

STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

SOLVED PAPER

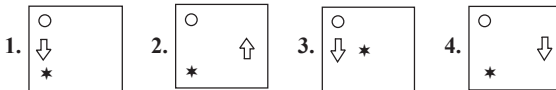
(17th November 2022: Shift-1)

Time Allotted- 2 hours

Max marks- 200

General Intelligence & Reasoning

1. Select the figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the following figures series.



2. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term and the sixth term is related to the fifth term.

7 : 84 :: 5 : ? :: 9 : 144

1. 30 2. 40 3. 36 4. 45

3. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.

1. GLE 2. RUP 3. TYR 4. HMF

4. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term and the sixth term is related to the fifth term.

8 : 36 :: 6 : ? :: 12 : 76

1. 20 2. 27 3. 22 4. 24

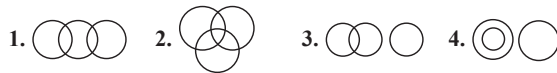
5. Select the option that will replace the question mark (?) in the following number series.

456, 444, 420, 384, 336, ?

1. 276 2. 256 3. 234 4. 264

6. Select the Venn diagram that best illustrates the relationship between the following classes.

Fur, Animal, Wood



7. In a code language, 'TANYA' is coded as BUBZO and 'RAHUL' is coded as BSMVI. How will 'MOHIT' be coded in the same language?

1. PNUJI 2. PNUIJ 3. QNUJI 4. PMUKI

8. In this question, the statement is followed by two conclusions. Which of the two conclusions is/are true?

Statement: $X < U = F > R \geq P < T < W$

Conclusions:

- I. $X < T$ II. $R > W$

1. Only conclusion I is true
2. Neither conclusion I nor II is true
3. Only conclusion II is true
4. Both conclusions I and II are true

9. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

102, 100, ?, 96, 112

1. 98 2. 100 3. 104 4. 108

10. If + means \times , \times means \div and \div means +, then what will come in place of ? in the given equation?

$7 \div 20 - 5 \times 20 + 2 = ?$

1. 10 2. 15 3. 20 4. 30

11. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

482, 524, 576, ?, 710, 792

1. 604 2. 618 3. 624 4. 638

12. In a certain code language, 'COUNTRY' is written as '3-15-21-14-20-18-25' and 'PEOPLE' is written as '16-5-15-16-12-5'. How will 'HIGHWAY' be written in that language?

1. 8-9-7-8-23-1-25 2. 25-1-23-8-7-9-8
3. 25-1-22-7-6-8-7 4. 7-8-6-7-22-0-24

13. Select the option that is related to the third term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term and the sixth term is related to the fifth term.

6 : 74 :: 9 : ? :: 5 : 52

1. 164 2. 168 3. 160 4. 172

14. Which option represents the correct order of the given words as they would appear in the English dictionary?

1. Sandwich 2. Salad 3. Salami
4. Saturn 5. Salty

1. 2, 3, 5, 1, 4 2. 3, 4, 2, 5, 1 3. 3, 2, 4, 1, 5 4. 2, 3, 4, 1, 5

15. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to sequentially replace the * signs and balance the given equation.

$88 * 44 * 22 * 66 * 99 * 251$

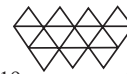
1. +, \div , -, \times , = 2. \div , +, -, \times , = 3. +, +, -, \times , = 4. -, \div , +, +, =

16. 'A & B' means 'A is the sister of B'.
'A - B' means 'A is the mother of B'.
'A \times B' means 'A is the husband of B'.
'A @ B' means 'A is the son of B'.

Which of the following options means, 'L is the father of O'?

1. $L \& M \times N @ O$ 2. $L \times M - N \& O$
3. $L \times M - N \times O$ 4. $L @ M - N \& O$

17. How many triangles are there in the given figure?



1. 18 2. 14 3. 19 4. 16

18. Select the figure from the options that can replace the question mark (?) and complete the pattern.



19. Which letter cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?

ABDG, BCEH, ?, DEGJ, EFHK

1. CEFG 2. CDFI 3. CDGI 4. CEGH

20. Which of the following interchange of signs would make the given equation correct?

$42 \div 7 - 64 + 11 \times 6 = 4$

1. \div and - 2. \times and + 3. \times and - 4. + and -

21. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III.

Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.

Statements:

Some telescopes are periscopes.

Some telescopes are microscopes.

Some telescopes are kaleidoscopes.

Conclusions:

I. Some kaleidoscopes are telescopes.

II. Some microscopes are kaleidoscopes.

III. Some microscopes are telescopes.

1. Only conclusion III follows
 2. Only conclusions I and III follow
 3. Only conclusions II and III follow
 4. All the conclusions follow
22. Nine persons – Ajay, Rahul, Beena, Ajit, Komal, Pawan, Ankit, Aditya and Kaushal – are sitting in a straight line, facing north, but not necessarily in the same order. Rahul is fourth to the right of Beena. Komal is second to the left of Aditya and fourth to the right of Ajay, who is fifth to the left of Ajit. Ajay is NOT an immediate neighbour of Beena. Aditya is sitting on the extreme right end. Pawan is NOT an immediate neighbour of Rahul. Who are the immediate neighbours of Rahul?
1. Ajay, Ankit
 2. Kaushal, Ankit
 3. Kaushal, Komal
 4. Ajay, Komal

23. Which two numbers from amongst the given options should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?

$$108 \div 3 - 126 \div (5 \times 3 + 12) + 4 = 11$$

1. 11 and 12
 2. 12 and 3
 3. 12 and 4
 4. 126 and 108
24. Select the option that is related to the fifth letter-cluster in the same way as the second letter-cluster is related to the first letter-cluster and the fourth letter-cluster is related to the third letter-cluster.
- PAVE : FXDT :: AXLE : FNAE :: BREW : ?
1. XGVF
 2. XHTF
 3. XGUF
 4. XGTF

25. In this question three statements are given followed by three conclusions I, II and III. You have to consider the three statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion(s) logically follow(s) from the given statements.

Statements:

Some bricks are metals.

All metals are shiny.

No shiny thing can float.

Conclusions:

I. Some metals can float.

II. No brick can float.

III. Some bricks are shiny

1. All conclusion, I, II and III follow.
2. Only conclusion III follows.
3. None of the conclusions follow.
4. Only conclusion II follows.

26. Two statements are given followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.

Statements:

Some tasks are jobs.

No job is a duty.

Conclusions:

I. All tasks can never be duties.

II. Some tasks are duties.

1. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
 2. Either conclusion I or II follows
 3. Only conclusion II follows
 4. Only conclusion I follows
27. Prince drives 8 km towards east from point A. He takes a right turn and drives 3 km. Again, he takes a right turn and drives 5 km. He takes a right turn and drives 8 km. Finally, he takes a left turn and drives 3 km to reach point B. How far and towards which direction should he drive now in order to reach point A again?
1. 3 km towards west
 2. 5 km towards south
 3. 2 km towards east
 4. 4 km towards north
28. Select the option that is related to the third number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number and the sixth number is related to the fifth number.
- 17 : -153 :: -13 : ? :: -21 : 189
1. -104
 2. 117
 3. 129
 4. -127
29. Which letter cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?
- RJXU, ZANB, ?, PITP, XZJW
1. HRDI
 2. JTEI
 3. HDRI
 4. JWPR
30. Town B is to the east of Town A. Town C is to the north of Town B. Town D is to the east of Town C. Town E is to the south of Town D. What is the position of Town E with respect to Town A? (All positions are arranged in GRID pattern)
1. South-West
 2. North
 3. North-West
 4. East
31. Select the option that is related to the fifth term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term and the fourth term is related to the third term.
- OUT 2 : WWP 4 :: AXE 5 : HZB 25 :: ART 7 : ?
1. WTB 49
 2. WTB 35
 3. VTB 49
 4. WTB 14
32. Looking at a family photo, F pointed to A and said, "She is my sister G's father D's sister E's father B's wife". How is B related to F?
1. Father's brother
 2. Son
 3. Father's father
 4. Father
33. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a square table facing outwards. Some of them are sitting at the corners while some are sitting at the exact centre of the sides. A is sitting to the immediate left of B and right of H. H is sitting between A and G. F is sitting to the immediate left of G and right of E. D is sitting between E and C. C is sitting to the immediate right of B. Who is sitting between C and E?
1. D
 2. B
 3. G
 4. A
34. A, B, C, D, E, F and G are seven friends having different heights. A is taller than C but shorter than B. C is taller than F but shorter than A. B is taller than A but shorter than 2 persons. D is taller than B. E is not the tallest and G is the shortest. How many people are taller than C?
1. 5
 2. 3
 3. 1
 4. 4
35. What was the day of the week on 24 August 1923?
1. Monday
 2. Sunday
 3. Thursday
 4. Friday
36. 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 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.)

(56, 5, 9)

(80, 8, 12)

1. (172, 8, 15) 2. (151, 4, 13) 3. (143, 12, 18) 4. (75, 11, 14)

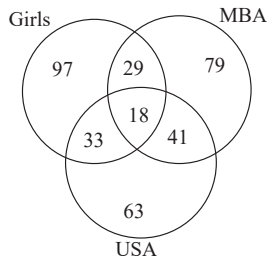
37. Which two numbers from amongst the given options should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?

$$(240 \div 2 + 5) \times 8 + 15 \times 8 = 100$$

1. 2 and 8 2. 100 and 240 3. 5 and 8 4. 15 and 5

38. Study the given diagram carefully and answer the question. The numbers in different sections indicate the number of persons.

How many girls have MBA degrees?



1. 18 2. 47 3. 29 4. 51

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

(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)

(51, 34, 85)

(67, 42, 109)

1. (69, 44, 102) 2. (56, 31, 77) 3. (78, 51, 119) 4. (73, 38, 111)

40. Select the option that represents the letters which, when placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.

U _ U M _ P _ U J _ M M P P _ J U _ M P _

1. M M U U J P P 2. J M P U U M P

3. M J P U M U P 4. J M M P U U P

41. Select the option that is related to the fourth term in the same way as the first term is related to the second term and the fifth term is related to the sixth term.

11 : 132 :: ? : 342 :: 22 : 506

1. 17 2. 19 3. 18 4. 20

42. In a certain code language, 'MERCHANT' is written as 'NFSCHCPV' and 'INTERIOR' is written as 'JOUERKQT'. How will 'JUNCTION' be written in that language?

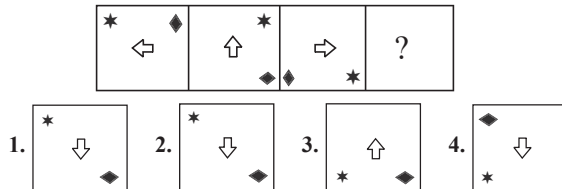
1. KVOCTKQP 2. KVOCTJPO

3. KVOCTKPQ 4. KVOCTJQP

43. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.

1. ADBG 2. CFDI 3. TWUZ 4. ILJQ

44. Select the figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the following figure series.

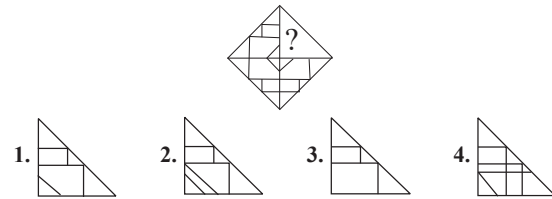


45. If A denotes '+', B denotes '×', C denotes '−', and D denotes '÷', then what will come in place of '?' in the following equation?

$$(9 A 9 C 55 D 5) B ? = 10 B 3 A 5$$

1. 5 2. 7 3. 11 4. 4

46. Select the figure from the options that can replace the question mark (?) and complete the given pattern.



47. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

7, 15, 30, 62, 125, 253, ?

1. 580 2. 408 3. 480 4. 508

48. In a certain code language, 'GARDEN' is written as 'FYOEGQ' and 'GOLDEN' is written as 'FMIEGQ'. How will 'ISLAND' be written in that language?

1. HQJBPG 2. HRIBPG 3. HQIBQG 4. HQIBPG

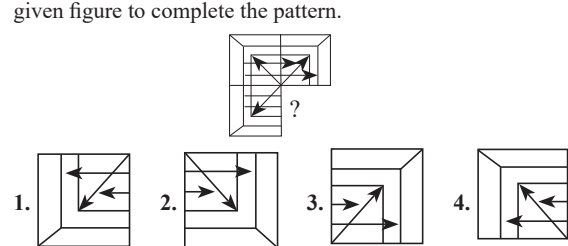
49. Arrange the following vehicles in a logical and meaningful order.

1. Car 2. Train 3. Cycle

4. Truck 5. Auto-rickshaw

1. 3, 1, 5, 4, 2 2. 5, 1, 3, 2, 4 3. 3, 4, 5, 2, 1 4. 3, 5, 1, 4, 2

50. Select the figure which will replace the question mark (?) in the given figure to complete the pattern.



General Awareness

51. Who among the following was the founder of the Sunga dynasty, who established his kingdom by killing the last Mauryan emperor?

1. Devabhuti 2. Pushyamitra
3. Bhagabhadra 4. Agnimitra

52. Which Indian cricketer announced his retirement from all kinds of competitive cricket in December 2021?

1. Harbhajan Singh 2. Suresh Raina
3. Ishant Sharma 4. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

53. Who among the following was popularly known as Masterda, who led the Chittagong Armory raid in April 1930 in British India?

1. Surya Sen 2. Ganesh Ghosh
3. Anant Singh 4. Lokenath Baul

54. Puccinia is a parasitic:

1. plant 2. animal 3. algae 4. fungus

55. In which of the following Olympics did the Indian football team finish fourth?

1. 1936 Berlin 2. 1948 London
3. 1960 Rome 4. 1956 Melbourne

56. For how many days, is the Karaga Utsav depicting the religious heritage and rich culture of Karnataka celebrated?
1. 7 2. 11 3. 13 4. 9
57. In which Indian city did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the Gobar-Dhan (Bio-CNG) Plant in February 2022?
1. Bhopal 2. Pune 3. Jaipur 4. Indore
58. Kalamandalam Ramankutty Nair received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship for his contribution to Kathkali in which of the following years?
1. 2011 2. 2004 3. 2017 4. 2009
59. Which of the following monsoon is responsible for torrential rainfall over the Tamil Nadu coast, southern Andhra Pradesh, southeast Karnataka and southeast Kerala during October and November?
1. South-west monsoon 2. North-east monsoon
3. South-east monsoon 4. North-west monsoon
60. In the context of Green Revolution, what does 'H' stand for in HYV?
1. Heterogenous 2. Homogenous
3. High 4. Hybrid
61. Which of the following religious communities in India primarily celebrates the Pateti festival?
1. Hindu 2. Muslim 3. Parsi 4. Sikh
62. Much of the rainfall along the Western Ghats is _____ as the moist air is obstructed and forced to rise along the Ghats.
1. local 2. orographic 3. convectional 4. cyclonic
63. In which year was the 86th Constitutional amendment (adding 11th fundamental duty) enacted?
1. 1985 2. 1997 3. 1978 4. 2002
64. What is the proportion of the Central government's ownership of capital in Regional Rural Banks?
1. 50% 2. 60% 3. 45% 4. 55%
65. Ecology was first described as a separate field of knowledge in _____ by the German zoologist, Ernst Haeckel.
1. 1866 2. 1880 3. 1845 4. 1890
66. Which Ministry implemented the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)?
1. Ministry of Law and Justice
2. Ministry of Rural Development
3. Ministry of Labour and Employment
4. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
67. What is the primary source of energy in an ecosystem?
1. Moonlight
2. Sunlight
3. Oxidation in plants
4. Heat released during respiration
68. After 1 November 2019 all international athletic events are being organised under the rules of:
1. International Olympic Committee
2. The International Association of Athletic Federation
3. The International Amateur Athletics Federation
4. World Athletics
69. Which law was formulated in 1662 and concluded that the product of pressure and volume remains almost constant?
1. Avogadro's Law 2. Dalton's Law
3. Boyle's Law 4. Charles's Law
70. What was the percentage of India's urban population in 2011?
1. 14.36% 2. 29.17% 3. 36.14% 4. 31.16%
71. The approach called 'magnetic confinement of plasma' is the scientific principle of which technique?
1. Fusion reactor 2. Particle accelerators
3. Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope
4. Electric generator
72. Which of the following is an inland riverine port?
1. Kolkata 2. Paradip
3. Kandla 4. Vishakhapatnam
73. The all-India poverty ratio was found to be _____ as per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021.
1. 28.6% 2. 30.2% 3. 25.01% 4. 24.0%
74. As of 10 April 2022, who among the following is the Governor of Tamil Nadu?
1. Banwarilal Purohit 2. RN Ravi
3. Jagdish Mukhi 4. C Vidyasagar Rao
75. Which of the following is written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee?
1. Chokher Bali 2. Durgeshnandini
3. Maila Aanchal 4. Pratigya
76. In July 2021, who among the following became India's first Union Minister of Cooperation?
1. Meenakshi Lekhi 2. Nirmala Sitharaman
3. Ramesh Pokhriyal 4. Amit Shah
77. The author of the novel 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness' is _____.
1. Kiran Desai 2. Arundhati Roy
3. Vikram Seth 4. VS Naipaul
78. Which cell organelle has a central core of a crystalline material called a nucleoid composed of urate oxidase crystals?
1. Glyoxysomes 2. Sphaerosomes
3. Peroxisome 4. Lysosomes
79. Kumar Gandharva, a renowned vocalist, is known for which of the following genres of music?
1. Carnatic Classical 2. Sufi Music
3. Hindustani Classical 4. Folk Music
80. As of March 2022, which of the following has NOT been a theme of the Independence Day celebrations?
1. Nation First Always First 2. Yaad Karo Kurban
3. Service Before Self 4. Towards True Freedom
81. Who among the following Chola kings built the Rajarajeshwara temple of Tanjore?
1. Rajendra Chola III 2. Rajadhiraja Chola
3. Rajaraja Chola I 4. Vikrama Chola
82. What type of plate boundaries occur along spreading centres where plates are breaking apart and pushing upward from the mantle by magma to form a new crust?
1. Uniform boundaries 2. Transform boundaries
3. Convergent boundaries 4. Divergent boundaries
83. Which Director General of ASI is responsible for the excavations leading to the discovery of two key city-sites of the Indus Civilization, in the 1920's?
1. Madho Sarup Vats 2. John Hubert Marshall
3. James Burgess 4. Mortimer Wheeler
84. Which of the following provides a definite shape to cells?
1. Nucleus 2. Membrane
3. Mitochondria 4. Ribosomes
85. Which of the following tribes of Nagaland celebrates the 'Mimkut' festival?
1. Changs 2. Kukis 3. Angamis 4. Kacharis
86. Which of the following thematic areas under the 'Deep Ocean Mission' is being implemented by the Centre for Marine Living Resources?
1. Technological innovations for exploration and conservation of deep-sea biodiversity
2. Development of ocean climate change advisory services

3. Energy and fresh water from the ocean
4. Deep ocean survey and exploration
87. In which of the following years was the 'Project Elephant' launched by the Government of India?
1. 1972 2. 1992 3. 1962 4. 1982
88. Which of the following is NOT a plantation crop?
1. Rubber 2. Tea 3. Coffee 4. Wheat
89. Who was the Prime Minister of India when the Industrial Policy of 1991 was launched?
1. Rajiv Gandhi 2. PV Narasimha Rao
3. Chandra Shekhar 4. VP Singh
90. In which of the following Olympics was field hockey included as a sport for the first time?
1. 1908 2. 1904 3. 1912 4. 1900
91. Which of the following varna was NOT entitled to the ritual of 'Upanayana Samskara' in later Vedic period?
1. Kshatriya 2. Brahmana 3. Vaishya 4. Shudra
92. Which of the following rulers was depicted on coins showing him playing the veena?
1. Vikramgupta 2. Ramagupta
3. Skandagupta 4. Samudragupta
93. The relative atomic masses of all elements have been found with respect to an atom of _____.
1. O16 2. S32 3. N15 4. C12
94. Which of the following dances evolved from 'Ekaharya Lasyanga'?
1. Kuchipudi 2. Kathakali
3. Bharatnatyam 4. Odissi
95. Pandit Jasraj, the doyen of Hindustani classical music, was a proponent of which of the following gharanas?
1. Kirana 2. Mewati 3. Dagar 4. Gwalior
96. Megasthenes, a Greek historian and diplomat came to India as an ambassador of Seleucus I Nicator. In which of the following Mauryan emperor's court did he come?
1. Chandragupta Maurya 2. Brihadratha
3. Ashoka 4. Samprati
97. Ustad Vilayat Khan, one of the great musicians from India, is globally renowned for playing which of the following instruments?
1. Sitar 2. Sarod 3. Tanpura 4. Violin
98. Which of the following is the green algae?
1. Liverwort 2. Rhodophyceae
3. Phaeophyceae 4. Chlorophyceae
99. Which of the following is the imitation of Taj Mahal of Agra?
1. Humayun's Tomb 2. Dariya Daulat Bagh
3. Akbar's Tomb 4. Bibi ka Maqbara
100. To propagate caste equality, _____ founded the Satyashodhak Samaj.
1. Jyotiba Phule 2. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar
3. Bal Gangadhar Tilak 4. Mahatma Gandhi
101. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Hit the nail on the head
1. Do something without having planned beforehand
2. Take advantage of a good situation
3. Do something pointless 4. Do something exactly right
102. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The tribesmen cautiously came _____ to collect the items left by the officials.
1. forward 2. after 3. afar 4. ahead
103. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Ron said to me, "He had his lunch at 2 p.m. yesterday."
1. Ron told me that he ate his lunch at 2 p.m. the previous day.
2. Ron told me that he had his lunch at 2 p.m. the previous day.
3. Ron told me that he had his lunch at 2 p.m. the previous day.
4. Ron told me that he had eaten his lunch at 2 p.m. the previous day.
104. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.
The blue whale is the largest animal that ever lived. The largest _____ grow to the length of a basketball court. A blue whale's heart is as big as a compact car. Its tails flukes are as wide as a soccer goal. These animals were hunted nearly to their _____.
1. Modal; elimination 2. sample; removal
3. pattern; eradication 4. specimens; extinction
105. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
She will already return home / when her parents get back / from their offices.
1. when her parents get back 2. No error
3. She will already return home
4. from their offices
106. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Camouflage
1. Disguise 2. Cover 3. Transform 4. Apparel
107. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Renegade
1. Follower 2. Leader 3. Fugitive 4. Criminal
108. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.
One must brush up on entire course before the day of examination.
1. brush about 2. brushing on
3. No substitution 4. brushing off
109. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
He pushed her on _____.
1. focus 2. deliberate 3. purpose 4. surplus
110. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The easiest _____ to get started is to use your imagination and maturity.
1. stretch 2. approach 3. work 4. thinking
111. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Hit the sack
1. Achieve something 2. Go to sleep
3. Complete the task 4. To harm someone
112. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.
Cissy promised to turn over a new leaf and keep her room clean from now on.
1. To tease someone
2. To start behaving in a better way
3. To take a chance 4. To accept immediately
113. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
He told me that I could eat from his plate.
1. He said, "You can eat from my plate."
2. He said to me, "Can you eat from my plate?"
3. He said, "I can eat from my plate."
4. He said to me, "You can eat from my plate."

English Comprehension

114. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
Because of his caring nature he is appreciated by all.
1. Because of his caring nature all appreciate him.
 2. Because of his caring nature everyone appreciate him.
 3. Because of his caring nature all will appreciate him.
 4. Because of his caring nature all appreciated him.
115. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The priest said, "Death is inevitable."
1. The priest said death had been inevitable.
 2. The priest said that death is inevitable.
 3. The priest said that death was inevitable.
 4. The priest told that death had been inevitable.
116. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The teacher was happy to meet her and asked, "When did you complete all these?"
1. The teacher was happy to meet her and asked when she had completed all those.
 2. The teacher was happy to meet her and asked when she had been completing all those.
 3. The teacher was happy to meet her and asked when did she complete all those.
 4. The teacher was happy to meet her and asked when had she completed all those.
117. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (S1 and S6) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up and named P, Q, R, S. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
(S1) The poster ranks high as a medium of publicity.
(P) Advertisement can be displayed before a much larger number of persons for a longer time by means of a poster than by the expenditure of the same amount of money in the Press, and it is, therefore, often found to be the better means of keeping them in the public eye.
(Q) Nor must it be forgotten that a newspaper is bought by the reader, and on that account enjoys an enhanced value; and further, that the purchaser usually takes the paper home where it is perused by the whole household.
(R) It has, by reason of its size and the facilities which it affords for the use of colour, a very powerful effect on the public mind.
(S) It must, however, be remembered that the attention received by a newspaper is much closer and more intimate than that accorded to a poster.
(S6) If more is desired than the instantaneous impact on the mind, the advertising value of the poster falls sharply.
1. Q, S, P, R
 2. P, Q, R, S
 3. R, P, S, Q
 4. R, P, Q, S
118. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The budding photographer used to climbed up the hill every morning to capture the beauty of the rising sun.
1. climbing up
 2. is climbs up
 3. climbs up
 4. climb up
119. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
In spite of being seriously handicapped, Stephen Hawking's is one of most eminent modern scientists.
1. is one of the most
 2. was one among most
 3. been one of the
 4. No substitution required
120. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
You must employ additional hands in complete the project in time.
1. in completing the project in time
 2. for completing the project of time
 3. No substitution required
 4. to complete the project on time
121. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Ajit does not help me with my homework.
1. I am not help by Ajit with my homework.
 2. I am not helped by Ajit with my homework.
 3. I am helped by Ajit with my homework.
 4. I am help by Ajit with my homework.
122. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
Riya arrived at / the train station / lately.
1. the train station
 2. No error
 3. lately
 4. Riya arrived at
123. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Separate the wheat from the chaff
1. Cooking food during famine
 2. To separate the valuable from the worthless
 3. Harvesting crops and cooking them
 4. Farming barren lands with little water
124. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Neena will visit Greece in May.
1. Greece had been visited by Neena in May.
 2. Greece has been visited by Neena in May.
 3. Greece will be visited by Neena in May.
 4. Greece will visit Neena in May.
125. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
By whom was Hindi taught to you?
1. By whom were you taught Hindi?
 2. Who teaches you Hindi?
 3. Who taught you Hindi?
 4. Who were you taught Hindi by?
126. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
In his character, / I could hardly find something / worthy of admiration.
1. I could hardly find something
 2. worthy of admiration
 3. No error
 4. In his character
127. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in future tense form.
The mass protests, sometimes, change the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries.
1. The mass protests, sometimes, had been changed the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries.
 2. The mass protests, sometimes, could change the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries.
 3. The mass protests, sometimes, are changing the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries.
 4. The mass protests, sometimes, has changed the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries.

128. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Throw the jacket
1. Let us throw the jacket
 2. The jacket was thrown by you.
 3. Let the jacket be thrown.
 4. The jacket must be thrown by you.
129. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The Principal said to the students, "Listen to the announcement carefully."
1. The Principal ordered the students to listen to the announcement carefully.
 2. The Principal told the students to listen to the announcement carefully.
 3. The Principal ordered the students to listen to the announcement carefully.
 4. The Principal suggested the students that they should listen to the announcement carefully
130. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Aspirations give us the clarity of our goals.
1. The clarity of our goals has been given by aspirations.
 2. The clarity is given of our goals by aspirations.
 3. The clarity of our goals are given by aspirations.
 4. The clarity of our goals is given by aspirations
131. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
People say Shyam is wise and honest.
1. It is believed that Shyam is wise and honest.
 2. Let's say that Shyam is wise and honest.
 3. Shyam is wise and honest is said by people.
 4. It is said that Shyam is wise and honest.
132. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
They were watching a movie on TV when their friends came.
1. A movie on TV was watching by them when their friends came.
 2. A movie on TV was being watched by them when their friends came.
 3. When their friends came, a movie on TV was watched by them.
 4. A movie on TV is being watched by them when their friend came.
133. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (S1 and S6) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
S1. Besides, there is something
A. which makes him feel
B. the wholeness of a thing
C. in the outlook of an Englishman
D. as the mere sum of its states
S6. and attributes for the time being.
1. BDCA 2. BCDA 3. BACD 4. CABD
134. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.
The heads turned to the back, where Dr. Pfizer, surrounded by the female troupe of dancers, beamed with exhilaration in a dazzling ocean-green dress paired with stunning jewellery.
1. pristine 2. lackluster 3. gingerly 4. luminous
135. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Adipose
1. Glutinous 2. Fat 3. Tissue 4. Stringy
136. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.
The movie Jumanji is based on a children's book of the same title.
1. No substitution 2. is based of
 3. is based upon 4. is being based by
137. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Unless we co-operate and work together, we cannot succeed.
1. pull together 2. pull up
 3. pull down 4. pull through
138. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Mona said to me, "Are you planning a trip to Disneyland?"
1. Mona enquired of me if I was planning a trip to Disneyland.
 2. Mona asked me that was I planning a trip to Disneyland?
 3. Mona enquired of me that was I planning a trip to Disneyland.
 4. Mona asked me if I had been planning a trip to Disneyland?
139. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Tigers look after their cubs till they can hunt on their own.
1. Till cubs can hunt on their own, tigers look at them.
 2. Cubs are looked after by tigers till they can hunt on their own.
 3. Cubs are looked by tigers till they can hunt on their own.
 4. After cubs can hunt on their own, tigers do not look them.
140. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Vice
1. Wrong 2. Immorality 3. Looseness 4. Villainy
141. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
By next year, / they will have / build their new tower
1. No error 2. build their new tower
 3. they will have 4. By next year
142. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
My mother will bake two dozen cookies for the bake sale.
1. Two dozen cookies shall be baked by my mother for the bake sale.
 2. Two dozen cookies will be baked by my mother for the bake sale.
 3. Two dozen cookies will be baked by my mother for the bake sale.
 4. Two dozen cookies will have been baked by my mother for the bake sale.
143. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Our forefathers loved trees and forests so much that they _____ deified and worshipped them as abodes of Vrikshadevata and Vanadevata.
1. even 2. heartily 3. downright 4. chiefly
144. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
Neither of my sisters / are interested to come / on a vacation with me.
1. No error 2. on a vacation with me
 3. are interested to come 4. Neither of my sisters

145. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Cumbersome
1. Fatigue 2. Clumsy 3. Easy 4. Light
146. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.
Ritika was deprived of her father's property as she married a knave.
1. Gallant 2. Novice 3. Rogue 4. Chauffeur
147. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM to replace the italicised word.
Actions done with *malice* have no good intention.
1. animosity 2. enmity 3. good will 4. rancour
148. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
Can you not / knock so louder / in the morning?
1. No error 2. knock so louder
3. in the morning 4. Can you not
149. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
Ajay will have been / writing his homework all day / by the time his mom returns.
1. writing his homework all day
2. Ajay will have been
3. No error 4. by the time his mom returns
150. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The child says, "I do not want to go to school."
1. The child say that I do not want to go to school.
2. The child says that I do not want to go to school.
3. The child says that he do not want to go to school.
4. The child says that he does not want to go to school.
151. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.
The soldiers showed fortitude and resilience while facing the opponents.
1. Ingenuity 2. Bravery
3. Atrocity 4. Conscientiousness
152. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The beggar woman said, "What will I do with so much money, my dear Prince?"
1. The beggar woman told the Prince what she would do with so much money.
2. The beggar woman said to the Prince what she could do with so much money.
3. The beggar woman said to the Prince what would she do with so much money.
4. The beggar woman asked the Prince what she should do with so much money.
153. Select the correct indirect form of speech for the given sentence.
Bajrang said, "I went to Chandigarh yesterday."
1. Bajrang said that he had gone to Chandigarh the day before.
2. Bajrang said that he was gone to Chandigarh the day before.
3. Bajrang said that he gone to Chandigarh the day before.
4. Bajrang said that he have gone to Chandigarh the day before.
154. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Lucky
1. Outrageous 2. Jealous 3. Auspicious 4. Ominous
155. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Rohan said, "I will arrive late."
1. Rohan says that he is late in his arrival.
2. Rohan said that he would arrive late.
3. Rohan said that I will arrive late.
4. Rohan said that he is arriving late.
156. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The cashier admitted that he was make a mistake.
1. have make a mistake 2. had made a mistake
3. No substitution required 4. will make a mistake
157. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
If I was the President of India, / I would work / to ensure communal harmony.
1. No error
2. to ensure communal harmony
3. I would work
4. If I was the President of India,
158. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
To be in the driving seat
1. To be in charge or control of a situation
2. To avoid speaking up on something
3. To be able to drive a vehicle
4. To allow other people to go past yourself
159. Identify the option that rectifies the error in the given sentence.
In the future, people are not going to physical stores as much as they do now.
1. In the future, people were not going to physical stores as much as they do now.
2. In the future, people are not gone to physical stores as much as they do now.
3. In the future, people should not go to physical stores as much as they do now.
4. In the future, people will not go to physical stores as much as they do now.
160. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Rabble
1. Rubbish 2. Havoc 3. Noise 4. Elite
161. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
PERCEIVE
1. observe 2. neglect 3. realise 4. feel
162. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
They will send Madhu away to a boarding school.
1. Madhu will be sent away to a boarding school by them.
2. Madhu will send away to a boarding school by them.
3. Madhu shall be sent away to a boarding school by them.
4. Madhu will have been sent away to a boarding school by them.
163. The following sentence has been divided into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Radha told her friends that / she will discuss the project / with her mentor when / she would meet him tomorrow.
1. she would meet him tomorrow.
2. Radha told her friends that
3. with her mentor when
4. she will discuss the project

164. Select the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence.
People with generous hearts can see the intrinsic value in something which looks worthless to others.
1. Impertinent 2. Genuine 3. Unrelated 4. Extraneous
165. Select the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence.
She was reluctant to say anything to the members of the board.
1. Impatient 2. Hesitant 3. Eager 4. Annoyed
166. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
He said to me, "Please pass the salt."
1. He asked for the salt.
2. He requested me to pass the salt.
3. He requested me that I pass the salt.
4. He advised me that I should pass the salt.
167. Identify the sentence that correctly uses the indefinite article.
1. He has a keen eye for business and every year his firm makes a great profit.
2. He has a keen eye for business and every year his firm makes great a profit.
3. He has keen eye for business and every year his firm makes great profit.
4. He has a keen eye for business and every year his firm makes great profit.
168. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
The poor cat was brutally chased by the kids.
1. The kids brutally chase the poor cat.
2. The kids did brutally chased the poor cat.
3. The kids were brutally chasing the poor cat.
4. The kids brutally chased the poor cat.
169. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
I is angry with myself / for making / so many mistakes.
1. No error 2. I is angry with myself
3. for making 4. so many mistakes
170. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
The / God / is / omniscient.
1. is 2. The 3. God 4. omniscient
Read the following passage and answer the question.
In digital environments, social media means interaction between individuals in which they generate, communicate and transfer thoughts and knowledge. Being social has become a fundamental need, demonstrating the effectiveness of humans. People who were unheard are now able to access information and have a voice because of the magnificent advancements in communication systems. The present generation has the privilege of witnessing some of the most incredible technological advancements in the history of mankind.
171. Identify a suitable title for the passage.
1. Media and Voices 2. Utility of Social Media
3. Use of Social Media 4. Media and Communication
172. Identify the tone of the passage.
1. Rational 2. Assertive 3. Satirical 4. Scientific
173. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Privilege
1. Prerogative 2. Disadvantage 3. Loss 4. Disabled
174. What does the word 'social' illustrate in the passage?
1. The subjectivity of humans
2. The effectiveness of humans
3. The growth of humans 4. The lack of humans
175. Identify the central theme of the passage.
1. Media and technology
2. Media and narration
3. Facts and advantages of media
4. Media and voice of the voiceless
- Read the following passage and answer the question.**
In the three days since schools reopened for junior students after two years, teachers are missing the familiar buzz in classrooms and have found a section of students to be unusually quiet. Some students are 'withdrawn', their social skills having been impacted by the long closure of schools. Teachers and counsellors are hopeful this would pass soon and till then they would have to be patient with the children and keep a close eye on their behaviour. "Children might have developed behavioural problems such as screen addiction and restlessness. They might have become impulsive and are not attentive to lessons. Teachers have to be proactive about the mental health of the child," said the psychiatrist.
176. What does 'keep a close eye' mean, according to the context?
1. Ignorance 2. Constant observation
3. A careless attitude 4. Blindness
177. What are the teachers missing after the schools reopened?
1. Screen addiction and restlessness
2. Unusually quiet classroom environment
3. Presence of students 4. Buzz in classrooms
178. Which of the following describes the most appropriate meaning of 'withdrawn' according to the context?
1. Hyperactive 2. Aggressive
3. Idle 4. Lost in themselves
179. According to the psychiatrist, which type of problems might children have developed?
1. Retention 2. Punctuality
3. Behavioural problems 4. Physical problems
180. How long has it been since the schools reopened?
1. Two days 2. Three days
3. Two years 4. Three years
- In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternative given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.**
National Educational Policy of India 2020 is built on the foundational (1) _____ of Equity, Access, Quality and Affordability. The policy is a (2) _____ framework of India's education system from elementary to higher education. It also discusses the (3) _____ and scope of vocational training. The objective is to (4) _____ India in a vibrant knowledge society and make the country a global knowledge superpower by providing a more (5) _____, flexible and multidisciplinary education to its youth.
181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. pillars 2. aims 3. column 4. post
182. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. inclusive 2. comprehensive
3. absolute 4. exclusionary
183. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. figure 2. profile 3. shape 4. outline
184. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. renovate 2. transgress 3. transform 4. redo
185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. atomistic 2. dated 3. holistic 4. total

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternative given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Sportsmanship can be thought of as a sustaining and reasonably stable attribute or possession that (1)_____ individuals on the basis of how they are expected to behave in sporting circumstances. Overall, sportsmanship makes reference to (2)_____ attributes such as fair play, self-control, fortitude and perseverance, and (3)_____ been associated with personal and social concepts such as treating others equitably and receiving fair and equal treatment, (4)_____ self-control when interacting with others, and showing respect for both, authority and opposition groups. Additionally, sportsmanship is defined as the way an individual (5)_____ to athletics and all the sports.

- 186. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
 - 1. identifies 2. defines
 - 3. modifies 4. distinguishes
- 187. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
 - 1. average 2. total 3. negative 4. positive
- 188. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
 - 1. had 2. have 3. has 4. have had
- 189. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
 - 1. mentions 2. prepares 3. exercising 4. follows
- 190. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
 - 1. reacts 2. receives 3. recreates 4. envisions

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternative given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Individuals might not always do just what we (1)_____ like them to do. No matter how justified or marginal our requirements (2)_____ we will occasionally be disheartened. Instinctually, when our expectations are not fulfilled, we become hurt and upset. Altercations terrify us since they are uncomfortable and have the potential to destroy relationships. However, avoiding confrontation does not (3)_____ the dispute, as unanswered questions also have a detrimental (4)_____ on relationships. Indeed, the true source of (5)_____ is our confrontational style, not the problem itself.

- 191. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
 - 1. will 2. can 3. could 4. would
- 192. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
 - 1. has been 2. was 3. were 4. are

- 193. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
 - 1. revise 2. fix 3. modify 4. stop
- 194. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
 - 1. side 2. influence 3. affect 4. effect
- 195. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
 - 1. issues 2. failure 3. quarrel 4. contestation

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternative given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Due to the fact that Shakespeare didn't produce an autobiography, (1)_____ is known about many parts of his life and some of it remains a (2)_____! Sometime before 1590, Shakespeare left Stratford. But where did he go? Again, it is not clear why, although one story suggests it is because he had been forced to run away from home after poaching deer! Little is known about what he did but eventually he travelled to London, which was the biggest city in England, though much (3)_____ than it is today. London provided opportunities unavailable anywhere else in the country and many poor people went hoping to make their fortunes. Importantly for Shakespeare, London had theatres! The first of these was opened in 1576 and by 1590 there were several 'playhouses' including the Rose, the Theatre and the Curtain. (4)_____, Shakespeare became an actor. However, he was soon writing plays too and by 1592, Shakespeare's work was being spoken about. One (5)_____ writer – Robert Greene – wrote rude things about this newcomer and referred to him as an 'upstart crow'. Disaster struck in 1593 when a terrible disease called the plague hit London. Thousands of people became unwell and died and this caused the theatres to shut. Rather than giving up, Shakespeare turned to writing poems rather than plays and soon the theatres were re-opened.

- 196. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
 - 1. little 2. insufficient 3. miniscule 4. ample
- 197. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.
 - 1. secret 2. history 3. exotic 4. mystery
- 198. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
 - 1. smaller 2. bigger 3. younger 4. larger
- 199. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.
 - 1. Primitively 2. Initially 3. Firstly 4. First of all
- 200. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.
 - 1. inferior 2. jealous 3. bad 4. rude

Answer Key

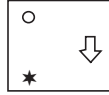
1. (4)	2. (2)	3. (2)	4. (3)	5. (1)	6. (4)	7. (1)	8. (2)	9. (3)	10. (1)	11. (4)	12. (1)
13. (1)	14. (1)	15. (4)	16. (2)	17. (3)	18. (2)	19. (2)	20. (4)	21. (2)	22. (2)	23. (2)	24. (3)
25. (2)	26. (4)	27. (2)	28. (2)	29. (1)	30. (4)	31. (1)	32. (3)	33. (1)	34. (4)	35. (4)	36. (4)
37. (1)	38. (2)	39. (4)	40. (2)	41. (3)	42. (1)	43. (4)	44. (4)	45. (2)	46. (1)	47. (4)	48. (4)
49. (4)	50. (2)	51. (2)	52. (1)	53. (1)	54. (4)	55. (4)	56. (2)	57. (4)	58. (2)	59. (2)	60. (3)
61. (3)	62. (2)	63. (4)	64. (1)	65. (1)	66. (2)	67. (2)	68. (4)	69. (3)	70. (4)	71. (1)	72. (1)
73. (3)	74. (2)	75. (2)	76. (4)	77. (2)	78. (3)	79. (3)	80. (3)	81. (3)	82. (4)	83. (2)	84. (2)
85. (2)	86. (1)	87. (2)	88. (4)	89. (2)	90. (1)	91. (4)	92. (4)	93. (4)	94. (3)	95. (2)	96. (1)
97. (1)	98. (4)	99. (4)	100. (1)	101. (4)	102. (1)	103. (2)	104. (4)	105. (3)	106. (1)	107. (1)	108. (3)
109. (3)	110. (2)	111. (2)	112. (2)	113. (4)	114. (1)	115. (2)	116. (1)	117. (3)	118. (4)	119. (1)	120. (4)
121. (2)	122. (3)	123. (2)	124. (3)	125. (3)	126. (1)	127. (2)	128. (3)	129. (3)	130. (4)	131. (4)	132. (2)
133. (4)	134. (2)	135. (4)	136. (3)	137. (1)	138. (1)	139. (2)	140. (2)	141. (2)	142. (2)	143. (1)	144. (3)
145. (2)	146. (3)	147. (3)	148. (2)	149. (3)	150. (4)	151. (2)	152. (4)	153. (1)	154. (3)	155. (2)	156. (2)
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181. (1)	182. (2)	183. (4)	184. (3)	185. (3)	186. (1)	187. (4)	188. (3)	189. (3)	190. (1)	191. (4)	192. (4)
193. (2)	194. (4)	195. (4)	196. (1)	197. (4)	198. (1)	199. (2)	200. (2)				

Answers with Explanations

1. **Option (4) is correct.**



As per the pattern followed and the symmetry, zero moves by 1 step clockwise and alternatively, it becomes shaded and unshaded.



2. **Option (2) is correct.**

$$7 : 84 :: 5 : ? :: 9 : 144$$

$$7 \times (7 + 5) = 84$$

$$9 \times (9 + 7) = 144$$

$$5 \times (5 + 3) = 40$$

3. **Option (2) is correct.**

Table of Alphabetical series (point to remember):

Alphabets	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Positional value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alphabets	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
Positional value	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14

G $\xrightarrow{+5}$	L $\xrightarrow{-7}$	E $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
7	12	5

R $\xrightarrow{+3}$	U $\xrightarrow{-5}$	P $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
18	21	16

T $\xrightarrow{+5}$	Y $\xrightarrow{-7}$	R $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
20	25	18

H $\xrightarrow{+5}$	M $\xrightarrow{-7}$	F $\xrightarrow{\quad}$
8	13	6

Hence, RUP is the odd one out.

4. **Option (3) is correct.**

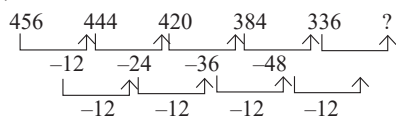
$$8 : 36 :: 6 : ? :: 12 : 76$$

$$8 \times 4 + 4 = 36$$

$$12 \times 6 + 4 = 76$$

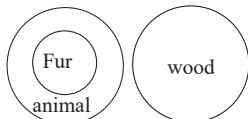
Similarly, $6 \times 3 + 4 = 22$

5. **Option (1) is correct.**



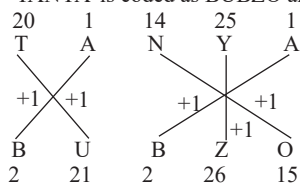
Next term = $336 - 48 - 12 = 276$

6. **Option (4) is correct.**

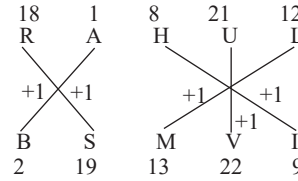


7. **Option (1) is correct.**

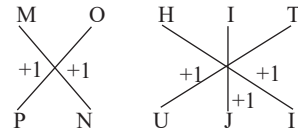
'TANYA' is coded as BUBZO and



Similarly, 'RAHUL' is coded as BSMVI.



Hence, 'MOHIT' will be coded as:



So, PNUJI is the correct answer.

8. **Option (2) is correct.**

Statement: $X < U = F > R \geq P < T < W$

Conclusions:

I. $X < T$ II. $R > W$

I. Since the symbol between X and T is not in the same direction. Hence, a definite conclusion can't be drawn.

II. Since the symbol between R and W are not in the same direction. Hence, a definite conclusion can't be drawn.

Therefore, Neither conclusion I nor II is true.

9. **Option (3) is correct.**

Given expression: 102, 100, ?, 96, 112

$$102 - 2 = 100$$

$$100 + 4 = 104$$

$$104 - 8 = 96$$

$$96 + 16 = 112$$

So, the missing number is 104.

10. **Option (1) is correct.**

Given that: + means \times , \times means \div and \div means +, then

$$7 \div 20 - 5 \times 20 + 2 = ?$$

According to question,

$$\Rightarrow 7 + 20 \times 5 \div 20 - 2$$

Using BODMAS

$$= 7 + 5 - 2 = 12 - 2 = 10$$

11. **Option (4) is correct.**

Given series: 482, 524, 576, ?, 710, 792

$$482 + 42 = 524$$

$$524 + 52 = 576$$

$$576 + 62 = 638$$

$$638 + 72 = 710$$

$$710 + 82 = 792$$

12. **Option (1) is correct.**

Table of Alphabetical series (point to remember):

Alphabets	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Positional value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alphabets	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
Positional value	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14

Logic is the place value of letters in the alphabetical series.

'COUNTRY' is written as '3 - 15 - 21 - 14 - 20 - 18 - 25

Similarly, PEOPLE is written as 16 - 5 - 15 - 16 - 12 - 5.

Similarly, 'HIGHWAY' can be written as:

$$8 - 9 - 7 - 8 - 23 - 1 - 25$$

13. **Option (1) is correct.**

Given expression: $6 : 74 :: 9 : ? :: 5 : 52$
 $62 \times 2 + 2 = 74$
 $92 \times 2 + 2 = 164$
 $52 \times 2 + 2 = 52$

14. **Option (1) is correct.**

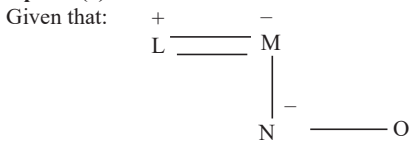
Correct sequence of the given words:

2. Salad	3. Salami	5. Salty	1. Sandwich	4. Saturn
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15. **Option (4) is correct.**

Given expression: $88 * 44 * 22 * 66 * 99 * 251$
 $88 - 44 \div 22 + 66 + 99 = 251$
 Using BODMAS rule,
 $LHS = 88 - 44 \div 22 + 66 + 99$
 $= 88 - 2 + 66 + 99$
 $= 253 - 2 = 251 = RHS$

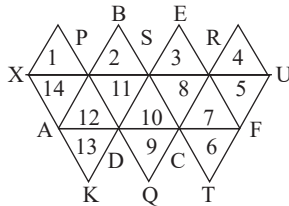
16. **Option (2) is correct.**



'A & B' means 'A is the sister of B'.
 'A - B' means 'A is the mother of B'.
 'A × B' means 'A is the husband of B'.
 'A @ B' means 'A is the son of B'.

Solving by options:
 Considering option 2,
 $L \times M - N \& O$

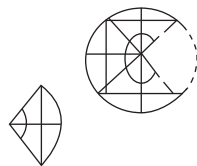
17. **Option (3) is correct.**



Number of triangles = 14
 $+ \Delta ABC + DEF + PQR$
 $+ DSTU + XKS = 19$

18. **Option (2) is correct.**

The required figure is:



19. **Option (2) is correct.**

Given series: ABDG, BCEH, ?, DEGJ, EFHK

1	2	4	7
A	B	D	C
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+1
B	C	E	H
2	3	5	8
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+1
3	4	6	9
C	D	F	I
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+1
D	E	G	J
4	5	7	10
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+1
E	F	H	K
5	6	8	11

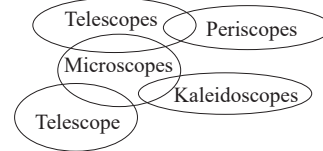
Hence, CDFI is the correct answer.

20. **Option (4) is correct.**

Given expression: $42 \div 7 - 64 + 11 \times 6 = 4$
 After interchanging + and -
 $LHS = 42 \div 7 + 64 - 11 \times 6$
 $= 6 + 64 - 66$
 $= 70 - 66 = 4 = RHS$

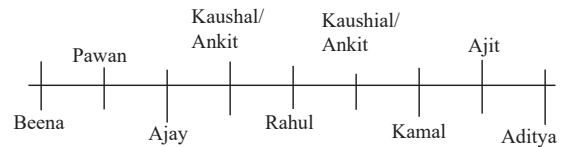
21. **Option (2) is correct.**

Hence, from the Venn diagram only conclusion I and III follows.



22. **Option (2) is correct.**

The arrangement is as follows:



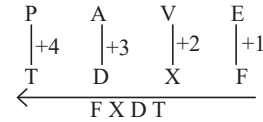
Hence, Kaushal and Ankit are the immediate neighbours of Rahul.

23. **Option (2) is correct.**

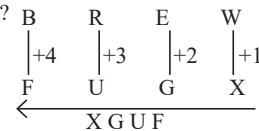
Given expression: $108 \div 3 - 126 \div (5 \times 3 + 12) + 4 = 11$
 After interchanging 12 and 3,
 $108 \div 12 - 126 \div (5 \times 12 + 3) + 4 = 11$
 Using BODMAS,
 $LHS = 108 \div 12 - 126 \div (5 \times 12 + 3) + 4$
 $= 9 - 126 \div (63) + 4$
 $= 9 - 2 + 4$
 $= 13 - 2 = 11 = RHS$

24. **Option (3) is correct.**

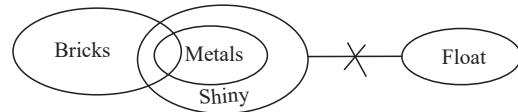
Given expression: PAVE : FXDT :: AXLE : FNAE :: BREW : ?
 PAVE : FXDT



Similarly, BREW : ?



25. **Option (2) is correct.**



From the Venn diagram only conclusion II follows.

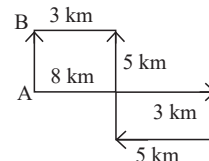
26. **Option (4) is correct.**



From the diagram only conclusion I follows

27. **Option (2) is correct.**

He should drive 5 km towards the South now in order to reach point A again



28. Option (2) is correct.

Given expression:
 $17 : -153 :: -13 : ? ::$
 $-21 : 189$
 $17 \times -9 = -153$
 $-21 \times -9 = 189$
 $-13 \times -9 = 117$

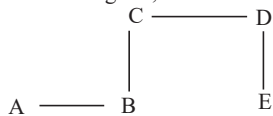
29. Option (1) is correct.

Given expression:
 R J X U
 R J X U, ZANB, ?, P I T P, X Z J W
 Hence, HRDI is the correct answer.

R	J	X	U
18	10	24	21
↓ +8	↓ -9	↓ +16	↓ +7
Z	A	N	B
26	1	14	2
↓ +8	↓ -9	↓ +16	↓ +7
H	R	D	I
8	18	4	9
↓ +8	↓ -9	↓ +16	↓ +7
P	I	T	P
16	9	20	16
↓ +8	↓ -9	↓ +16	↓ +7
X	Z	J	W
24	26	10	23

30. Option (4) is correct.

As shown in the above diagram, E is to the East of A.



31. Option (1) is correct.

Given expression: OUT 2 : WWP 4 :: AXE 5 : HZB 25 :: ART 7 : ?

OUT 2 : WWP 4

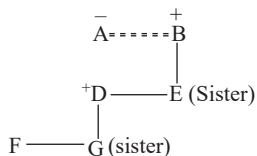
O	U	T	2
15	21	20	
↙ +3	↘ +2	↘ +1	↓
W	W	P	2 ² = 4
23	23	16	

Similarly, ART 7 : ?

A	R	T	7
1	18	20	
↙ +3	↘ +2	↘ +1	↓
W	T	B	7 ² = 49
23	20	2	

Hence, WTB 49 is the correct answer.

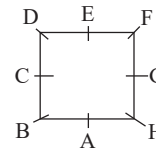
32. Option (3) is correct.



Hence, B is F's father's father.

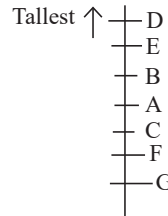
33. Option (1) is correct.

The sitting arrangement is as follows:



Hence, D is sitting in between C and E.

34. Option (4) is correct.



Hence, 4 people are taller than C.

35. Option (4) is correct.

24th August 1923
 Number of odd days
 $1923 = 1600 + 300 + 22 + 1^{\text{st}}$ January 1923 to 24th August 1923
 $= 0 + 1 + 5 \times 2 + 17 \times 1 + 3 + 0 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 3$
 $= 47 \div 7 \Rightarrow 5$ odd days
 Hence, 24th August 1923 was Friday.

36. Option (4) is correct.

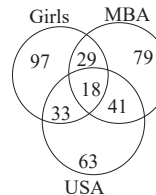
Given sets:
 (56, 5, 9)
 (80, 8, 12)
 (56, 5, 9)
 $\Rightarrow 92 - 52 = 81 - 25 = 56$
 Similarly, $\Rightarrow 122 - 82 = 144 - 64 = 80$
 Similarly, $\Rightarrow 142 - 112 = 196 - 121 = 75$

37. Option (1) is correct.

Given that:
 $(240 \div 2 + 5) \times 8 + 15 \times 8 = 100$
 After interchanging 2 and 8
 $(240 \div 8 + 5) \times 2 + 15 \times 2 = 100$
 Using BODMAS,
 $LHS = (30 + 5) \times 2 + 15 \times 2$
 $= 70 + 30 = 100 = RHS$
 Hence, LHS = RHS

38. Option (2) is correct.

Girls having MBA degree = $29 + 18 = 47$.



39. Option (4) is correct.

Given sets:
 (51, 34, 85)
 (67, 42, 109)
 $51 + 34 = 85$
 Similarly, $67 + 42 = 109$
 Similarly, $73 + 38 = 111$

40. Option (2) is correct.

Given series: U _ U M _ P _ U J _ M M P P _ J U _ M P _
U J U M M P P U J U M M P P U J U M M P P

41. Option (3) is correct.

Given expression: 11 : 132 :: ? : 342 :: 22 : 506

$\Rightarrow 112 + 11 = 132$

$\Rightarrow 222 + 22 = 506$

Similarly, $\Rightarrow 182 + 18 = 342$

Hence, 18 is the correct answer.

42. Option (1) is correct.

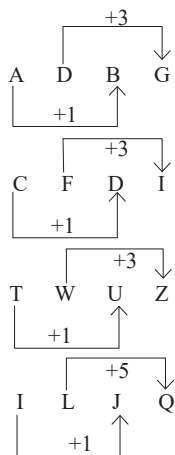
'MERCHANT' is written as 'NFSCHCPV'

M	E	R	C	H	A	N	T
13	5	18	3	8	1	14	20
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+0	↓+0	↓+2	↓+2	↓+2
N	F	S	C	H	C	P	V
14	6	19	3	8	3	16	22

Similarly, 'JUNCTION' can be written as:

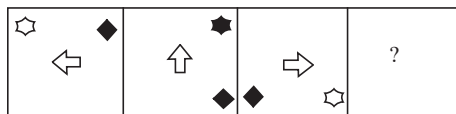
J	U	N	C	T	I	O	N
↓+1	↓+1	↓+1	↓+0	↓+0	↓+2	↓+2	↓+2
K	V	O	C	T	K	Q	P

43. Option (4) is correct.

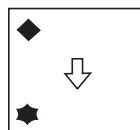


Hence, ILJQ is the odd one out.

44. Option (4) is correct.



Follow the pattern and the symmetry. Hence,



45. Option (2) is correct.

Given that:

A denotes '+', B denotes '×',

C denotes '-', and D denotes '÷', then

$(9 A 9 C 55 D 5) B ? = 10 B 3 A 5$

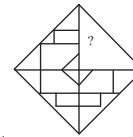
$(9 + 9 - 55 \div 5) \times ? = 10 \times 3 + 5$

$(18 - 11) \times x = 35$

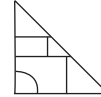
$x = 35/7$ Therefore, $x = 5$

46. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation:



Logic:



47. Option (4) is correct.

Given series: 7, 15, 30, 62, 125, 253, ?

Logic consists of 2 series:

1st series:

$7 \times 4 + 2 = 30$

$30 \times 4 + 5 = 125$

$125 \times 4 + 8 = 508$

2nd series:

$15 \times 4 + 2 = 62$

$62 \times 4 + 5 = 253$

Hence, 508 is the correct answer.

48. Option (4) is correct.

'GARDEN' is written as 'FYOEGQ'

G	A	R	D	E	N
7	1	18	4	5	14
↓+1	↓-2	↓-3	↓+1	↓+2	↓+3
F	Y	O	E	G	Q
6	25	15	5	7	17

Similarly, 'ISLAND' be written as:

I	S	L	A	N	D
↓+1	↓-2	↓-3	↓+1	↓+2	↓+3
H	Q	I	B	P	G

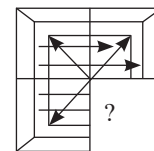
Hence, HQIBPG is the correct answer.

49. Option (4) is correct.

The logical order is as follows:

3. Cycle	5. Auto-rickshaw	1. Car	4. Truck	2. Train
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50. Option (2) is correct.



Logic:



51. Option (2) is correct.

Sunga dynasty was founded by Pushyamitra with Patliputra as its capital. They held power from 184 AD to 75 BCE. From 184 AD to 75 BCE, they held power. Patliputra served as their capital. Pushyamitra created the organisation. Ten Shunga kings were present. The final Mauryan emperor, Vrihadratha, was led by Pushyamitra. Pushyamitra conquered all of Magadha after killing the previous ruler, Vrihadrata. Both the initial emperor and the final ruler of the Magadha Mauryan dynasty shared the name Vrihadratha.

52. Option (1) is correct.

Harbhajan Singh announced his retirement from all kinds of competitive cricket in December 2021. He is the first Indian bowler to record a hat-trick in a Test match. In addition, he has taken 417 wickets for the nation, ranking fourth behind Anil Kumble, Kapil Dev, and R Ashwin. He made his team debut in an ODI against Australia in 1998 and was a member of India's winning WT20 squad in 2007.

53. Option (1) is correct.

'Master Da' was how people referred to Surya Sen. Surya Sen, also known as Surya Kumar Sen, was a revolutionary from India who lived from 22 March 1894 to 12 January 1934. Surya Sen is well known for being the leader of the 1930 Chittagong armoury attack. Sen, often referred to as Master Da, was a professional educator. In 1916, when he was a B.A. student at Berhampore College (now Krishnath College), he was motivated by nationalist aspirations. He was chosen to lead the Chittagong branch of the Indian National Congress in 1918.

54. Option (4) is correct.

Puccinia is a fungus genus that is generally known as rusts. Rusts are parasitic fungi that predominantly infect plants and cause rust illnesses. Puccinia species infect a wide range of plant species, including crops and decorative plants, and can cause major damage to the agricultural and horticulture industries.

55. Option (4) is correct.

On December 1, 1956, Indian football teams made their Olympic semifinal debut for the first time. They defeated hosts Australia 4-2 to advance to the Olympic semi-finals and become the first Asian nation to do so. Neville D'Souza, a centre striker, scored a hat-trick, becoming the first Asian to do so at the Olympics. P.K. Banerjee, a member of that team, was from Bihar.

56. Option (2) is correct.

The Karaga Utsav is celebrated for 11 days. It is a festival of the Thigala community, a Tamil social group found in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The festival is held in the month of Chaitra, which corresponds to March or April in the Gregorian calendar. The festival is a celebration of the strength and resilience of women, and it is also a time for prayer and reflection. The Karaga Utsav is a colourful and vibrant festival. The highlight of the festival is the grand procession, which is led by a man who is possessed by the spirit of the goddess Durga. The procession is accompanied by music and dancing, and it is a time for the community to come together and celebrate their culture.

57. Option (4) is correct.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gobar-Dhan (BIO-CNG) Plant in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on February 19, 2022. The plant can treat 550 tonnes of wet waste per day and produce 17,500 kg of bio-CNG and 100 tonnes of organic compost. The plant is part of the government's efforts to promote waste management and reduce pollution. The Gobar-Dhan plant is a welcome initiative that will help to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfills. It will also help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. The plant is a model for other cities in India and around the world.

58. Option (2) is correct.

Kalamandalam Ramankutty Nair received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship for his contribution to Kathakali in 2004. He was born in 1925 in Kerala and began his training in Kathakali at the age of 10. He went on to become one of the most acclaimed

Kathakali performers of his generation. He was known for his mastery of the art form, his expressive eyes, and his powerful voice. He also served as the principal of Kerala Kalamandalam, one of the premier institutions for the study of Kathakali. The Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship is the highest honour bestowed by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's national academy for performing arts. It is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the performing arts in India.

59. Option (2) is correct.

The North-east monsoon is to blame for the severe rains that fell in October and November over the coasts of Tamil Nadu, southern Andhra Pradesh, southeast Karnataka, and southeast Kerala.

60. Option (3) is correct.

'H' in 'HYV' indicates high in terms of the Green Revolution in India. To fight the global food crisis and boost agriculture sector profitability, the Green Revolution involves the introduction of high-yielding varieties of seeds, commonly referred to as HYV.

61. Option (3) is correct.

In India, the Parsi community largely observes the Pateti festival. By asking for forgiveness for past wrongdoings and setting resolutions for the upcoming year, the event, which occurs on the night of the Parsi New Year, is commemorated to purify and cleanse the soul. Within the Parsi community, it is a time for reflection, prayer, and the rekindling of ties.

62. Option (2) is correct.

Much of the rainfall along the Western Ghats is orographic as the moist air is obstructed and forced to rise along the Ghats. Orographic rainfall is caused by the uplift of moist air over a mountain range. As the air rises, it cools and condenses, forming clouds and rain. The Western Ghats are a mountain range that runs along the western coast of India. The moist air from the Arabian Sea is forced to rise as it passes over the Ghats, and this causes the air to cool and condense, forming clouds and rain. The Western Ghats are one of the wettest regions in India, and they receive an average of 2,000 mm of rainfall per year.

63. Option (4) is correct.

The 86th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2002 added this obligation. The provision of educational opportunities to children between the ages of 6 and 14 was included as the 11th fundamental responsibility, and it is the responsibility of the parent to guarantee that their kid receives these possibilities. The Right to Education was made a basic right in section III of the Indian Constitution in 2002 with the 86th amendment.

64. Option (1) is correct.

Regional Rural Banks Act of 1976 authorised the establishment of regional rural banks by the recommendations made in the Narsimham Committee report from 1975. The Prathama Grameen Bank, the first Regional Rural Bank, was founded in 1975. The stakeholders hold the equity of RRBs in the following proportion: Government at large: 50%. 15% of state government and 35% stake in The Sponsor Bank.

65. Option (1) is correct.

In the fields of biology and geography known as ecology, organisms investigate how communities interact with their surroundings. Each species of animal or plant has a specific habitat. Ecologists study the intricate relationships between living things and their surroundings as well as the structure of life itself. Environmental biology is another name for ecology. The study of people, populations, communities, and ecosystems is the topic. In his work "Generelle

Morphologie der Organismen,” German biologist Ernst Haeckel coined the term ecology for the first time in 1866.

66. Option (2) is correct.

The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) was implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development. It was launched in 2011 with the goal of reducing poverty and promoting livelihoods in rural India. The NRLM provides financial assistance, training, and other support to Self Help Groups (SHGs) and other rural organizations. The NRLM has been successful in increasing the income and assets of rural households, and it has also helped to improve access to education and healthcare.

67. Option (2) is correct.

An ecosystem is the fundamental ecological unit in which living species interact with one another and with their physical surroundings. The sun (sunlight) is the only source of energy for all ecosystems on Earth, except for the deep sea hydrothermal ecology. Only 50% of total incident solar energy is photosynthetically active radiation (PAR). Plants barely capture 2-10% of the PAR, but this small amount of energy nourishes the entire living world. As a result, energy flows unidirectionally from the sun to producers and finally to consumers. In an ecosystem, energy is transferred in the form of food, which is degraded and loses a large portion of its energy as heat during metabolic activities. This can be explained by Lindeman's 10% law, which states that only 10% of energy is transferred from one trophic level to the next higher trophic level.

68. Option (4) is correct.

World Athletics (formerly the International Association of Athletics Federations, IAAF) is the international governing body for the sport of athletics, track and field, cross-country running, road running, mountain running, and racewalking. It was founded in 1912 and has its headquarters in Monaco. On 1st November 2019, the IAAF rebranded itself as World Athletics. The change was made to reflect the global nature of the sport and to better represent the diversity of its athletes. World Athletics organizes several international athletics events, including the World Athletics Championships, the World Indoor Championships, the World Cross Country Championships, and the World Half Marathon Championships. It also sanctions several other international athletics events, such as the Diamond League. World Athletics is responsible for setting the rules and regulations for international athletics events. It also provides technical support to national and international athletics federations.

69. Option (3) is correct.

Boyle's Law is the 1662 law that stated that the results of pressure and volume remain nearly constant. According to Boyle's Law, the pressure exerted by a given amount of gas at a constant temperature is inversely proportional to its volume. Robert Boyle, a physicist, discovered it.

70. Option (4) is correct.

According to Census 2011, the entire urban population in the country is more than 377 million, accounting for 31.16% of the total population. According to the data, Goa is the most urbanised state, with 62.17% of the people living in cities. However, in terms of geographical area and total population, Tamil Nadu is the most urbanised state, followed by Kerala (47.7%), which has surpassed Maharashtra (45.2%).

71. Option (1) is correct.

The fundamental premise underlying nuclear fusion is the “magnetic confinement of plasma” approach. Magnetic confinement is a technique used in fusion reactors to control and contain high-

temperature plasma. The plasma is contained and kept from coming into contact with the reactor walls by applying high magnetic fields, allowing the fusion process to take place in a controlled manner.

72. Option (1) is correct.

Kolkata is a riverine port on the Indian subcontinent. It is located on the Hooghly River, a tributary of the Ganges River. Kolkata Port is one of India's major ports and an important trade gateway for the country's eastern region.

73. Option (3) is correct.

The all-India poverty ratio was found to be 25.01% as per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2021. This means that 25.01% of the Indian population was multidimensionally poor in 2021. The MPI is a measure of poverty that takes into account multiple dimensions of deprivation, including health, education, and living standards. The 2021 MPI for India is an improvement from the 2006 MPI, which found that 25.9% of the Indian population was multidimensionally poor.

74. Option (2) is correct.

As of 10 April 2022, the Governor of Tamil Nadu was R. N. Ravi. He was appointed by the President of India on 9th September 2021. Ravi is a former Indian diplomat and served as the Governor of Nagaland and Meghalaya before being appointed to Tamil Nadu.

75. Option (2) is correct.

‘Durgeshnandini.’ Bankim Chandra Chatterjee was a notable Bengali writer and novelist in the nineteenth century, widely considered one of the forefathers of modern Bengali literature. ‘Durgeshnandini,’ one of his most important works, was published in 1865.

76. Option (4) is correct.

Amit Shah was appointed as India's first Union Minister for Cooperation. He is a renowned politician and member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

77. Option (2) is correct.

The book ‘Ministry of Utmost Happiness’ was written by Arundhati Roy. It is her second novel, following *The God of Small Things*. The novel blends together stories of persons who have experienced some of the saddest and most terrible periods in modern Indian history. The novel *The God of Small Things* won the Man Booker Prize for fiction in 1997. It became the best-selling novel written by a non-expat Indian author. She was named to the Time 100 and the 100 most influential persons in the world lists in 2014.

78. Option (3) is correct.

The peroxisome is a cell organelle with a central core of crystalline material called a nucleoid made of urate oxidase crystals. Peroxisomes are membrane-bound organelles present in eukaryotic cells that contain a variety of enzymes engaged in numerous metabolic activities, such as urate oxidase. The peroxisome's crystalline nucleoid is made up of enzyme crystals and acts as a location for certain biochemical reactions.

79. Option (3) is correct.

Kumar Gandharva, a well-known vocalist, is well-known for his contributions to the Hindustani classical music genre. With his unique style and creative approach, he was a very influential and innovative artist who stretched the boundaries of traditional Hindustani classical music. Kumar Gandharva's performances were distinguished by his passionate and emotive singing, which explored a wide range of musical expressions.

80. Option (3) is correct.

Independence Day 2021 celebrations were based on the theme - ‘Nation First, Always First’. India celebrated its 70th Independence

Day on August 15, 2017, along with celebrating 75 years of the Quit India Movement: 'Yaad Karo Kurbani' or Remember the sacrifices was the patriotic theme chosen to celebrate the 70th Independence Day on August 15, 2016.

81. Option (3) is correct.

The Tanjore Rajarajeshwara Temple, also known as the Brihadeeswarar Temple, was built by Rajaraja Chola I, a renowned Chola ruler. During the 11th century, Rajaraja I reigned the Chola empire and commissioned the construction of this beautiful temple, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

82. Option (4) is correct.

Divergent borders are plate boundaries that occur in spreading centres when plates are breaking apart and being pushed upward from the mantle by magma to form a new crust. At these borders, tectonic plates drift apart, allowing magma from the mantle to rise and fill the void. The lava then cools and solidifies, resulting in the formation of a new crust. Divergent boundaries can be found on the ocean floor, forming mid-ocean ridges, and on land, forming rift zones. Volcanic activity, earthquakes, and the formation of new crustal material define these limits.

83. Option (2) is correct.

Sir John Marshall was the Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in charge of the excavations that led to the discovery of two significant Indus Civilization city sites in the 1920s. From 1902 to 1928, he was the Director General of ASI. Significant excavations were carried out under his direction at Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro, which are today recognised as key Indus Valley Civilization urban centres. These excavations were critical in determining the history and culture of the ancient Indus Civilization.

84. Option (2) is correct.

The cell membrane, also known as the plasma membrane, is the structure that gives cells their form. It is a thin, flexible barrier that surrounds the cell and separates it from its external environment. The cell membrane is made up of a phospholipid bilayer with proteins embedded in it, which provides structural integrity and regulates the passage of substances in and out of the cell. It is essential for preserving cell form and protecting the cell's interior contents.

85. Option (2) is correct.

The 'Mimkut' festival is largely observed by Nagaland's Kuki tribe. The Kuki are an indigenous community in India's northeastern regions, notably Nagaland. Mimkut is a significant agricultural celebration for the Kuki community, during which they express appreciation for a plentiful harvest and request favours for the new agricultural season. It is a happy event characterised by different ceremonies, dances, singing, and feasts.

86. Option (1) is correct.

Technological advancements for deep-sea biodiversity investigation and conservation is being implemented by the Centre for Marine Living Resources. The Deep Ocean Mission, launched by the Government of India, aims to explore and conserve deep ocean resources through various thematic areas, and the Centre for Marine Living Resources focuses specifically on technological innovations related to deep-sea biodiversity exploration and conservation.

87. Option (2) is correct.

The Government of India initiated 'Project Elephant' in 1992. It is a conservation programme in many Indian states aimed at protecting and conserving elephants and their habitats. The initiative addresses

elephant conservation concerns such as habitat management, wildlife-human conflict mitigation, captive elephant healthcare and wellbeing, research, and awareness building. Project Elephant has played an important role in the protection and care of elephants in India since its start.

88. Option (4) is correct.

Wheat is a cereal crop that is widely grown around the world and is not often classified as a plantation crop. Plantation crops are large-scale crops grown in specific locations using specialised management techniques. Rubber, tea, and coffee are examples of plantation crops that are well-known for their commercial production in specific places.

89. Option (2) is correct.

P. V. Narasimha Rao was India's Prime Minister when the 1991 Industrial Policy was implemented. From 1991 to 1996, he was India's Prime Minister. The 1991 Industrial Policy, also known as the New Economic Policy, was a dramatic shift in India's economic policy, including steps to boost economic growth and open up the Indian economy to international trade and investment. The government of P. V. Narasimha Rao was instrumental in putting these reforms in place.

90. Option (1) is correct.

Hockey was featured as a sport in the Olympic Games for the first time in 1908. The 1908 Olympic Games, usually known as the London Olympic Games, saw the introduction of hockey as an official Olympic sport. Hockey has been a regular fixture of the Summer Olympic Games since then, with both men's and women's competitions held in succeeding editions.

91. Option (4) is correct.

In the later Vedic period, the Shudra varna was usually denied the right of 'Upanayana Samskara.' Upanayana, also known as the sacred thread ceremony, was primarily done for males belonging to the three higher varnas: Kshatriya, Brahmana, and Vaishya. The Shudra varna, considered the lowest in the social structure, was often barred from participating in the Upanayana rite. It is crucial to note that social and religious practices differed throughout areas and periods, therefore there may have been exceptions or changes in some circumstances.

92. Option (4) is correct.

Samudragupta, the Gupta Empire's monarch in ancient India, was famed for his military conquests and encouragement of the arts and culture. The portrayal of him on coins playing the veena demonstrates his love of music and his support for the arts during his reign.

93. Option (4) is correct.

The relative atomic masses of all elements have been determined about a carbon-12 (^{12}C) atom. Carbon-12 has an atomic mass of exactly 12 atomic mass units (amu). Scientists can use this standard reference isotope to compare the masses of other atoms and compute their relative atomic masses. The relative atomic mass of oxygen (^{16}O) is roughly 16 amu, which means it is approximately 16 times heavier than a carbon-12 atom.

94. Option (3) is correct.

Ekaharya Lasyanga led to the evolution of Bharatanatyam. Although there is little evidence of Bharatanatyam's linear evolution over the last 2,000 years, Tamil and Sanskrit scriptures corroborate its ancient roots.

95. Option (2) is correct.

Pandit Jasraj, the Hindustani classical music doyen, was a supporter of the Mewati gharana. The Mewati gharana is a Hindustani

classical music school or lineage recognised for its particular style and repertory. Pandit Jasraj was a prominent Mewati gharana vocalist recognised for his heartfelt renditions, powerful voice, and knowledge of numerous genres of Hindustani classical music. He made substantial contributions to Indian classical music and left a lasting legacy in the music world.

96. Option (1) is correct.

Megasthenes, a Greek historian and diplomat, visited India as Seleucus I Nicator's ambassador. He came to the Mauryan monarch Chandragupta Maurya's court. The reports of Megasthenes' views and experiences in India provide important insights into the Mauryan Empire and ancient Indian society. His writings, especially 'Indika,' are crucial historical materials for comprehending this period in Indian history.

97. Option (1) is correct.

One of India's greatest musicians, Ustad Vilayat Khan, is well-known throughout the world for playing the sitar. A stringed instrument known as the sitar is frequently used in Indian classical music. Ustad Vilayat Khan was a master of the sitar and greatly advanced the sitar playing technique. He was renowned for his lyrical improvisations, distinctive style, and technical skill. The realm of Indian classical music has been forever changed by his sitar expertise and creative talents.

98. Option (4) is correct.

A large number of species of green algae fall under the Chlorophyceae class. They are photosynthetic organisms with pigments like chlorophyll, which gives them their green colour. In a variety of aquatic ecosystems, including freshwater and marine ones, green algae can be found. They are important primary producers in the environment and help produce oxygen through photosynthesis.

99. Option (4) is correct.

A tomb called Bibi Ka Maqbara can be found in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, India. Aurangzeb, the Mughal emperor, erected it as a memorial to his wife, Dilras Banu Begum. Bibi Ka Maqbara's structure is similar to the Taj Mahal in Agra, albeit on a smaller scale. It is frequently referred to as the 'Mini Taj' or the 'Taj of the Deccan' because of its white marble exterior and comparable design features.

100. Option (1) is correct.

Jyotirao Phule formed the Satyashodhak Samaj to promote caste equality. Jyotirao Phule was an Indian social reformer and activist from Maharashtra who made a significant contribution to the 19th-century movements for caste equality and women's rights. In 1873, he founded the Satyashodhak Samaj, a social organisation dedicated to abolishing caste-based prejudice and advancing social justice. The Satyashodhak Samaj promoted social changes for marginalised groups as well as education, equal rights, and the uplift of lower castes. Satyashodhak Samaj and Jyotirao Phule's work had a significant influence on Maharashtra's social and political climate and aided India's larger social reform initiatives.

101. Option (4) is correct.

Hit the nail on the head means 'to do or say something that is exactly right.'

102. Option (1) is correct.

The tribesmen cautiously came forward to collect the items left by the officials. The phrasal verb 'came forward' implies to offer your help and services. 'Come after' means 'to chase (someone)'. While 'come ahead' means 'to begin or continue with a plan or activity

without waiting'. Since the intent in the sentence is to collect the items left by the official, 'came forward' is appropriate.

103. Option (2) is correct.

Ron told me that he had his lunch at 2 p.m. the previous day. In indirect speech, 'yesterday' changes to 'the previous day'. Past perfect tense remains unchanged in indirect speech.

104. Option (4) is correct.

The blue whale is the largest animal that ever lived. The largest specimens grow to the length of a basketball court. A blue whale's heart is as big as a compact car. Its tail flukes are as wide as a soccer goal. These animals were hunted nearly to their extinction. A specimen is something shown or examined as an example, here 'blue whale' is the specimen; and since they are being hunted down, it is feared that they are getting non-existent.

105. Option (3) is correct.

She will have already returned home when her parents get back from their offices. The clause 'She will have already returned' will replace 'She will already return' because future perfect tense is used for actions that will be completed before some other point in the future. Here the time frame is indicated by 'when her parents get back from their offices'.

106. Option (1) is correct.

Camouflage means behaviour or artifice designed to deceive or hide. Therefore, 'disguise' is the correct synonym.

107. Option (1) is correct.

A renegade is a person who has deserted his/her cause or defied convention. So, he is a rebel. Therefore, the antonym is 'follower'.

108. Option (3) is correct.

The sentence 'One must brush up on entire course before the day of examination' is correct. The phrasal verb 'brush up on' means 'to improve your knowledge of something already learned but partly forgotten'.

109. Option (3) is correct.

He pushed her on purpose. 'Deliberate' makes sense, but 'on deliberate' is an incorrect usage.

110. Option (2) is correct.

The easiest approach to get started is to use your imagination and maturity. 'Approach' implies method/way.

111. Option (2) is correct.

The idiom 'hit the sack' is used to indicate that it's time to go to bed.

112. Option (2) is correct.

'To turn over a new leaf' implies to start to act or behave in a better or more responsible way. Cissy promised to behave in a more responsible way and keep her room clean from now on.

113. Option (4) is correct.

He said to me, "You can eat from my plate." In direct speech, 'told' changes to 'said to'; second person (his) changes to first person (my) and past tense (could) changes to present form (can).

114. Option (1) is correct.

Because of his caring nature all appreciate him. In active voice, structure is: subject + verb (1st form) + object. In the present simple, the passive is: am/is/are + past participle (3rd form of the verb).

115. Option (2) is correct.

The priest said that death is inevitable. Since the speech marks contain a sentence that is a universal truth, it will remain in the present tense. The only addition is the use of 'that' after the reporting verb.

116. Option (1) is correct.

The teacher was happy to meet her and asked when she had completed all those. In indirect speech, the structure of the interrogative sentence is: question word + verb + pronoun. Here, simple past tense also changes to past perfect in indirect speech.

117. Option (3) is correct.

The correct logical sequence is: R, P, S, Q. S1 claims that 'The poster ranks high as a medium of publicity', (R) follows this because it confirms the high rank- 'It has, by reason of its size and the facilities...' (P) mentions an additional point - 'Advertisement can be displayed before a much larger number of persons for a longer time by means of a poster... and it is, therefore, often found to be the better means of keeping them in the public eye.' (S) issues a contradicting viewpoint to S- 'it must be remembered that the attention received by a newspaper is much closer and more intimate than that accorded to a poster'. (Q) gives one more supporting point- 'it must not be forgotten that a newspaper is bought by the reader, and on that account enjoys an enhanced value'.

118. Option (4) is correct.

The budding photographer used to climb up the hill every morning to capture the beauty of the rising sun. The phrase 'climb up' will replace 'climbed up' because the sentence states an action that was a habit of the budding photographer. Moreover, 'used' is in the past tense, followed by an infinitive 'to'. By rule, an infinitive always takes the base form of the verb. So 'climb' is appropriate.

119. Option (1) is correct.

In spite of being seriously handicapped, Stephen Hawking is one of the most eminent modern scientists. The part 'one of most eminent' will be substituted by 'one of the most eminent' because the definite article precedes the superlative adjective.

120. Option (4) is correct.

You must employ additional hands to complete the project in time. The preposition 'to' is used as an infinitive of purpose to mean 'in order to'. The part 'in complete the project in time' will be replaced by 'to complete the project in time'.

121. Option (2) is correct.

I am not helped by Ajit with my homework. In the present simple, the passive is: am/is/are + past participle (3rd form of the verb) + by + agent.

122. Option (3) is correct.

Riya arrived at the train station late. 'Lately' is an adverb meaning 'recently'. While 'late' means the opposite of early. Here 'late' is the correct choice.

123. Option (2) is correct.

'Separate the wheat from the chaff' means to distinguish valuable people or things from worthless ones.

124. Option (3) is correct.

Greece will be visited by Neena in May. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object.

Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

125. Option (3) is correct.

Who taught you Hindi? In interrogative sentences, the structure is: Active: Who + verb (s or es)/verb (IIInd form) + object...?

Passive: By whom + is/are/am/was/were + object + verb (IIIrd form).

126. Option (1) is correct.

In his character, I could hardly find anything worthy of admiration. The part 'I could hardly find something' has the error and it will be

replaced by 'I could hardly find anything'. Something means a thing that is unknown. It is often used in positive sentences. Anything means a thing of any kind. It is used in negative sentences. The adverb 'hardly' connotes that the sentence is negative.

127. Option (2) is correct.

The mass protests, sometimes, could change the decisions of the rulers in democratic countries. The tense 'had been changed' is in the past perfect. Option (3) has 'are changing' which is in the present continuous tense. Option (4) has 'has changed', which is present perfect tense. The verb 'could change' implies that there is a possibility in the future.

128. Option (3) is correct.

Let the jacket be thrown. The structure of imperative sentence in passive voice is: Let + object + be + verb 3rd form.

129. Option (3) is correct.

The Principal ordered the students to listen to the announcement carefully. In indirect speech, the imperative sentences has a change in the reporting verb (said to changes to 'told'), which is followed by 'to'.

130. Option (4) is correct.

The clarity of our goals is given by aspirations. In active voice: subject + verb (1st form) + object. In the present simple, the passive is: am/is/are + past participle (3rd form of the verb).

131. Option (4) is correct.

It is said that Shyam is wise and honest. 'People say' will change to 'it is said that'. Since people are not known by their names or designations; their identity is unknown, it may be said, it is considered. So, it is better not to mention it as the object in the passive voice.

132. Option (2) is correct.

A movie on TV was being watched by them when their friends came. Active voice: Subject + was/were + verb[ing] + object ; in passive voice : Object + Was/were + being + verb [past participle] + by/with/to + object.

133. Option (4) is correct.

The logical sequence is CABD. The first part 'Besides, there is something' will be followed by the preposition to establish the relation of 'something' in the outlook of an Englishman. The pronoun 'which' of (A) has its antecedent in (C) 'outlook of an Englishman'. The verb 'feel' relates to 'the wholeness of a thing'. Therefore, CAB is the key link to the answer.

134. Option (2) is correct.

The word 'dazzling' means 'extremely bright'. So, the antonym is 'dull' (lacklustre). Pristine means unspoiled; gingerly means delicately; while 'luminous' means shiny.

135. Option (4) is correct.

The meaning of adipose is of or relating to animal fat. So 'stringy' (fibrous) is correct as antonym.

136. Option (3) is correct.

The movie Jumanji is based on a children's book of the same title. The part 'is base on a' will be replaced by 'is based on a'. The auxiliary verb (in simple present tense) always takes the third form of verb after it.

137. Option (1) is correct.

The phrase 'pull together' means 'cooperate in a task or undertaking.' 'Pull up' implies coming to a halt; 'pull through' means 'get through an illness or other dangerous or difficult situation.' 'Pull down' means 'demolish a building.'

138. Option (1) is correct.

Mona enquired of me if I was planning a trip to Disneyland. In indirect speech, the structure of the interrogative sentence is: if + pronoun + verb and the reported verb changes to 'asked/enquired of'. Here, the present continuous tense also changes to past continuous in indirect speech.

139. Option (2) is correct.

Cubs are looked after by tigers till they can hunt on their own. In the present simple, the passive is: am/is/are + past participle (3rd form of the verb) + by + agent.

140. Option (2) is correct.

'Vice' means immoral or wicked behaviour. Therefore, the correct synonym is 'immortality'.

141. Option (2) is correct.

By next year, they will have built their new tower. Here, the verb 'build' will be replaced by 'built'. This is because the sentence is in the future perfect tense, and in this case, the verb is used in the third form (as participle).

142. Option (2) is correct.

Two dozen cookies will be baked by my mother for the bake sale. The structure of the sentence in future tense is: Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object. Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb. + by + subject of the active sentence.

143. Option (1) is correct.

Our forefathers loved trees and forests so much that they even deified and worshipped them as abodes of Vrikshadevata and Vanadevata. The phrase 'so much' implies the extent to which our forefathers loved trees and forests, and 'even' emphasizes this surprising element that they deified and worshipped them as abodes of Vrikshadevata and Vanadevata.

144. Option (3) is correct.

Neither of my sisters is interested to come on a vacation with me. The part 'are interested to come' will be replaced by 'is interested to come' because 'neither' is an indefinite pronoun meaning 'not the one nor the other of two people or things', and it takes a singular verb. The subject of the sentence is 'neither', not 'sisters'.

145. Option (2) is correct.

Cumbersome means 'large or heavy and therefore difficult to carry or use'. So, 'clumsy' is the correct synonym.

146. Option (3) is correct.

Knave means 'a dishonest or unscrupulous man.' The context confirms that Ritika's marriage to an unscrupulous man deprived her of father's property. 'Gallant' means heroic. 'Chauffeur' refers to a person employed to drive a private or hired car.

147. Option (3) is correct.

The meaning of malice is a desire to cause pain, injury, or distress to others: 'Animosity, enmity, rancour' are all synonyms. Actions done with ill-will have no good intention. So, the antonym will be a positive word 'good will'.

148. Option (2) is correct.

Can you not knock so loudly in the morning? The part 'knock so louder' will be replaced by 'knock so loudly'. Loudly is an adverb, it modifies the verb knock. Louder is an adjective that modifies a noun. Here, an adverb is needed to modify 'knock'.

149. Option (3) is correct.

The sentence 'Ajay will have been writing his homework all day by the time his mom returns' is correct. There is no error.

150. Option (4) is correct.

The child says that he does not want to go to school. The reporting verb 'says' mandates the use of the present tense. Only the pronoun 'I' changes to 'he'.

151. Option (2) is correct.

Fortitude means 'courage in pain or adversity.' It is apparent from the given sentence that the soldiers showed bravery and resilience while facing the opponents. So, the correct word is 'bravery'.

152. Option (4) is correct.

The beggar woman asked the Prince what she should do with so much money. In indirect speech, the structure of the interrogative sentence is: question word + pronoun + verb and the reported verb changes to 'asked/enquired of'. Here, 'will' changes to 'should' in indirect speech.

153. Option (1) is correct.

Bajrang said that he had gone to Chandigarh the day before. In indirect speech, past simple (Subject + V2 + Object) changes to Subject + had + V3 + Object. Moreover, 'yesterday' changes to 'the day before'.

154. Option (3) is correct.

'Lucky' means 'fortunate'. So, 'Auspicious' is correct. The antonym is 'ominous'.

155. Option (2) is correct.

Rohan said that he would arrive late. In indirect speech, 'will' changes to 'would'.

156. Option (2) is correct.

The cashier admitted that he had made a mistake. Here, 'was make a mistake' will be replaced by 'had made a mistake'. 'Had' is used to indicate experience; undergo.' With 'had', the past participle is used.

157. Option (4) is correct.

If I were the President of India, I would work to ensure communal harmony. 'If I was the President of India' will be replaced by 'If I were the President of India'. 'If I were' is appropriate in the subjunctive mood to indicate an unreal situation. So 'were' is appropriate in the context.

158. Option (1) is correct.

'To be in the driving seat' implies 'in control of a situation.' The correct answer is: To be in charge or control of a situation.

159. Option (4) is correct.

The sentence 'In the future, people are not going to physical stores as much as they do now' can be improved and written as 'In the future, people will not go to physical stores as much as they do now'. This is true because, in future tense, 'will' is used as a verb.

160. Option (4) is correct.

Rabble means 'a disorderly crowd; a mob.' The antonym of a mob is 'elite'.

161. Option (2) is correct.

The verb 'perceive' means to become aware of, know, or identify by means of the senses. Therefore, the antonym is 'neglect'.

162. Option (1) is correct.

Madhu will be sent away to a boarding school by them. They will send Madhu away to a boarding school. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object.

Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

163. Option (1) is correct.

Radha told her friends that she will discuss the project with her mentor when she will meet him tomorrow. The part 'she would meet him tomorrow' will be substituted by 'she will meet him tomorrow'. We use would as the past of will, to describe past beliefs about the future. But as obvious from the sentence, there is no hint of reference to time in the past. So, for future actions, 'will' is used.

164. Option (4) is correct.

The meaning of 'intrinsic' is belonging to the essential nature or constitution of a thing. Thus, the given sentence implies that 'People with generous hearts can see the inherent value in something which looks worthless to others'. The antonym of the word is 'extraneous' (inessential).

165. Option (3) is correct.

The word 'reluctant' means not willing to do something because you are not sure of it. 'Hesitant' is a synonym; while 'eager' is the appropriate antonym.

166. Option (2) is correct.

He requested me to pass the salt. In indirect speech, the verb 'requested' connotes 'please' in direct speech and imperative sentences take 'to' after the verb.

167. Option (1) is correct.

He has a keen eye for business and every year his firm makes a great profit. The phrase 'a keen eye' is appropriate because it specifies as one eye, not eyes. Similarly, 'a great profit' is correct because its specific identity is not known.

168. Option (4) is correct.

The kids brutally chased the poor cat. In order to change the passive voice to active, the structure is: Active verb form: second form of the verb. Passive verb form: was/were + past participle form of the verb.

169. Option (2) is correct.

I am angry with myself for making so many mistakes. Here, 'I am angry with myself' will be replaced by 'I am angry with myself' because the verb 'am' only agrees with the first person pronoun 'I'.

170. Option (2) is correct.

God is omniscient. The definite article 'the' is omitted when used before 'God'. Articles don't typically go in front of proper names, as God is in this case.

171. Option (2) is correct.

The passage is undoubtedly on the magnificence of social media and its impact on today's generation. This is best elucidated in the example – 'People who were unheard are now able to access information and have a voice'. 'Use' means the act of using, whereas utility means the state or condition of being useful. Something that might satisfy a particular want, might not be useful for a person. So 'utility' best describes the passage.

172. Option (1) is correct.

The passage illustrates the magnificence of social media and its impact on today's generation. The facts are presented with logic and understanding. Therefore, the tone of the author is rational. There is no insinuation of criticizing of ideas in a humorous way, so 'satirical' is eliminated.

173. Option (2) is correct.

The word 'Privilege' means advantage/right. So, the antonym is 'disadvantage'.

174. Option (2) is correct.

The sentence 'Being social has become a fundamental need, demonstrating the effectiveness of humans' corroborate that 'social' means the effectiveness of humans.

175. Option (4) is correct.

The sentences 'social media means interaction between individuals in which they generate, communicate and transfer thoughts and knowledge' and 'people who were unheard are now able to access information and have a voice because of the magnificent advancements in communication systems', confirm that the central theme of the passage is Media and voice of the voiceless.

176. Option (2) is correct.

The phrase 'keep a close eye on their behaviour' is used with respect to 'students who are 'withdrawn', their social skills having been impacted by the long closure of schools'. So keeping them under constant observation makes sense.

177. Option (4) is correct.

It is explicitly stated that teachers are missing the familiar buzz in classrooms.

178. Option (4) is correct.

It is stated in the passage that 'students are 'withdrawn', their social skills having been impacted by the long closure of schools'. This implies that when social skills are affected, they result in a person's lacking in lesser communication skill and increased fear of developing healthy relationships outside home. Therefore, 'withdrawn' means 'Lost in themselves'.

179. Option (3) is correct.

"Children might have developed behavioural problems such as screen addiction and restlessness."

180. Option (2) is correct.

Option (2) is supported in the statement 'In the three days since schools reopened'.

181. Option (1) is correct.

National Educational Policy of India 2020 is built on the foundational pillars of Equity, Access, Quality and Affordability. The phrase 'foundational pillars' is correct. The noun 'foundational' cannot be applied to 'aims/column/post'.

182. Option (2) is correct.

The policy is a comprehensive framework of India's education system from elementary to higher education. The word 'comprehensive' means covering completely or broadly. The easiest clue lies in the fact that all the options, except (2) have vowel sounds, but the article before the blank is 'a', implying that the option needs to be a word with consonant sound.

183. Option (4) is correct.

It also discusses the outline and scope of vocational training. 'Outline' connotes the summary/framework of vocational training. Other options are clear misfits.

184. Option (3) is correct.

The objective is to transform India into a vibrant knowledge society... The aim of National Educational Policy of India 2020 is to make India a country a global knowledge superpower.

185. Option (3) is correct.

Make the country a global knowledge superpower by providing more holistic, flexible and multidisciplinary education to its youth. 'Holistic' means encompassing the whole of a thing, and not just the part. Since the objective of The National Educational Policy of India 2020 is to make India a global knowledge superpower by providing multidisciplinary education to its youth.

186. Option (1) is correct.

Sportsmanship can be thought of as a sustaining and reasonably stable attribute or possession that identifies individuals on the basis

of how they are expected to behave in sporting circumstances. As per the context, Sportsmanship is deemed as an attribute that helps to recognize and pick individuals on the basis of how they are expected to behave in sporting circumstances.

187. Option (4) is correct.

Overall, sportsmanship makes reference to positive attributes such as fair play, self-control, fortitude and perseverance. The word 'positive' is the most suitable option because the qualities enlisted in the sentence- fair play, self-control, fortitude and perseverance are constructive ones.

188. Option (3) is correct.

Overall, sportsmanship makes reference to positive attributes ..., and has been associated with personal and social concepts... The singular verb 'has' is the appropriate choice because the subject is singular (sportsmanship). It is sportsmanship, which has been associated with personal and social concepts.

189. Option (3) is correct.

Overall, sportsmanship makes reference to positive attributes ..., and has been associated with ... such as treating others equitably and receiving fair and equal treatment and exercising self-control ... The word 'exercise' means 'use or apply'. Another hint is that, as per parallel structure, it is grammatically correct to use the same part of verbs in the same sentence, joined by commas and conjunctions. Here, the gerund form of verbs is used- treating, receiving, so the third one will be 'exercising'.

190. Option (1) is correct.

Additionally, sportsmanship is defined as the way an individual reacts to athletics and all the sports. The preposition 'to' confirms the placement of 'reacts', not 'receives/ recreates/ envisions'.

191. Option (4) is correct.

Individuals might not always do just what we would like them to do. We use 'would' to describe past beliefs about the future. Hence the usage of 'would' is appropriate.

192. Option (4) is correct.

No matter how justified or marginal our requirements are we will occasionally be disheartened. The sentence and the context confirm that facts are presented and hence the use of simple present tense is recommended. So 'are' is appropriate.

193. Option (2) is correct.

However, avoiding confrontation does not fix the dispute. Here, the adverse effects of altercations are discussed- having the potential to

destroy relationships. The use of 'but' evinces that this is not always true- just avoiding them will not resolve the dispute.

194. Option (4) is correct.

However, avoiding confrontation does not fix the dispute as unanswered questions also have a detrimental effect on relationships. The sentence claims that several unanswered questions can have unfavourable consequences on relationships. So 'effect' is the correct word, not 'influence'.

195. Option (4) is correct.

Indeed, the true source of contestation is our confrontational style, not the problem itself. 'Contestation' connotes 'controversy, debate'. As stated earlier, that avoiding confrontation does not fix the dispute, and its true source (source of contestation/debate) is not the problem itself.

196. Option (1) is correct.

Due to the fact that Shakespeare didn't produce an autobiography, little is known about many parts of his life. Little refers to non-countable nouns, and is used to indicate that something exists only in a small amount.

197. Option (4) is correct.

Some of it remains a mystery! Owing to the fact that not much is known about many parts of Shakespeare's life, some of his aspects of life are still a mystery.

198. Option (1) is correct.

Little is known about what he did but eventually he travelled to London, which was the biggest city in England, though much smaller than it is today. It is claimed that though London was the biggest city in England, but it is not as big as earlier, this is emphasized with the use of 'though'.

199. Option (2) is correct.

Initially, Shakespeare became an actor. However, he was soon writing plays too and by 1592, Shakespeare's work was being spoken about. It can be concluded that 'initially' is the appropriate word for the blank, because the sentences briefs on the events of Shakespeare's career. First, he started as an actor, followed by writing plays.

200. Option (2) is correct.

One jealous writer – Robert Greene – wrote rude things about this newcomer and referred to him as an 'upstart crow'. The adjective 'jealous' fits the best for Robert Greene because he wrote rude things about this newcomer and referred to him as an 'upstart crow'.