness can lead to ___D___ consequences, including inadequate treatment and mismanagement of asthma attacks. Moreover, it is important to remember that asthma is a ___E___ condition that requires long-term care and vigilance.

- (a) relieve
- (b) trigger
- (c) prevent
- (d) treat

Ans.(b)

Q188. Fill in blank (B) with the appropriate word.

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- (a) immediate
- (b) known
- (c) unknown
- (d) knowingly

Ans.(b)

Q189. Choose the correct word to fill in blank (C), which correctly collocates with the word "essential".
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- (a) more
- (b) very
- (c) much
- (d) So

Ans.(b)

Q190. Choose the word that best fits blank (D), referring to serious consequences.

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- (a) recurrent
- (b) sporadic
- (c) rare
- (d) life-threatening

Ans.(d)

Q191. Choose the word for blank (E) that best describes a long-standing asthma.

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- (a) chronic
- (b) acute
- (c) temporary
- (d) preventable

Ans.(a)

Q192. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in PASSIVE VOICE.

The disciplinary committee will not tolerate such egregious breaches of protocol at any future convocation.

- (a) Such egregious breaches of protocol are not tolerated by the disciplinary committee at any future convocation.
- (b) Such egregious breaches of protocol will not been tolerated by the disciplinary committee at any future convocation.
- (c) Such egregious breaches of protocol shall not be tolerating by the disciplinary committee at any future convocation.
- (d) Such egregious breaches of protocol will not be tolerated by the disciplinary committee at any future convocation.

Ans.(d)

Q193. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

P: In contrast, applying a heavy moisturizer first **would** block the absorption of lighter serums.

Q: Hence, layering products from thinnest to thickest consistency ensures maximum efficacy for every ingredient.

R: Typically, a balanced skincare routine begins with a gentle cleanser to remove daily impurities.

S: Additionally, active treatments like vitamin C should be applied directly onto clean, damp skin.

- (a) QSPR
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) PRSQ
- (d) RSPQ

Ans.(d)

Q194. Directions: Select the option that expresses the given sentence in PASSIVE VOICE.

Who vandalised the marble plaques that adorn the memorial's eastern colonnade?

- (a) Who were the marble plaques that adorn the memorial's eastern colonnade vandalised by?
- (b) By whom the marble plaques that adorn the memorial's eastern colonnade were vandalised?
- (c) By whom were the marble plaques that adorn the memorial's eastern colonnade vandalised?
- (d) Whom were the marble plaques that adorn the memorial's eastern colonnade vandalised by?

Ans.(c)

Q195. Choose the correct one-word substitution for the italicized phrase:

"After a long day, Maya sat by the window in a state of being pleasantly lost in her thoughts."

- (a) Euphoria
- (b) Solitude
- (c) Reverie
- (d) Delirium

Ans.(c)

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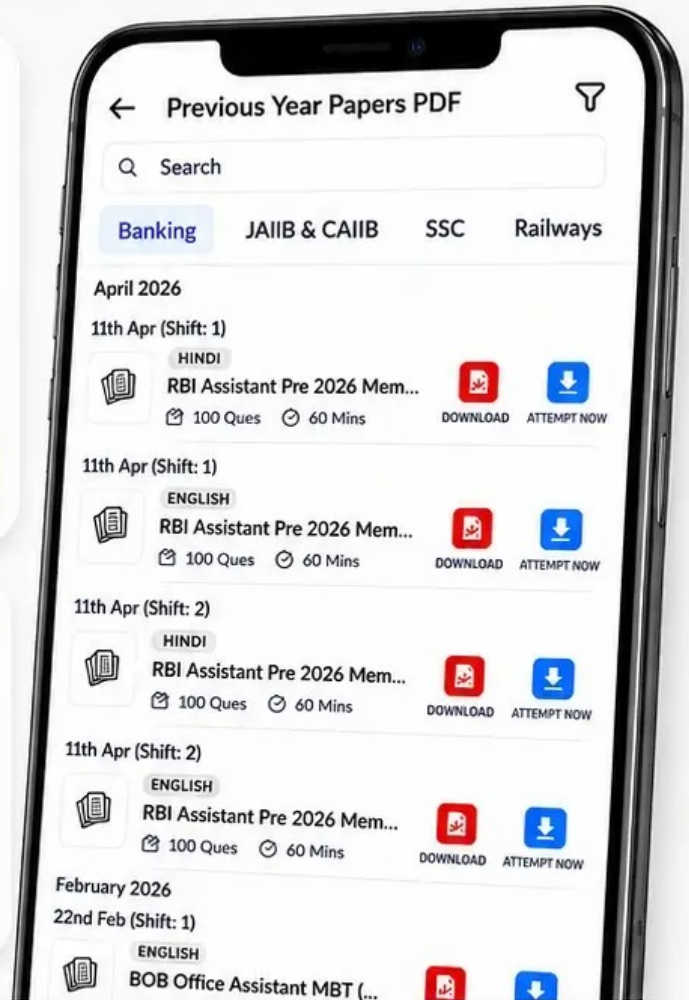
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Q196. Change the following sentence into the Active form.

He was seen to have been struggling with the technical presentation for over an hour by the project manager.

- (a) The project manager saw him struggling with the technical presentation for over an hour.
- (b) He struggled with the technical presentation for over an hour, and the project manager saw him.
- (c) The project manager saw that he was struggling with the technical presentation for over an hour.
- (d) The project manager had seen him struggling with the technical presentation for over an hour.

Ans.(a)

Q197. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction:

The patient responded well to the treatment, _____ the prognosis remains guarded.

- (a) hence
- (b) therefore
- (c) yet
- (d) because

Ans.(c)

Q198. Select the grammatically correct option to fill in the blanks.

Since she is getting old she _____ a three-pronged stick to walk.

- (a) use
- (b) using
- (c) uses
- (d) has used

Ans.(c)

Q199. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect voice.

"The workers will be installing the new equipment," the supervisor said.

- (a) The supervisor said that the workers would be installing the new equipment.
- (b) The supervisor said that the workers will be installing the new equipment.
- (c) The supervisor said that the workers had been installing the new equipment.
- (d) The supervisor said that the workers were installing the new equipment.

Ans.(a)

Q200. Directions: Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A deer in the headlights

- (a) So dazzled by sudden fame that one loses all judgement
- (b) A person who takes reckless risks on the open road
- (c) In a state of paralysing shock or confusion that leaves one unable to act
- (d) An easy target deliberately singled out for attack

Ans.(c)