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Directions : Questions No. **1** to **5** are designed to test your knowledge of common errors that appear in usage and application of English language. Each question has four sentences out of which three are incorrect and one is correct due to grammatical error or due to wrong usage of words. You have to select the correct sentence from the four options given and shade/blacken the corresponding answer in your answer sheet.

1. (1) The boy regretted that with a plastered leg he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair

(2) The boy regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair with a plastered leg

(3) With a plastered leg, the boy regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair

(4) The boy with a plastered leg regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair

2. (1) Some people consider Karan the valorous hero of all the characters in the Mahabharatha

(2) Some people consider Karan as the most valorous hero of all the characters in the Mahabharatha

(3) Some people consider Karan the most valorous hero of all the other characters in the Mahabharatha

(4) Some people consider Karan the most valorous hero of all the characters in the Mahabharatha

3. (1) A good teacher provides a student all the useful information

(2) A good teacher provides to a student all the useful information

(3) A good teacher provides a student with all the useful information

(4) A good teacher provides to student with all the useful information

4. (1) The fact that credit cards are widely available has made them a popular form of payment

(2) The fact of credit cards are widely available has made them a popular form of payment

(3) The fact which is credit cards are widely available has made them a popular form of payment

(4) The fact is that credit cards are widely available has made them a popular form of payment

5. (1) Which of the following features are important when you do feel choosing a house?

(2) Which features feel important when you do follow choosing a house?

(3) Which of the following features do you feel are important when choosing a house?

(4) Which of the following features you do feel are important when you choosing a house?

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Directions : To answer Questions No. **6** to **12,** choose the word or phrase which is a synonym or nearest in meaning to the word or phrase underlined and shade/blacken the corresponding circle in your answer sheet.

Example :

This company's products are durable

(1) Delicate

(2) Lasting

(3) Flimsy

(4) Short-lived

Explanation :

In the answers, the word 'lasting' that is Option (2) is nearest in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence. So you have to shade/blacken option (2) in your answer sheet for this exam.

6. The wedding was an extravagant affair.

(1) Lavish

(2) Monstrous

(3) Sober

(4) Abnormal

7. Amitabh Bachchan always looks debonair.

(1) Worried

(2) Elegant

(3) Courteous

(4) Stiff

8. The military coup in Myanmar caused a furore.

(1) Order

(2) Calm

(3) Tranquillity

(4) Turmoil

9. The explorers undertook a hazardous trek up the mountain.

(1) Harmless

(2) Dangerous

(3) Unpleasant

(4) Wicked

10. Major Rao had an illustrious career in the army.

(1) Distinguished

(2) Notorious

(3) Average

(4) Mediocre

11. The minister built a palatial house in the village.

(1) Humble

(2) Noble

(3) Luxurious

(4) Beautiful

12. Mohammed Rafi was a legendary singer.

(1) Renowned

(2) Mythical

(3) Old

(4) Fictional

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Directions : To answer Questions No. **13** to **19,** choose the word which is an antonym or the most opposite in meaning to the word underlined and shade/blacken the corresponding circle in your answer sheet.

Example :

They are identical row houses.

(1) Like
(2) Similar
(3) Alike
(4) Different

Explanation :

In the answers, the word 'different' that is option (4) is the opposite of the underlined word 'identical'. So you have to shade/blacken option (4) in your answer sheet for this example.

13. Mr. Rahul made his secretary's life miserable.

(1) Uncomfortable
(2) Happy
(3) Poverty stricken
(4) Miserly

14. The speaker was frequently interrupted.

(1) Often
(2) Rarely
(3) Much
(4) Repeatedly

15. It was a laudable achievement

(1) Admirable
(2) Praiseworthy
(3) Shameful
(4) Blameless

16. The winner of the literary prize was an obscure writer.

(1) Famous
(2) Mysterious
(3) Dark
(4) Enigmatic

17. He participated in all the competitions

(1) Observed
(2) Shared
(3) Joined
(4) Played

18. The patients had to be isolated

(1) Detached
(2) Frequent
(3) Solitary
(4) Accessible

19. He raced to the station but missed the train

(1) Strolled
(2) Ran
(3) Rushed
(4) Hurried

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Directions : For Questions No. **20** to **26,** an idiom or phrase has been used in the sentence. You have to choose the option which explains the correct meaning of that and shade/blacken the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Example :

She felt <u>like a fish out of water</u> in sophisticated company

(1) She felt happy
(2) She felt comfortable
(3) She felt uncomfortable
(4) She felt cold

Explanation :

The answer is option (3) as the underlined part means "feel uncomfortable of something" so you have to choose option (3) and shade/blacken the corresponding answer in your answer sheet for this example.

20. Their trip was cancelled as it was <u>raining cats and dogs</u>.

(1) Snowing heavily
(2) Too expensive
(3) Bad habit
(4) Raining heavily

21. Varudha doesn't like watching cricket. It is not <u>her cup of tea</u>

(1) too sweet
(2) something that interests her
(3) too bad
(4) something that discourages her

22. John passed his exams <u>with flying colours</u>

(1) with his friends
(2) with a bad score
(3) with a good score
(4) with colour pencils

23. Papa <u>keeps a straight face</u> even while cracking a joke.

(1) has no expression on his face
(2) looks at the wall
(3) sits straight
(4) concentrate on something

24. Ever Since Shubha got her new job, she has been <u>on cloud nine</u>.

(1) extremely happy
(2) very tired
(3) transferred to city
(4) instructed to learn

25. If you break rules you will land yourself <u>in the soup</u>

(1) in the market
(2) in drink soup
(3) to get water
(4) in trouble

26. The train to Mumbai was cancelled <u>at the eleventh hour</u>

(1) at 11 p.m.
(2) at the last minute
(3) at 11 a.m.
(4) at first

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Directions : For Questions No. **27** to **34** a word is given followed by four options. You have to select the option which explains the meaning of the word and mark the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Example :

Undermine

(1) Unavoidable
(2) Influence
(3) Weaken
(4) Prosper

Explanation :

Undermine means weaken. So option (3) is correct and you have to mark the same in your answer sheet for this example.

27. Annihilate

(1) Cut quickly
(2) Sing confidently
(3) Destroy completely
(4) Discuss anxiously

28. Colossal

(1) Silly
(2) Rigid
(3) Huge
(4) Flexible

29. Diligent

(1) Hard working
(2) Bright side
(3) Dishonest person
(4) Different method

30. Excursion

(1) Long drive
(2) Short trip
(3) Healthy food
(4) Heavy stick

31. Foliage

(1) Criminals
(2) Figures
(3) Servants
(4) Leaves

32. Prolific

(1) Normal
(2) Generous
(3) Fertile
(4) Arrogant

33. Solitary

(1) Slow
(2) Superior
(3) Single
(4) Sensible

34. Well-Versed

(1) Highly experienced
(2) Strictly prohibited
(3) Thick skinned
(4) Popular poem

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Directions : For Questions No. **35** to **42**, four words are given and one of those words is correctly spelt. You have to identify the word with the correct spelling and mark the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Example :

Select the correctly spelt word from the following :

(1) Groteskue
(2) Grotesck
(3) Grotesque
(4) Grotesk

Explanation :

From the above given words, option (3) Grotesque is correctly spelt. You have to mark option (3) as the answer in your answer sheet.

Select the correctly spelt word from the following.

35. (1) Grandeur
(2) Granduer
(3) Grandour
(4) Granduor

36. (1) Predesessor
(2) Predecesser
(3) Predecessar
(4) Predecessor

37. (1) Glacier
(2) Glacear
(3) Glaceur
(4) Glaceer

38. (1) Nesessitate
(2) Necesitate
(3) Nececitate
(4) Necessitate

39. (1) Camauflage
(2) Camoflaege
(3) Camouflage
(4) Camouflege

40. (1) Assertain
(2) Accertain
(3) Ascertain
(4) Acsertain

41. (1) Flambouyant
(2) Flamboyant
(3) Flembouyant
(4) Flemboyant

42. (1) Perannial
(2) Perennial
(3) Parennial
(4) Parennail

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Directions : Question No. **43** to **49** are designed to test your ability to use the right prefix. Add a prefix so that the word conveys the meaning given in the brackets. Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given below to complete the word by adding a prefix and shade/blacken the corresponding answer in your answer sheet.

Example :

He is very ———— mature for his age.

(Not fully developed)

(1) mis
(2) dis
(3) im
(4) un

Explanation :

The correct answer is 'Im' here which is option (3) you have to shade/blacken option (3) in your answer sheet for this example.

43. We ———— frost the fridge regularly, so that it works at maximum efficiency.

(Free the accumulated ice)

(1) this
(2) de
(3) en
(4) un

44. NASA is searching for ———— terrestrial intelligence.

(Outside the earth)

(1) mono
(2) pro
(3) non
(4) extra

45. The girl was annoyed by his ———— sensitive remarks.

(No concern for others feelings)

(1) in
(2) non
(3) ill
(4) extra

46. Our inner strength will ———— able us to prevail over life's obstacles.

(Make it possible for)

(1) un
(2) en
(3) dis
(4) ill

47. Republic of India has ———— lingual states.

(Using several languages)

(1) bi
(2) semi
(3) inter
(4) multi

48. The spectators in the ———— theatre cheered the gladiators.

(An open circle building with central space for dramatic events)

(1) super
(2) amphi
(3) trans
(4) trance

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49. He gave an ———— taking not to leave the country before the trial.
(A formal pledge)
(1) over
(2) mis
(3) under
(4) semi

Directions : Question No. **50** to **56,** have incomplete sentences requiring the correct phrase to be filled in the blank. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase from the alternatives given below and shade/blacken the corresponding circle in your answer sheet.

Example :

If you go on working like this, your health is sure to ————.
(1) break into
(2) break up
(3) break with
(4) break down

The correct answer is option (4) 'Break down'. So you have to shade/blacken option (4) for this example in your answer sheet.

50. I cannot ———— all events of my childhood.
(1) call up
(2) call over
(3) call on
(4) call in

51. The Chief guest ———— the prizes to the winners.
(1) gave forth
(2) gave over
(3) gave away
(4) give off

52. He has ———— several arguments in support of the case.
(1) brought up
(2) brought forward
(3) brought out
(4) brought about

53. The police were able to ———— the rebellion.
(1) put off
(2) put down
(3) put forth
(4) put out

54. He ———— his views before the audience.
(1) set about
(2) set apart
(3) set on
(4) set forth

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55. Nobody wanted to ———— with any project in their neighbourhood.

(1) go on
(2) go after
(3) go forward
(4) go through

56. Searching in the library, she ———— a valuable manuscript.

(1) came across
(2) came of
(3) came about
(4) came after

Directions : In Questions No. **57** to **61**, there are sentences which are divided and numbered into three parts and one of the parts may contain an error. Identify the errors by (1), (2), (3) given under the parts of the sentences, if there are no errors mark (4) No error. Shade/Blacken the corresponding circle in your answer sheet.

Example :

There are many steps (1) who can be taken (2) to make public transport safe. (3) No Error. (4)

Explanation :

The correct answer in this case is option (2). It should be 'which/that can be taken'. So you must shade or blacken Option (2) for this question in your answer sheet.

57. That a refree sees (1) that a boxer is hurt (2) he should stop the fight. (3) No error (4)

58. The affects (1) of technology (2) on our lives are endless. (3) No error. (4)

59. Thanks You (1) for your letters (2) which I got Yesterday. (3) No error. (4)

60. More money (1) needs to spent (2) on the cure of cancer. (3) No error. (4)

61. Every girl (1) must bring (2) there own lunch. (3) No error. (4)

Directions : Questions No. **62** to **68**, deals with your ability to use appropriate preposition. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate preposition and shade/blacken the correct answer from the option given below in your answer sheet.

Example :

Mr. Rao prefers Coffee ———— tea.

(1) for
(2) to
(3) of
(4) from

The correct answer is 'to' here which is option (2). You have to shade/blacken option (2) in your answer sheet for this example.

62. The Time Table has been in force ———— Monday last.

(1) for
(2) by
(3) since
(4) at

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63. Found Guilty ———— stealing, he was imprisoned for six months.

(1) of
(2) upon
(3) to
(4) for

64. Why did you confine your secrets ———— a stranger.

(1) in
(2) into
(3) on
(4) to

65. Judged ———— the results, the policy of the Government was essentially successful.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) to
(4) up to

66. We were ———— a loss to know what you meant by your remark.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) with
(4) along

67. Let me first acquaint you ———— the facts.

(1) by
(2) for
(3) onto
(4) with

68. It is dangerous to intrude ———— the enemy's camp.

(1) through
(2) in
(3) into
(4) on

You have to complete the proverb (**69-73**) by selecting the correct answer from the options given below each question and fill in the blanks with the appropriate word so that the proverb conveys the meaning given in the brackets.

69. A burnt child ———— the fire.

(A person who is harmed by something becomes more cautious about it)

(1) Treads
(2) Sheds
(3) Dreads
(4) Fleds

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70. Barking dogs ———— bite.
(A person who threatens other people does not take any action)
(1) Random
(2) Seldom
(3) Sedum
(4) Selden

71. Familiarity breeds ————
(If you know someone or something very well, you become bored with them and stop treating them with respect)
(1) Exempt
(2) Contempt
(3) Content
(4) Tempt

72. ———— is the soul of wit.
(The essence of the witty statement lies in the concise wording and delivery)
(1) Brevity
(2) Clarity
(3) Heridity
(4) Reality

73. Prosperity makes many friends ———— tries them.
(Many friends will be with us in our good times and the same friends will desert us in our bad times)
(1) Calamity
(2) Animosity
(3) Hostility
(4) Adversity

Directions : In Questions No. 74 to 78, each question contains a paragraph of 6 sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning and end and numbered 1 and 6 respectively. The four sentences in the middle are jumbled and labelled P, Q, R, S. You must identify the proper order of these four sentences and shade/blacken the option that correctly identifies this sequence.

Example :

1. Once upon a time there lived a king
P. One day while hunting he was attacked by a tiger
Q. He had three ferocious hunting dogs
R. The dogs pounced on the tiger and saved the king's life.
S. The king used to take them with him while going out
6. He loved them till the end of his life

Select the code for the correct sequence from the options given below :
(1) P Q S R
(2) R Q S P
(3) Q S P R
(4) S P Q R

Explanation:

The correct sequence or order in this example is QSPR. So you have to shade/blacken option (3) in your answer sheet

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74. 1. An old, rich woman becomes blind and calls a doctor for getting treatment.
P. The doctor brings a court case and the judge asks the lady why she will not pay
Q. Every day he takes away some of her furniture and delays the cure.
R. The lady refuses to pay at the end, saying cure is not completed.
S. The lady agrees to pay large fee if cured, but nothing if not.
6. She says the sight is not properly cured. She cannot see her furniture. The verdict is given in her favour.

(1) P Q R S
(2) S Q P R
(3) R Q S P
(4) Q S R P

75. 1. Once two enemy goats were walking in a valley
P. Both of them began to pass at once
Q. Both of themselves found in the middle of the bridge
R. Each would not allow other to pass
S. They started to push each other
6. Both fell into the water

(1) P Q R S
(2) Q R P S
(3) S Q R P
(4) R P Q S

76. 1. On a summer day, a hungry fox was moving about for eating something
P. Grapes were ripen and juicy
Q. Made several attempts to reach the grapes.
R. Saw the bunches of grapes hanging down from tall poles
S. Fox's tongue began to water
6. But fox was unsuccessful and says himself "Grapes are sour".

(1) R P S Q
(2) Q R S P
(3) S Q P R
(4) P Q R S

77. 1. There were many rats in a house
P. All the rats liked the plan
Q. Rats became small in number. They held a meeting.
R. A cat in the same house ate the rats every day.
S. A young rat suggested to bell the cat.
6. An old rat said "Who will bell the cat". No rat came forward.

(1) Q R P S
(2) S R Q P
(3) P R Q S
(4) R Q S P

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78. 1. Birds meet to choose a king

P. It flies high and beats all

Q. A clever wren among them sits on Eagle's back at start.

R. They decide that birds flying highest should be their king.

S. Contest takes place.

6. Since wren flew the highest, it is declared as king of birds.

(1) S Q R P

(2) Q P R S

(3) S R P Q

(4) R S Q P

Directions : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (Questions no. **79** to **83**). Your answer to these questions should be based on the Passage only.

Passage

A particularly wicked snake infested a road and bit passers – by. A holy man happened to pass that way and the snake rushed at him to bite him. He calmly looked at it and said, "You want to bite me, don't you? Go ahead".

The snake was subdued by this unusual response and was overpowered by the gentleness of the holy man. The holy man said "Listen dear friend, how about promising me that you won't bite anyone from now on?" The snake bowed and nodded assent. The holy man went his way, and the snake began its life of innocence and non-violence.

Very soon the neighborhood discovered that the snake was harmless and the boys began to tease it mercilessly. They pelted it with stones and dragged it around by its tail. Still it kept its promise to the holy man and suffered.

Fortunately, the holy man happened to come by to see his latest disciple and was touched by the bruised and battered condition of the snake. When he asked it what had happened the snake said feebly, "O Swami, you said I should not bite anyone. But people are so merciless!"

The holy man said, "I asked you not to bite anyone. But I didn't ask you not to hiss!"

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79. The wicked snake lived in

(1) a road

(2) a forest

(3) an anthill

(4) a temple

80. The holyman reacted by

(1) Requesting the snake to spare him

(2) Hitting the wicked snake

(3) Talking to the snake gently

(4) Running away from there

81. The snake kept its promise to the holy man by

(1) Coming to an agreement with the people

(2) Biting the boys

(3) Withdrawing into an anthill

(4) Leading a life of innocence and non-violence

82. When the people discovered that the snake was harmless, they treated it

(1) Respectfully

(2) Gently

(3) Mercilessly

(4) Indifferently

83. What is the story in the passage about?

(1) A kind and gentle approach may be the best way to win a person

(2) The conflict between people and animals

(3) It is better to pretend to be bad than pretend to be good

(4) It is not necessary to educate the masses in non-violence

Directions : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (Question no **84** to **87**) your answers to these questions should be based on the passage only:

Passage

Rabindranath Tagore's emergence as an 'educator' was completely a matter of personal development, a necessary outcome of the entire course of his life and experience.

He was born into a house, which has been a centre of numerous ethnic and social movements and a nuclear of all sorts of progressive ideas and actions. Tagore absorbed all the rich and varied elements of eastern and

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western culture that made him a cosmopolitan. Tagore found his days in traditional school wasteful and oppressive. He had acquired more knowledge by self- education that gave shape and direction to his numerous powers and potentialities. He evolved as an educator par excellence. Tagore was at home in humanities as well as sciences; besides having a strong poetic sense, and in-depth intuition with philosophy and profound relation with music and arts. The tangible embodiment of this realization was Shantinikethan.

It was founded on 21st December, 1901 at the land purchase by his father maharshi Devendranath. Initially there were five students. All boys and all Bengalis. Tagore himself described Shantiniketan as his 'tangible poem', as the boat, 'the golden boat', 'sonar tori', which carried the best cargo of his life. The world responded and honoured him not merely as a poet, but as a poet Educator, as Gurudev.

84. How Tagore turned cosmopolitan?

(1) For being a poet

(2) As he absorbed western and eastern culture

(3) Since he was a self-educator

(4) None of these

85. Tagore had a strong poetic sense besides

(1) Being tactical

(2) Proficient in music and art

(3) Being adept in sports

(4) Being luxurious

86. The world honoured Tagore as

(1) Poet

(2) Educator

(3) Gurudev

(4) All the above

87. What do the word **Cosmopolitan** suggest in the passage?

(1) Simple minded

(2) Worldwide

(3) Innocent

(4) Provincial

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Directions : Question No. **88** to **91** have an expression, which can be replaced by a single word. Choose the most appropriate word from among the alternatives and shade/blacken the correct answer.

Example :

To be involved in an intense emotion

(1) Passionate
(2) Desperate
(3) Elaborate
(4) Aggregate

Since "Passionate" is the most appropriate one word for the given expression, you have to shade/blacken the option (1) in your answer sheet for this example.

88. A person who is able to think about and prepare for the future
(1) Optimist
(2) Far-sighted
(3) Ambitious
(4) Benevolent

89. The words of an Opera
(1) Soliloquy
(2) Oration
(3) Eulogy
(4) Librettos

90. A small vegetable of the onion family
(1) Ballad
(2) Shallot
(3) Ballot
(4) Pallet

91. The science or practice of drawing maps
(1) Calligraphy
(2) Cartography
(3) Biography
(4) Geography

Directions : In Questions No. **92** to **95** there is a relationship between the given two words. A similar relationship exists between one pair of words from amongst the four options. Identify the correct pair of words that has a similar relationship as the given pair of words and shade/blacken the corresponding circle in your answer sheet.

Example :

Eye : See
(1) Skin : Soft
(2) Teeth : White
(3) Ear : Hear
(4) Nail : Cut

Explanation :

The answer is Option (3) as 'Ear : Hear' has a similar relationship as 'Eye : See'. So you have to shade/blacken option (3) in your answer sheet for this example.

92. Anger : Hit
(1) Shout : Abuse
(2) Run : Jump
(3) Pain : Cry
(4) Play : Fall

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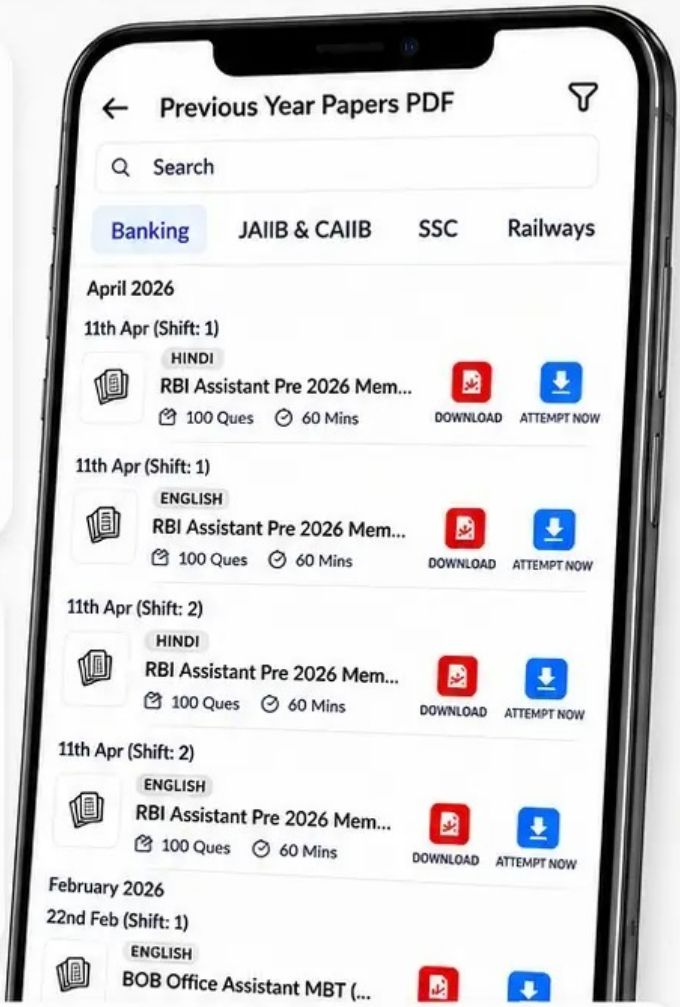
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93. Study : Exam

(1) Prepare : Interview

(2) Memorise : Read

(3) Write : Repeat

(4) Speak : Sing

94. Director : Film

(1) Doctor : Treat

(2) Athlete : Practise

(3) Swimmer : Health

(4) Writer : Book

95. Explain : Clarify

(1) Derive : Ascertain

(2) Enumerate : List

(3) Evaluate : Number

(4) Estimate : Grade

Directions : Questions No. **96** to **100** are based on the degrees of comparison (positive, comparative and superlative). Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word/words from the given alternatives and shade/blacken the corresponding circle according in your answer sheet.

96. An airplane flies ———— than birds.

(1) more faster

(2) fast

(3) faster

(4) fastest

97. It was the ———— moment of my life.

(1) Proud

(2) Most proud

(3) Prouder

(4) Proudest

98. Chennai is ———— than Mumbai.

(1) hot

(2) more hotter

(3) hottest

(4) hotter

99. Ravi is the ———— boy in his class.

(1) strongest

(2) strong

(3) stronger

(4) none of the above

100. Swamy is a ———— man.

(1) wisest

(2) wise

(3) wiser

(4) most wise