## STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

## STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

## SOLVED PAPER

(11th December 2024: Shift-2)

Time Allotted- 2 hours Max marks- 200

## General Intelligence & Reasoning

In the word 'AMBIDEXTROUS', if the first letter is interchanged with the last letter, the second letter is interchanged with the eleventh letter, the third letter is interchanged with the tenth letter and so on, then which letter would immediately follow R in the new arrangement when read from left to right?

**2.** E 1. X **3.** O 4. T

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

4, 9, 19, 39, 79, ?

**3.** 151 **4.** 159 **1.** 152 2. 153

If + means  $\times$ ,  $\times$  means -, - means  $\div$ , and  $\div$  means +, what will be the value of the given expression?

 $15-3 \div 25 \times 7 + 3$ 

1. 27 2. 9 3, 69 4.18

Select the triad from the given options that is analogous to the given triad.

668 - 776 - 992

1. 195 - 285 - 348

**2**. 488 – 398 – 299

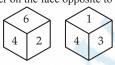
- **3.** 725 623 542 **4.** 144 – 225 – 729
- 5. Among seven people A, B, C, D, E, F and G, scored different marks (out of 100) in an exam. A scored the highest. G's marks were a multiple of 9, but more than 85. Nobody scored more than 92. The sum of the marks of G and F was 150. D scored more than only E. C scored more than F and less than B. E scored 33 marks. Which of the following can be a possible score for D?

1. 3

**2.** 63

**3.** 48 4.62

Two different positions of the same die are shown below. What is the number on the face opposite to the one having 5?



3. 4

Three of the following four are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which one does NOT belong to that group? (NOTE: The odd one out is not based on the number of vowels/consonants nor their position in the letter cluster).

1. ROM

2. YVT

3. GDB

4. LHF

A man travels 10 km towards the west and turns left and travels 4 km and then travels another 4 km towards the east. He then turns to his right and travels 5 km. Then, he turns to his left and travels 6 km. In which direction is he from his starting position?

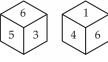
1. East

2. South

3. North

4. West

Two different positions of the same die are shown below. What is the number on the face opposite to the one having 2?



1.4

2. 6

**3.** 5

**4.** 1

10. What will be the day of the week on 08 June 2030?

1. Saturday

2. Friday

3. Sunday

11. Select the number that will come in the place of the question mark (?), if '+' and ' - ' are interchanged and 'x' and '÷' are interchanged?

 $42 \times 7 \div 13 - 67 + 13 = ?$ 

**1.** 121

**2.** 129

3. 145

4. 132

12. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way, while one is different. Pick the odd one out. (NOTE: The, while one out is not based on the number of vowels or consonants in the word.)

1. JOF 2. NRI **3.** SHO 4. VER

Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series? 983, 975, 948, 884, 759, ?

1. 733

2. 633

3. 543

4. 433

14. Select the option that relates to the third word in the same way as the second word relates to the first word. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must NOT be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word.)

Sugar: Diabetes:: Fat:

2. Obesity 3. Thyroid 1. Insomnia

15. In a certain code language, 'BEAUTY' is coded as 71 and 'RIVER' is coded as 70. How will 'PEOPLE' be coded in the same language?

1.66

2. 69

3.65

16. In this question, two statements are followed by four conclusions given as options. Decide which conclusion is definitely true, based on the given statements.

#### **Statements:**

 $P \leq Q < R < S$ 

 $T > S > V \ge W$ 

1. P < T

**3.** P < V **4.** R > W**2.** Q < W

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

60 D 10 A 4 C 6 B 25 = ?

1.5

**2.** 10

3. 6

4.9

18. What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the given series?

8, 17, 35, 71, ?, 287

**1.** 150 **2.** 143

**3.** 156

4. 131

19. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assume that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow from the statements

#### Statements:

Some balloons are nitrogen.

All balloons are hydrogen.

All hydrogens are helium.

#### **Conclusions:**

- I. All balloons are helium
- II. All nitrogens are heliums.
- III. Some heliums are nitrogen.
- 1. All the conclusions follow.
- 2. Only Conclusions II and III follow.
- 3. Only Conclusions I and III follow.
- 4. Only Conclusions I and II follow.
- 20. Select the pair from the given options that is analogous to the given pair.

12:141

8:61

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. For example, 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.)

**1.** 13 : 165

**2.** 11:121

**3.** 14: 197

**4.** 18:321

- 21. P, Q, R, S, T and U are sitting around a circular table facing the centre (but not necessarily in the same order). U sits immediately to the right of Q. Only two people sit between U and R. P sits immediately to the left of S. Which of the following represents the position of T with respect to S?
  - 1. Second to the left

2. Second to the right

3. Immediate right

- 4. Third to the left
- 22. Three 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 conclusion(s) logically follow(s) from the statements.

## **Statements:**

All papers are books.

Some books are notebooks.

All notebooks are files.

#### **Conclusions:**

- I. Some papers are notebooks.
- II. All books are files.
- 1. Only Conclusion II follows.
- 2. Only Conclusion I follows.
- 3. Both Conclusions I and II follow.
- 4. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows.
- 23. What will come in place of the '?' in the following equation, if '+' and '-' are interchanged and 'x' and '÷' are interchanged?

 $56 + 12 - 54 \times 18 \div 6 = ?$ 

1.62

- **2.** 50
- 3. 86

4.26

- 24. Pointing to a photograph, the queen said, "She is the daughter of my grandfather's only son." Seen in the picture, how is the girl related to the queen?
  - 1. Brother

2. Cousin sister

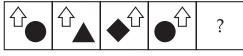
3. Sister

- 4. Daughter
- 25. Which of the following terms will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

NDJP, PBMM, RZPJ, ?, VVVD

- 2. SYSF
- 3. TXSG

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











- 27. Ramesh wants to visit his childhood friend's house. Ramesh's friend explained the directions to his house via a text message. See the below text that was sent to Ramesh about the direction of his friend's house and answer the following question accordingly. "When you step out of your house, you are facing north. Take a right and walk 3 km, you will see a T-point/ junction. Take a right and walk 2 km. There will be a roundabout with four roads. Take the second left from the roundabout and walk 1 km. Take a right and walk 3 km. Take a right and walk 1 km. You will find my house ahead." In which direction is Ramesh facing at the destination?
  - 1. North 2. South

4. Fast

3. West 28. Select the pair from the given options that is analogous to the

9:725

given pair.

3:23

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. For example, 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.)

1.8:315

- **2.** 5 : 128
- **3.** 4:60
- 4.6:220
- 29. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. You have to consider the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. You have to decide which of the given conclusions logically follow/s from the given statements.

## **Statements:**

Some pins are clips.

Some clips are papers.

No paper is a book.

## **Conclusions:**

- (I) No book is a pin.
- (II) At least some pins are papers.
- 1. Neither Conclusion (I) nor (II) follows.
- 2. Only Conclusion (I) follows.
- 3. Only Conclusion (II) follows.
- 4. Both Conclusions (I) and (II) follow.
- 30. Select the number from the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.

1, 65, 114, ?, 175, 191

- **1.** 160
- **2.** 150
- **3.** 154
- 4, 144
- 31. Select the term from the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.

PQS, ?, ZAC, EFH, JKM

- 1. TUZ
- 2. SUV
- 3. UVX 4. UWX
- 32. Select the triad from the given options that is analogous to the given triad.

339 - 663 - 555

348 - 636 - 555

- **1.** 164 542 614
- **2.** 195 285 348
- **3.** 161 512 710
- **4.** 432 513 711

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

(13, 41, 89)

(4, 14, 26)

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. For example, 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.)

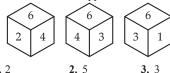
1. (9, 29, 63)

**2.** (12, 38, 80)

**3.** (11, 31, 75)

**4.** (8, 26, 54)

34. Three different positions of the same dice are shown. Find the number on the face opposite the face showing the number '6'.



35. 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:**

All milk are white.

Some white are red.

#### Conclusions:

- I. All red are milk.
- II. No red is a milk.
- 1. Both Conclusions I and II follow.
- 2. Only Conclusion I follows.
- 3. Neither Conclusion I nor II follows.
- 4. Only Conclusion II follows.
- 36. In a certain code language, 'LEMON' is coded as OQPIQ and 'BASIL' is coded as MKVEG. How will 'CHILI' be coded in the same language?
  - 1. HLLNJ 2. HMLNL
    - 3. JNLLH 4. JNNLH
- 37. Which letter cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series? ZLPT, LABI, XPNX, ?, VTLB
- 2. JEZM
- 3. IDAM

38. Select the pair from the given options that is analogous to the given pair.

2:11

1:4

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. For example, 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.)

**1.** 4 : 65

- **2.** 3 : 27
- **3.** 5 : 128

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

7 C 9 B 35 D 5 A 3 = ?

- 1. 59
- 2. 49
- **3.** 55

4.52

40. Select the option that is related to the third word in the same way as the second word is related to the first word. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must NOT be related to each other based on the number of letters/ number of consonants/vowels in the word.)

Carpenter: Wood:: Mason:

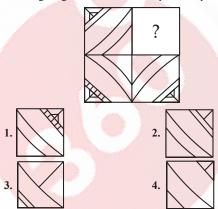
- 1. Pipe 2. Iron
- 3. Stone

4. Builder

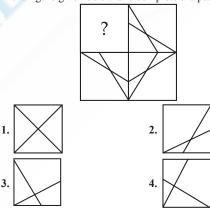
41. Which figure should replace the question mark (?) if the following series were to be continued?

	р		Λ	Νī		$\sim$	$\sim$		Р	5		т	
	Г	$\sim$	A	11	ъ	~	~	т.	Г	3	$\sim$	1	
		$\vee$			Ρ			1			$\vee$		
	Ν	8	Ι	Ι	5	Α	5	A	T	Т	6	P	
	Δ		5							I		$\nabla$	ภิ
1.		Ι							2.		T		
	$\Diamond$	T	6							6	Р	Δ	
	Ι		$\Diamond$							6		Т	7
3.		5							4.		I		
	Р	T	Δ							$\triangle$	5	Δ	

**42.** Select the option figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the figure given below and complete the pattern.



**43.** Select the option figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the figure given below and complete the pattern.



**44.** Select the pair which is related to each other in the same way as the following -

9:69

11:109

(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. For example, 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.)

- **1.** 16 : 244
- **2.** 8:76
- **3.** 14 : 209
- **4.** 24 : 576

1. Watson

3. Anton van Leeuwenhoek

2. Robert Hook

4. Robert Brown

45.	Which option represents the correct order of the given words	57.	Which of the f				lanation of	painting		
	as they would appear in an English dictionary?		and sculpture of							
	A. Mimic B. Million		<ol> <li>They are dep</li> <li>They are rep</li> </ol>							
	C. Minaret D. Millstone		3. They are syr					ism		
	E. Mimicry		<b>4.</b> They are des				0 40 111 0 440			
	1. B, D, A, E, C 2. B, D, A, C, E 4. B, C, A, E, D	58.	The sculptures	under the	he Gandhara		ol of Art we	ere made		
46	<b>3.</b> B, A, D, E, C <b>4.</b> B, C, A, E, D  What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the		of stone, terrac							
то.	following equation if 'a' means '÷', 'b' means '+', 'c' means	50	1. granite Madhavi Mudg	2. con		vory	<b>4.</b> cla	У		
	'-' and 'd' means '×'?	59.	1. Bharatnatya			ua Odissi	ncer.			
	11 b 15 c 8 a 4 d 5 = ?		3. Kathak	.111		Manip				
	<b>1.</b> 14 <b>2.</b> 15 <b>3.</b> 17 <b>4.</b> 16	60.	What is the vita	amin de	ficiency in m	ilk?				
47.	Rahul's father is the only son of Monica's mother. How is		1. D	<b>2.</b> C	3.			Complex		
	Monica's husband's mother-in-law related to Rahul?	61.	The term 'squ	are leg'	is related to	whic	ch of the f	ollowing		
	1. Mother2. Grandmother		games?  1. Volleyball	<b>2.</b> Foo	otholl 2	Cricke	t 4 Do	seball		
40	3. Sister 4. Aunt	62.	Which of the fo							
48.	How many triangles are there in the given figure?	02.	1. India's expo	_						
	/\ //		2. India's expo							
			3. India's impo			ports				
	/ \ / <del>X /</del>	0	4. India has sto Where was the			la a l	10			
		03.	1. Tokyo	2022 F1		ıp ner Englar		ince		
		64.	For the finance							
	<u> </u>		schemes of th							
40	<b>1.</b> 12 <b>2.</b> 13 <b>3.</b> 14 <b>4.</b> 15		pension rate of			ayable	monthly?			
49.	Six babies are sitting around a circular dining table, facing the centre. Jo is an immediate neighbour of both Lucy and Stacy.		1. Niryat Rin V							
	Eva is sitting second to the right of Lucy. Keith is sitting third		<ol> <li>Varishtha Pe</li> <li>Pradhan Mai</li> </ol>			iono				
	to the left of Stacy. Carol is an immediate neighbour of both		4. Ayushman S			yana				
	Eva and Stacy. Who among the following is the immediate	65.	Chad Laho is a dance-festival, primarily celebrated by which							
	neighbour of both Jo and Carol?		of the following							
	<b>1.</b> Lucy <b>2.</b> Eva <b>3.</b> Stacy <b>4.</b> Keith		1. Khasi	2. Gai		Jaintia				
50.	Which of the following numbers will replace the question	66.	What is the peaceording to th			ibled	population	ın İndia		
	mark (?) in the given series?		1. 2.97%	<b>2.</b> 3.6		1.33%	4, 2,2	1%		
	7, 13, 27, 53, 107, ?	67.	Match the follo					170		
	<b>1.</b> 103 <b>2.</b> 113 <b>3.</b> 203 <b>4.</b> 213		, ,		River	1	ributary	]		
Г	General Awareness			(i)	Indus	(a)	Gori	-		
_	Solicium III un circus			(ii)	Yamuna	(b)	Dudhi			
51.	Who among the following is the author of the book 'The			(iii)	Kali	(c)	Ravi	-		
	Thousand Faces of Night'?			(iv)	Narmada	(d)	Hindon	_		
	<ol> <li>Githa Hariharan</li> <li>Urvashi Butalia</li> <li>Meena Alexander</li> <li>Namita Gokhale</li> </ol>		<b>1.</b> (i)-a, (ii)-d, (			1 ` ′	ii)-b, (iii)-c	i (iv) d		
52.	Which physicist was famous for the gold foil experiment?		3. (i)-c, (ii)-d, (				ii)-b, (iii)-c			
02.	1. Ernest Rutherford 2. John Dalton	68.			Vedantam Sat					
	<b>3.</b> Niels Bohr <b>4.</b> JJ Thomson		a pre-eminent p							
53.	Itmad-ud-daula tomb is situated in which of the following		1. Mohiniyatta	m	2.	Kuchi	pudi			
	cities?		3. Kathak	0.1			tnatyam			
- 4	1. Guntur 2. Lucknow 3. Delhi 4. Agra	69.	The last Indian							
54.	According to the Census of India 2011, which group of states is correct about the lowest density of population?	70	1. Lahore Which of the	2. Del		Bomb				
	Mizoram, Haryana     2. Meghalaya, Tripura	/0.	during the reign		-	uve u	iiits was in	nounced		
	3. Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram 4. Mizoram, Manipur		1. Subah			Mahal	s <b>4.</b> Ch	akla		
55.	Generally, with development, the share of agricultural sector	71.	Which type of							
	·		and by crystalli				- '			
	1. remains stable 2. remains constant		1. Metamorphi				nic rock			
54	3. decreases 4. increases Who discovered the nucleus of the cell?	73	3. Sedimentary				ıs rock			
30.	who discovered the nucleus of the cent.	12.	Who among the	e iollow	ing is a famo	us Sit	ar piayer?			

1. Begum Akhtar

3. Rashid Khan

2. Imrat Khan

4. Asad Ali Khan

**4.** National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

73.	For domestic tariff, one unit of is equal to:	electrical energy consumption	87.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was peasant movement in 1928?	s the leader of which majo
74.	<ol> <li>kilowatt-hour</li> <li>kilo joule hour</li> <li>The book 'All Roads Lead to</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. kilo volt ampere hour</li><li>4. milliamps hour</li><li>Ganga' has been written by</li></ul>	88.	<ol> <li>Jungle Satyagraha</li> <li>Bardoli Satyagraha</li> <li>The Primary Deficit is zero</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. Champaran Satyagraha</li><li>4. Dandi Satyagraha</li><li>in which of the following</li></ul>
	which famous author?  1. Devdutt Pattanaik  3. Amish Tripathi	<ol> <li>Sudha Murthy</li> <li>Ruskin Bond</li> </ol>		situations?  A. Fiscal Deficit is zero.  P. Interest payment is equal to	Figual Definit
75.	'Right to Protection of Life a under which Article of the India	nd Personal Liberty' is given		<ul><li>B. Interest payment is equal to</li><li>1. Neither A nor B</li><li>3. Both A and B</li></ul>	2. Only A 4. Only B
76.	<b>1.</b> Article 23 <b>2.</b> Article 21 Which of the following festival spring season in India?	<b>3.</b> Article 20 <b>4.</b> Article 22 is is celebrated to welcome the	89.	Which of the following States is rivers)?	s a part of Panjnad (land of five
	Raja Parba     Makar Sankranti	<ol> <li>Holi</li> <li>Deepawali</li> </ol>	90.	<b>1.</b> Sikkim <b>2.</b> Kerala Who among the following coil element released by mercury or	
77.	Birsa Munda International Ho the largest seated hockey stadio	ockey Stadium, which is also		<ol> <li>John Dalton</li> <li>Jons Jacob Berzelius</li> </ol>	2. Martin Klaproth 4. Antoine Lavoisier
	which of the following states?  1. Gujrat  3. Odisha	<ol> <li>Maharashtra</li> <li>Uttar Pradesh</li> </ol>	91.	Select the correct combination writer.	•
78.	Which of the following Nation India?			<ol> <li>The Blue Umbrella – Ruskin</li> <li>Untouchable – RK Narayan</li> <li>The Guide – Mulk Raj Anan</li> </ol>	
	1. Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-			4. The White Tiger – Anita Des	
	<ol> <li>Ganga–Bhagirathi–Hooghly R</li> <li>West Coast Canal (Kottapura Udyogmandal Canals</li> </ol>		92.	The major aspect of financial in credit to small businesses. In p in the Union Budget 2015–16,	ursuance of the announcemen
	<b>4.</b> North Buckingham Canal (P of Chennai)			finance Agency (MUDRA) was the below mentioned schemes?	set up and this led to which o
79.	The Vernacular Press Act was e India to limit the freedom of the <b>1.</b> 1878 <b>2.</b> 1876			<ol> <li>Bhasha Sangam Initiative</li> <li>Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojan</li> </ol>	na (PMMY)
80.	The unit of density is:	<b>3.</b> 18/9 <b>4.</b> 18/3		<ol> <li>Mission Indradhanush</li> <li>Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikara</li> </ol>	n Karvakram
	<ol> <li>metre cubed</li> <li>metre squared</li> </ol>		93.	Which of the following stateme of Chandragupta II?	
	3. kilogram metre per second			(A) Chandragupta II adopted th	
01	4. kilogram per cubic metre	nolo in motility		(B) Kalidasa and Amarasimha	7. All -
81.	Identify a structure that plays a <b>1.</b> Pili <b>2.</b> Flagella	3. Villi 4. Fimbria		1. Only A 3. Neither A nor B	2. Both A and B 4. Only B
82.	'Justice for the Judge' is the au		94.	Identify another name of Choar	_
	retired Chief Justice of India?			1. Stem cells	2. Collar cells
	1. Ranjan Gogoi	2. Madam Mohan Punchhi		3. Flame cells	4. Sperm cells
02	3. Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana	•	95.	Which of the following states under the Van Dhan Vikas Yoja	
05.	Which of the following organ with Vinayak Damodar Savarka			1. Manipur 2. Meghalaya	
	Free India Society     Abhinav Bharat Society	<ul><li>2. Hindu Mahasabha</li><li>4. Servants of India Society</li></ul>	96.	Hill Area Development Program	
84.	Biotic potential is defined as:			1. Second 2. Fourth	3. Fifth 4. Sixth
	<ol> <li>the ability of a population to under ideal environmental co</li> <li>the tendency of a populati</li> </ol>	onditions	97.	Who has assumed charge as the 2022?  1. KM Rao	Chairman of ISRO in January  2. P Muralidhar
	extreme environmental cond			3. K Sivan	4. S Somanath
	<b>3.</b> the tendency of a population environmental conditions	on to decrease under extreme	98.	Who among the following waking to hold the title of Mahara	s the first independent Gupta jadhiraj?
	<b>4.</b> the ability of a population environmental conditions	on to increase under ideal		1. Ramagupta	2. Chandragupta I
85.	Guruvayur Dorai is associated	with playing the .	99.	<b>3.</b> Ghatotkach Gupta Indian men's national cricket	4. Srigupta I t team created a record by
	1. Tabla 3. Rudra Veena	2. Sarangi 4. Mridangam	,,,	defeating Sri Lanka by 317 ru January 2023 in	
86.	Which constitutional body cond Services?			<ol> <li>Thiruvananthapuram</li> <li>Rajkot</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. Guwahati</li><li>4. Kolkata</li></ul>
	1. Union Public Service Comm		100.	What is the name of the solution the existence of starch in food?	
	<ol> <li>Special Officer for Linguistic</li> <li>National Commission for Ba</li> </ol>			1. Copper sulphate solution	2. Ammonium chloride

**3.** Iodine solution

**4.** Chlorine solution

**4.** has

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

**2.** was

There

1. has not

been too many incidents of thefts lately.

3. have

# English Language and Comprehension 112. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.

He must be written to by us.

**3.** We are writing to him.

1. We can write.

English Language and Comprehension	His lecture was terse and interesting.
<b>101.</b> Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select	1. overt 2. braggart 3. inert 4. short
the option that gives their correct logical sequence and forms	113. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
a meaningful sentence. The first part 'He wrapped himself'	Inquisitive 2. D. II
is fixed. He wrapped himself / two sweatshirts (P) / with a	<ol> <li>Curious</li> <li>Dull</li> <li>Uninterested</li> <li>Indolent</li> </ol>
blanket, (Q) / was wearing (R) / though he (S)	114. Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning
<b>1.</b> P, Q, S, R <b>2.</b> S, P, Q, R	of the underlined word. Jack was given the responsibility of
<b>3.</b> Q, R, P, S <b>4.</b> Q, S, R, P	driving, as he was the only teetotaller.
102. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the	1. Person who habitually drinks to the point of losing control
underlined segment in the given sentence.	<b>2.</b> Person who completely abstains from intoxicating drinks
The bridge that connect the two sides of the city broke today.	like alcohol
1. that have been connecting 2. that connects	3. Person with imagination and creative potential
3. that have connect 4. that has connect	4. Responsible citizen of the country with high self-esteem
<b>103.</b> Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. It may	115. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect
seem that the hours of women's chores at home	speech.
have not declined inspite of the availability of many appliances	He said, "Alas! I am a ruined man."
(gas, electric ranges, washing machines, etc.)	1. He applauded with sorrow that he was a ruined man.
1. perceiving 2. promising	2. He confessed with sorrow that he was a ruined man.
3. perplexing 4. persisting	3. He cried out with sorrow that he was a ruined man.
<b>104.</b> Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined	4. He wished that he was a ruined man.
word segment in the given sentence.	116. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order.
Take a lot of care in writing official letters because they leave	Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
a trail behind.	A. Positive thinking leads a man to success. One who thinks
1. a sound effect 2. a lasting impression	that he can achieve the things will put his best to achieve.
3. a longing desire 4. a temporary exposure	B. Self-confidence, determination, perseverance and hard
<b>105.</b> Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. To have sticky fingers	work are the key factors of success.
1. To be suspicious	C. He will not fetter by the problems in the path of success and
2. To have a tendency to steal	one day he will win positively.
3. To punish for a crime	<b>D.</b> Every small or big, easy, or complex problem has its
4. To remain joyful in a difficult situation	solution. There is a way out of every labyrinth, there is an
<b>106.</b> Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.	answer to every enigma.
The seven for accreditation were presented in a	<b>1.</b> B, C, A, D <b>2.</b> A, C, B, D
seminar organised by the university.	<b>3.</b> D, C, B, A <b>4.</b> C, D, B, A
1. criteria 2. criterias 3. criterion 4. criterion	117. The following sentence has been split into four segments.
107. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined	Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. Though
word in the given sentence.	the / global financial crisis, / China's economy continues / to
His request was <u>overlooked</u> by the management.	grow at an impressive rate.  1. to grow at an impressive rate.
1. Considered 2. Ignored 3. Neglected 4. Disdained	2. china's economy continues
108. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.	3. Though the
Call it a day	4. global financial crisis,
1. To stop worrying over something	<b>118.</b> Select the correct version of the following sentence.
2. To reach the destination	He would be meet us next week.
3. To avoid meeting someone	1. He would be meets us next week.
4. To decide to stop doing something	2. He would not be met us next week.
<b>109.</b> Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.	<b>3.</b> He will be meet us next week.
(O) arid deserts	4. He will be meeting us next week.
(P) from lush forests to	119. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
(Q) hikers encountered diverse ecosystems	Adult Education is a great step that must be taken by all the
(R) trekking through the wilderness	countries as it will a lot of issues. The third world countries must especially work to make this happen so they
1. OPQR 2. RQPO 3. PRQO 4. QPOR	can prosper.
110. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined word.	1. permeate 2. resolve 3. stagnate 4. contradict
Sarika's husband had been undergoing vicissitudes in his	120. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of
fortune since 2002.	them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error
1. compilations 2. hibernations	from the given options.
3. tribulations 4. consolations	I am sorry / to intrude by / you at / such a time.
111. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active	1. such a time. 2. you at
voice.	3. to intrude by 4. I am sorry

2. We must write to him.

4. I have been writing to him.

- **122.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. When is this car driven by you?
  - 1. When will you drive this car?
  - 2. When should you drive this car?
  - 3. When did you drive this car?
  - **4.** When do you drive this car?
- 123. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. So Mahesh is much sensitive, / we are very careful / when communicating with him / about his failures.
  - 1. about his failures
  - 2. So Mahesh is much sensitive,
  - 3. we are very careful
  - 4. when communicating with him
- **124.** Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
  - (A) Ask your employer for information on the child care scheme.
  - (B) If the employer does not contribute to the costs, the government will do so.
  - (C) The employers of both parents are expected to contribute to child care.
  - (D) The Government policy on child care was designed as a welfare scheme for citizens.
  - **1.** BACD **2.** CDBA **3.** BDAC **4.** DCAB
- 125. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Made his mark
  - 1. To make a colourful exit
- 2. To distinguish himself
  - 3. To fail in the task
- 4. To take a stand
- **126.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.

The experiment is being completed by the whole class.

- 1. The whole class has completed the experiment.
- **2.** The whole class completes the experiment.
- **3.** The whole class has been completing experiment.
- **4.** The whole class is completing the experiment.
- **127.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. When will you play the musical instrument in the event?
  - 1. When was the music instrument played by you in the event?
  - **2.** When will the music instrument be played in the event?
  - 3. When will the music instrument be played by you in the event?
  - **4.** When should the music instrument be played by you in the event?
- **128.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice

Mr. Suman opened the door.

- 1. The door was being opened by Mr. Suman.
- 2. The door was opened by Mr. Suman.
- 3. The door is opened by Mr. Suman.
- **4.** The door is being opened by Mr. Suman.
- 129. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

People think the government will change the economic policies.

- **1.** People thought that the government will change the economic policies.
- **2.** The government will think to change the economic policies.
- **3.** The government has been thinking to change the economic policies.
- It is thought that the economic policies will be changed by the government.

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

The manager said to the peon, "Why were you absent yesterday?"

- 1. The manager esquired why the peon was absent the previous day.
- 2. The manager asked the peon why he was absent the previous day.
- **3.** The manager asked the peon why he had been absent the previous day.
- **4.** The manager asked the peon why had he been absent the previous day.
- 131. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error. A Himalayas stretch across / the north-east part / of India and pass / through many countries.
  - 1. of India and pass
- 2. through many countries
- 3. the north-east part
- 4. A Himalayas stretch across
- 132. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

  On the ball
  - 1. To be inattentive
  - 2. To be aware of any changes or developments and quick to react to them
  - 3. To be unaware of any changes happening around
  - 4. To not understand a situation well
- **133.** 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.

Villagers / who approached the agriculture officer / are uneducated and poor.

- 1. are uneducated and poor
- 2. No error
- 3. who approached the agriculture officer
- 4. Villagers
- **134.** Identify the errors in the given sentence and choose the sentence that rectifies these errors.

Doctor she spoke to at a exhibition was very knowledgeable. The medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father.

- The doctor she spoke to at the exhibition was very knowledgeable. The medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father.
- Doctor she spoke to at the exhibition was very knowledgeable. The medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father.
- **3.** The doctor she spoke to at exhibition was very knowledgeable. The medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father.
- 4. The doctor she spoke to at the exhibition was very knowledgeable. A medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father.
- 135. Select the sentence that requires the article 'the'.
  - 1. He lives somewhere in southern Germany.
  - 2. They share rent of the house equally.
  - 3. She is ignorant of her social standing.
  - **4.** She has an abundance of cake at home.
- **136.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.

She told her friend that she had been studying for her examination.

- 1. She told her friend, "I had studied for my examination."
- 2. She told her friend, "I am studying for my examination."
- ${\bf 3.}$  She told her friend, "I was studying for my examination.
- 4. She tells her friend, "I have been studying for my examination."

- 137. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
  - 1. Forcefully 2. Silently **3.** Loudly **4.** Promptly
- **138.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active

The questions were framed by the content creators just to assess the skills of the test takers.

- 1. The content creators framed the questions just to assess the skills of the test takers.
- 2. The content creators had framed the questions just to assess the skills of the test.
- 3. The content creators were framing the questions just to assess the skills of the test takers.
- 4. The content creators could frame the questions just to assess the skills of the test takers.
- **139.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.

Somebody paid the workers 2000 rupees.

- 1. The workers were paid 2000 rupees.
- 2. The workers were being paid 2000 rupees.
- 3. 2000 rupees has been paid to the workers.
- **4.** 2000 rupees is paid to the workers.
- **140.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The business operates the same way as the other businesses did.

- 1. such 2. very 3. much
- 141. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word in the given sentence.

She looked tired and sallow after the long day she'd had.

- 2. Livid
- **3.** Flushed
- 4. Paled
- **142.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom. It was just an action in the nick of time that prepared all of us for further arrangements.
  - **1.** Just in time
- 2. Forceful labour
- **3.** Delayed as expected
- **4.** Unnatural happenings
- **143.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.

Calling me a friend, Surjit Singh encouraged me and advised me not to lose heart.

- 1. Surjit Singh asked me, "Cheer up, friend. Do not lose heart."
- 2. Surjit Singh demanded, "Cheer up, friend. Do not lose heart."
- 3. Surjit Singh said, "Cheer up, friend. Do not lose heart."
- 4. Surjit Singh ordered me, "Cheer up, friend. Do not lose heart."
- **144.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

They said, "We were planning to visit you next week."

- 1. They said that they have been planning to visit him next
- 2. They said that they had planned to visit him next week.
- 3. They said that they are planning to visit him the coming week.
- 4. They said that they had been planning to visit him the following week.
- 145. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined

Amrit felt a chill run down his spine as Mrityu gazed at him mid-conversation.

- 1. shot 3. stared 4. shouted 2. glanced
- **146.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.

The father said, "Ramu, try again".

- 1. The father advised Ramu to try again.
- 2. The father requested Ramu to try again.
- 3. The father told Ramu that he tried again.
- 4. The father said that Ramu tries again.

**147.** Identify the error in the following sentence.

I always love to eat snacks at the evening.

- 2. snacks **3.** always 1. to **4.** at
- 148. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select the option that arranges the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.
  - (P) the paintings of Sayed Haider Raza blended
  - (Q) considered as one of the
  - (R) foremost pioneers of Indian modern art
  - (S) parisian modernism with the colours of Indian Rajput art
  - **2.** R, P, S, Q **3.** P, S, Q, R **4.** Q, R, P, S
- 149. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in indirect speech. "I have not completed the assignment yet," the student admitted.
  - 1. The student admitted that he/she hadn't been able to complete the assignment yet.
  - 2. The student admitted that he/she hasn't been able to complete the assignment yet.
  - 3. The student admitted that he/she hasn't completed the assignment vet.
  - 4. The student admitted that he/she hadn't completed the assignment vet.
- 150. Change the sentence from direct speech to indirect speech. She said, "Don't the children like the cake?"
  - 1. She enquired about whether the children liked the cake.
  - 2. she asked me whether the children didn't like the cake.
  - 3. She asked whether the children liked the cake.
  - 4. She wondered why the children didn't like the cake.
- 151. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active

The letter had been posted by me before I met him.

- 1. I had posted the letter before I met him.
- 2. I had posted the letter after meeting him.
- 3. The letter has been posted by me before I had met him.
- 4. I met him after posting the letter.
- **152.** Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.
  - P. some experienced teachers say that
  - Q. teaching about English is easy and
  - R. teaching English is difficult as
  - S. the latter needs dedication, resources and many more
  - 1. PSOR 2. PSRO 3. PORS
- 153. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined

The enemy, even if it is a child, is a challenge and needs to be removed from his path.

4. PRSO

- 1. problem **2.** solution **3.** nuisance **4.** threat
- **154.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive

I shared a clipping of myself dead-lifting and doing back squats.

- 1. A clipping of myself doing dead-lifting and back squats is shared by me.
- 2. A clipping of myself doing dead-lifting and back squats are being shared by me.
- 3. A clipping of myself doing dead-lifting and back squats was shared by me.
- 4. Dead-lifting and back squats are being done by myself.
- **155.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

The boss said to the secretary, "Don't forget to order A3 size paper."

1. The boss instructed the secretary not to forget to order A3 size paper.

- 2. The boss told the secretary that she didn't forget to order A3
- **3.** The boss asked the secretary to order A3 size paper.
- 4. The boss told the secretary that she should not forget to order A3 size paper.
- 156. Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom. Milk of human kindness
  - **1.** Compassion **2.** Bravery 3. Luck 4. Victory
- 157. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM to replace the italicised word in the given sentence.

I am astonished to see her *mercurial* demeanour in making any task a success.

- 1. capricious 2. erratic **3.** fluctuant **4.** invariable
- 158. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Intent
  - 1. uncertain 2. rigid 3. alert 4. involved
- **159.** Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.

I shall be cook my favourite dish tonight for the party.

- 1. the party
- 2. tonight for
- 3. I shall be cook
- 4. my favourite dish
- 160. Select the word segment that can substitute the bracketed word segment correctly and complete the sentence meaningfully. (Everyone carefully were trying to) reason with the CEO regarding the need for work life balance during the upcoming festivals.
  - 1. Everyone was carefully trying to
  - **2.** Everyone had carefully trying to
  - **3.** Everyone were carefully trying to
  - 4. Everyone did carefully tried to
- **161.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct

Tom said that he had a strange experience the day before.

- 1. Tom exclaimed, "What a strange experience it was!"
- 2. Tom said, "I will have a strange experience the day before."
- 3. Tom said, "I must have a strange experience the day before."
- 4. Tom said, "I had a strange experience yesterday."
- 162. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.

He said, "My mother will be here tomorrow."

- 1. He said that his mother would be there the next day.
- 2. He said that his mother would be here tomorrow.
- **3.** He said that my mother will be here the next day.
- **4.** He said that my mother will be here tomorrow.
- 163. Identify the segment that contains an error in the given sentence.

Gandhi ji considered it wrongly to use unfair means even for fair ends.

- 1. Gandhi ji considered
- 2. even for fair ends
- 3. it wrongly
- 4. to use unfair means
- 164. 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.

Raghu did not get the job / because he did not have / experience enough for the post.

- 1. because he did not have
- 2. No error 3. Raghu did not get the job
- 4. experience enough for the post
- **165.** Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active

Stones were thrown at the dog.

1. They had been throwing stones at the dog.

- 2. They throw stones at the dog.
- 3. They were throwing stones at the dog.
- **4.** They threw stones at the dog.
- 166. The following sentence contains four underlined words and are given as options. Identify the option that contains an error. They were sitting on the chairs in the class talking to each other when they entered in a heated argument.
  - **2.** To **3.** In 1. On
- 4. When
- **167.** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. While I was waiting for Asha for shopping,

I spilled lemonade on my new trousers

- 1. to hold shop
- 3. to shopper
- 4. to see shopping
- **168.** Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Abandon.
  - 1. Reclaim 2. Possess
- **3.** Desert 4. Commence
- 169. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.

"Why is he crying?" he asked.

- 1. He asked why he was crying.
- 2. She asked why he is crying.
- 3. She asked why he was crying.
- 4. He asked why she crying.
- 170. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive

Leo Tolstoy wrote many stories for children.

- 1. Many stories were written by children for Leo Tolstoy.
- 2. Many stories were written for children by Leo Tolstoy.
- 3. Many stories have been written for children by Leo Tolstoy.
- 4. Many children wrote stories for Leo Tolstoy.

## Comprehension:

In the following passage, some words have been deleted.

Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Child prodigies are a miraculous category of children that bestowed with undying attention because of their exceptional skills in every domain of their curricula. When we speak of (2) changes in society, we grant its responsibility to child prodigies.

these are children who thrive everywhere, their parents are overjoyed when they win the lottery, and their peers are envious of them, research shows that young prodigies rarely go on to change the course of history. According to psychologists, many of history's most (4) and important figures weren't particularly talented as kids. To paraphrase TS Eliot, their careers tend to end not with a bang, but (5)\_\_\_ . Although child prodigies frequently possess a wealth of intelligence and ambition, their inability to develop unique thoughts prevents them from advancing society.

- **171.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
  - 1. are 2. were
- **3.** is
- 4. was **172.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

4. Neither

- 1. forgotten 3. remarkable
- 2. ordinary 4. professional
- **173.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
  - 1. Nonetheless 2. So that
- 3. Which
- 174. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
  - 1. notable 2. lame
    - 3. researcher 4. dumb
- 175. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
  - 1. a reconcile
- 2. an impalpable
- 3. an indomitable
- 4. a whimper

#### Comprehension:

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

A savanna is a kind of rolling grassland dotted with isolated trees and shrubs. The grasslands of Australia are known as the bush. The grassland plains of North America are referred to as the prairie. A vast plain with hills and forests is called savanna. Africa has the (1) savannas. In the savanna of Africa. wet and dry are the two seasons. The dry season is shorter for two to three months near the equator, longer for nine to ten months near the tropics, and longer for five to six months in the majority of the savanna. Heavy downpours (2) the wet seasons. In the dry seasons, vegetative life develops exceptionally quickly. Savanna grass rises two to three metres whereas forests are sparse. There are places where there aren't many trees. Strong evaporation (3) tree leaves to fall off and bushes and grass to wither during the dry season. It frequently starts a fire that spreads to large areas. Everything so lovely during the wet season—grass sprouts, trees and bushes turn green, and so on. Take a stroll through the savanna to see a (5) of animals, including elephants, giraffes, and zebras. The savanna is also home to the lion, the animal king.

- **176.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
  - 1. biggest 2. fattest
- **3.** cleverest **4.** heaviest
- 177. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2. 4. pass
  - 1. materialise 2. occur **3.** conquer
- 178. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
  - 1. root 2. reason 3. causes 4. source
- 179. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
- 1. studies 2. looks 3. gapes 4. examines **180.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
  - 2. variety **3.** mixture 1. arrav 4. peak

#### Comprehension:

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

Shan's mother passed away a month ago. From that very moment, his life underwent a drastic change. Life became for him. He would often lock himself (2) in his room and did not come out for hours together. That was a usual day, he locked himself. When the day turned into night and he did not come out, his elder sister got anxious and knocked at the door (3) . She struggled with the lock of the door but when she failed, she called some people for help. While those people were busy in breaking the lock of the door, they heard the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of porcelain from inside. They tried hard to open the door and ultimately succeeded. On entering, they found Shan's body lying on the floor with arms and legs (5) . His sister wondered who could have broken the plate. All she wished Shan to rest in peace and meet their dead mother.

- **181.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
  - 1. ecstatic
- 2. intolerable
- 3. comfortable
- 4. satisfactory
- **182.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.
  - **1.** up **2.** off
- **3.** out 4. over
- **183.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
  - 1. relentlessly
- 2. conscientiously
- 3. unconsciously
- 4. sincerely
- **184.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.
  - 1. rattling 2. spinning 3. jingling 4. smashing
- **185.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.
  - 1. momentum
- 2. outspread
- 3. poles apart
- 4. spacious

#### Comprehension:

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

Centuries ago, Aryabhata, one of the most famous Indian mathematicians and astronomers (1) the concept of zero, the base of the present (2) system. With time, zero became a stepping stone to (3) simplified computations, (4)\_ the ways for development of algebra, algorithms and calculus, three pillars of modern mathematics, while eventually laying the (5)\_ for computers.

**186.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.

- 1. propounded
- 2. propound
- 3. propounds
- 4. has propounded
- **187.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
  - 1. numerological
- 2. numerically
- 3. numerology
- 4. numeral
- **188.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
  - 1. sadly 2. many
- **3.** scarcely **4.** much **189.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
  - 1. has been paved
- 2. was paved
- 3. paving
- 4. have paved
- **190.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
  - 2. foundation 3. creation 4. origin 1. activation

## **Comprehension:**

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. "It is not a lip or eye we beauty call/ But the joint force and full result of all," wrote Alexander Pope, the English intellectual poet and contemporary of John Dryden. The very idea of beauty is subjective because we never take it in totality. Years ago, one saw a painting at an art museum in Warsaw, Poland. Some unknown Polish painter made it during World War I. It was about an undraped woman, who had a chiselled body but no face. There was a comment in the corner of that painting: Impose your idea of beauty on it and think of a face for her. Everyone will visualise according to his one idea of beauty. This is indeed intriguing. Beauty, especially feminine beauty, is always stereotyped and reduced to concrete and unaltered idioms. The core concept of beauty lies in being abstract. 'Koi soorat de do ke tarasta hoon main/ Meri taameer ki mitti abhi narm hai dekho' - Give me a face, an appearance; my clay's still wet. The moment we try to concretise and quantify beauty, it loses its aura and its appeal. There is a term in French - 'Je ne sais quoi', I know not what. Beauty ought to have this quality that cannot be adequately described or expressed, yet that makes somebody or something more attractive and interesting. Beauty is always an open-ended idea. Neither can you bind it, nor can you define it. It is like love, indefinable, yet so desirable. And like love, it can only be felt and experienced. You can never appreciate it superficially. Then it becomes voyeuristic and too quotidian.

- **191.** The central theme of the passage is
  - 1. beauty is indefinable but can be felt and experienced
  - 2. one should enjoy beauty in youth
  - 3. beautiful women can inspire others
  - 4. physical health is more important than beauty
- 192. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Intriguing
  - 1. Gripping 2. Boring **3.** Historical **4.** Interesting
- 193. Select an appropriate title for the passage.
  - 1. Beauty is what strikes the soul
  - 2. Beauty of women is inspiring
  - 3. Alexander Pope and his beauty
  - 4. Poets and beauty

- 194. What does the French term 'Je ne sais quoi' mean?
  - 1. I know not where is it
- 2. I know what
- 3. I know not what
- 4. I know where is it
- **195.** Which of the following statements is not true according to the passage?
  - 1. Beauty is like love.
  - 2. Beauty is an open-ended idea.
  - **3.** One visualises according to his idea of beauty.
  - **4.** Physical beauty is more impressive than inner beauty.

#### **Comprehension:**

Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The use of plastic bags has been a contentious issue for many years. On one hand, they are convenient for carrying groceries and other items. On the other hand, they are a major contributor to pollution and can have devastating effects on the environment. One of the main causes of plastic bag pollution is their widespread use. They are given out for free at almost every store and are used for just a few minutes before being discarded. This means that there are billions of plastic bags in circulation at any given time, many of which end up as litter on streets, in parks, and in waterways. Another cause of plastic bag pollution is their slow degradation. Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 years to decompose, which means that they will continue to pollute the environment for centuries to come. This is especially problematic in oceans where they can harm marine life and damage ecosystems. The effects of plastic bag pollution are wide-ranging and can be devastating. They can harm wildlife and marine life, damage ecosystems, and even contribute to the spread of disease. Plastic bags that end up in oceans can be mistaken as food by marine animals, leading to starvation or suffocation. They can also entangle animals, making it difficult for them to move or escape predators. Plastic bags can also damage coral reefs, which are vital habitats for many species of marine life. In addition to harming wildlife, plastic bags can also affect human health. Plastic bags that end up in waterways can contaminate drinking water and food sources, leading to the spread of disease. They can also block drainage systems, causing flooding and other problems. To address the problem of plastic bag pollution, many cities and countries have implemented plastic bag bans or fees. These policies have been effective in reducing the use of plastic bags and in turn reducing pollution. Consumers can also take action by choosing to bring reusable bags when shopping, or by using paper bags instead of plastic bags. In conclusion, the use of plastic bags has severe consequences on the environment and human health. The cause of the problem is the widespread use and slow degradation of plastic bags, while the effects are wide-ranging and can be devastating. To mitigate these effects, individuals and governments can take actions such as implementing plastic bag bans, choosing to use reusable bags or paper bags instead of plastic bags.

- **196.** According to the passage, which of the following is NOT an effect of plastic bag pollution on the environment?
  - 1. Contamination of drinking water and food sources
  - 2. Harm to wildlife and marine life
  - 3. Air pollution
  - 4. Damage to ecosystems
- 197. What is the main cause of plastic bag pollution?
  - 1. Their easy decomposition
  - 2. Lots of proper disposal methods
  - 3. Their widespread use and slow degradation
  - 4. Careful recycling
- 198. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

  Contaminate
  - 1. Extract
- 2. Purify
- 3. Collect
- 4. Pollute
- 199. Select the most appropriate title for the passage.
  - 1. The Causes and Effects of Plastic Bag Pollution
  - 2. The Future of Marine Life
  - 3. The Consequences of a Damaged Ecosystem
  - **4.** The Convenience of Plastic Bags: Ignoring the Negative Impact.
- 200. Identify the structure of the passage.
  - 1. Chronological
- 2. Descriptive
- 3. Compare and Contrast
- 4. Classification

## **Answer Kev**

1.	(4)	2.	(4)	3.	(2)	4.	(2)	5.	(3)	6.	(3)	7.	(4)	8.	(2)	9.	(2)	10.	(1)
11.	(4)	12.	(2)	13.	(3)	14.	(2)	15.	(1)	16.	(1)	17.	(1)	18.	(2)	19.	(3)	20.	(4)
21.	(2)	22.	(2)	23.	(1)	24.	(3)	25.	(3)	26.	(3)	27.	(1)	28.	(3)	29.	(1)	30.	(2)
31.	(4)	32.	(2)	33.	(4)	34.	(2)	35.	(3)	36.	(3)	37.	(2)	38.	(3)	39.	(1)	40.	(3)
41.	(2)	42.	(1)	43.	(2)	44.	(1)	45.	(1)	46.	(4)	47.	(2)	48.	(2)	49.	(3)	50.	(4)
51.	(1)	52.	(1)	53.	(4)	54.	(3)	55.	(3)	56.	(4)	57.	(1)	58.	(4)	59.	(2)	60.	(2)
61.	(3)	62.	(1)	63.	(2)	64.	(3)	65.	(3)	66.	(4)	67.	(3)	68.	(2)	69.	(4)	70.	(4)
71.	(4)	72.	(2)	73.	(1)	74.	(4)	75.	(2)	76.	(3)	77.	(3)	78.	(2)	79.	(1)	80.	(4)
81.	(2)	82.	(1)	83.	(4)	84.	(1)	85.	(4)	86.	(1)	87.	(3)	88.	(4)	89.	(4)	90.	(4)
91.	(1)	92.	(2)	93.	(2)	94.	(2)	95.	(1)	96.	(3)	97.	(4)	98.	(2)	99.	(1)	100.	(3)
101.	(4)	102.	(2)	103.	(3)	104.	(2)	105.	(2)	106.	(1)	107.	(1)	108.	(4)	109.	(2)	110.	(3)
111.	(2)	112.	(4)	113.	(3)	114.	(2)	115.	(3)	116.	(2)	117.	(3)	118.	(4)	119.	(2)	120.	(3)
121.	(3)	122.	(4)	123.	(2)	124.	(4)	125.	(2)	126.	(4)	127.	(3)	128.	(2)	129.	(4)	130.	(3)
131.	(4)	132.	(2)	133.	(4)	134.	(1)	135.	(2)	136.	(3)	137.	(3)	138.	(1)	139.	(1)	140.	(3)
141.	(3)	142.	(1)	143.	(3)	144.	(4)	145.	(2)	146.	(1)	147.	(4)	148.	(4)	149.	(4)	150.	(2)
151.	(1)	152.	(3)	153.	(2)	154.	(3)	155.	(1)	156.	(1)	157.	(4)	158.	(4)	159.	(3)	160.	(1)
161.	(4)	162.	(1)	163.	(3)	164.	(4)	165.	(4)	166.	(3)	167.	(2)	168.	(3)	169.	(1)	170.	(2)
171.	(1)	172.	(3)	173.	(1)	174.	(1)	175.	(4)	176.	(1)	177.	(2)	178.	(3)	179.	(2)	180.	(2)
181.	(2)	182.	(1)	183.	(1)	184.	(4)	185.	(2)	186.	(1)	187.	(4)	188.	(2)	189.	(3)	190.	(2)
191.	(1)	192.	(2)	193.	(1)	194.	(3)	195.	(4)	196.	(3)	197.	(3)	198.	(2)	199.	(1)	200.	(2)

## **Answers with Explanations**

## 1. Option (4) is correct.

AMBIDEXTROU S

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

 $A \leftrightarrow S, M \leftrightarrow U, B \leftrightarrow O, I \leftrightarrow R, D \leftrightarrow T, E \leftrightarrow X$ 

The new arrangement is

SUORTXEDIBMA

So, T is the letter which immediately follows R.

## 2. Option (4) is correct.

4, 9, 19, 39, 79, ?

Number can be written as.

(4),  $(4 \times 2 + 1)$ ,  $(9 \times 2 + 1)$ ,  $(19 \times 2 + 1)$ ,  $(39 \times 2 + 1)$ ,  $(79 \times 2 + 1)$ , ?

4, 9, 19, 39, 79, 159

## 3. Option (2) is correct.

According to question, expression changes to

$$15 \div 3 + 25 - 7 \times 3 = 5 + 25 - 21 = 9$$

#### 4. Option (2) is correct.

Given triad is

668 - 776 - 992

Sum of the digit of each number is 20.

 $\therefore$  In triad 448 – 398 – 299, the sum of digits of each number is

## 5. Option (3) is correct.

There are 7 people A, B, C, D, E, F, G.

- (i) A score highest
- (ii) Maximum scored mark is 92. So A scored 92
- (iii) Multiple of 9 between 85 and 92 is 90. So G scored 90 marks

(iv) 
$$G + F = 150$$
, i.e.,  $F = 60$  marks

So order can be

A (92)

G(90)

C (C scored more than F but less than D)

F (60)

D (

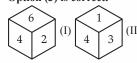
E (33) (minimum) (As D scored more than only E)

According to order

.. D mark lies between F and E, i.e., between 60 and 33

So, D can score 48 mark.

## 6. Option (3) is correct.



From 2 position of same side; we can conclude that

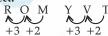
Adjacent faces to face having number 4 are 2, 6 (from first position)

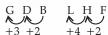
Adjacent faces to face having number 4 are 1, 3 (from second position)

.. Adjacent faces that face having number 4 are 1, 2, 3, 6 leaving only one face 5 which must be opposite to 4.

 $\therefore$  The number on face opposite to 5 is 4.

#### 7. Option (4) is correct.

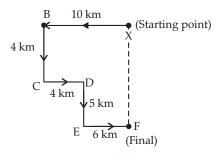




:. LHF does not belong to group.

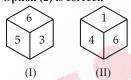
#### 8. Option (2) is correct.

Let A is starting position of a man



.. So from starting point A, F is in the south direction.

#### 9. Option (2) is correct.



Since, number 6 is common in both position (I) and (II)

So, adjacent number faces wrt number 6 face are (5, 3) from (I) position and (1, 4) from (II) position

- ... Number whose faces are adjacent to face number 6 are (1, 3,
- 4, 5) leaving only number 2 which must be opposite to 6.
- : 2 and 6 are opposite.

## 10. Option (1) is correct.

Given date is 8 June 2030

- (i) Take last 2 digit of year, i.e., 30, p = 30
- (ii) Divide 30 by 4, to get quotient, i.e., 7, let a = 7
- (iii) The code for  $20^{th}$  century is 6, let b = 6.
- (iv) The code for June month is 4, let c = 4
- (v) The date number is 8 let d = 8.

Now, p + a + b + c + d = 30 + 7 + 6 + 4 + 8 = 55

Divide 55 by 7 to get remainder which is 6.

The code for day saturday is 6

S	unday - 0	June - 4,	1600 - 6
N	1onday - 1		1700 - 4
T	uesday - 2		1800 - 2
V	Vednesday - 3		1900 - 0
T	hursday - 4		$2000 - 6 \rightarrow 20^{th}$ century
F	riday - 5		

## 11. Option (4) is correct.

Saturday - 6

$$42 \times 7 \div 13 - 67 + 13 =$$

On interchanging '+' with '-' and 'x' with '÷'

We get expression as

 $42 \div 7 \times 13 + 67 - 13 = 6 \times 13 + 54 = 132$ 

## 12. Option (2) is correct.

JQF = 10 + 17 + 6 = 33 (composite number)

NRI = 14 + 18 + 9 = 41 (prime number)

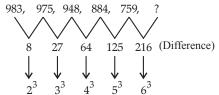
SHO = 19 + 8 + 15 = 42 (composite number)

VER = 22 + 5 + 18 = 45 (composite number)

 $\therefore$  Single for NRI, sum of position number of letter in English alphabet series is prime.

So, NRI letter cluster is the odd one.

#### 13. Option (3) is correct.



So, 
$$759 - 216 = ?$$
  
 $\therefore$  ? = 543

#### 14. Option (2) is correct.

The relationship between Sugar and Diabetes is that excessive consumption of sugar is linked to the development of diabetes. Similarly, Fat is linked to Obesity, as excessive fat accumulation is known as obesity.

## 15. Option (1) is correct.

$$2,\,5$$
 ,  $1,\,21,\,20,\,25$  (According to position of letter cluster)

$$Sum = 2 + 5 + 1 + 21 + 20 + 25 = 74$$

Number of times vowel occurs in word BEAUTY = 3 (E, A, U) So, BEAUTY is coded as 74 - 3 = 71

Similarly

R I V E R (vowel (I, E) = 2)  

$$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$$
  
 $18 9 22 5 18 \Rightarrow$  Sum = 72  
RIVER is coded as  $72 - 2 = 0$   
 $\therefore$  P E O P L E (vowel E, O, E) appears 3 times  
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$ 

$$Sum = 69,$$

.: PEOPLE coded as 69 - 3 = 66

#### 16. Option (1) is correct.

16 5 15 16 12 5

 $P \le Q < R < S$ 

 $T > S > V \ge W$ 

From above statements, we can conclude

$$P \le Q < R < S < T$$

So, we can definitely conclude from above result is that P < T

## 17. Option (1) is correct.

60 D 10 A 4 C 6 B 25 = ?

After replacing 'A' with +, 'B' with '-', C with 'x' and D with '÷

$$60 \div 10 + 4 \times 6 - 25 = 6 + 24 - 25 = 5$$

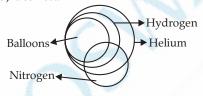
## 18. Option (2) is correct.

Given series is 8, 17, 35, 71, ?, 287

It can be written as

$$8, 8 \times 2 + 1, 17 \times 2 + 1, 35 \times 2 + 1, 71 \times 2 + 1, 143 \times 2 + 1$$
 which is  $8, 17, 35, 71, 143, 287$ 

## 19. Option (3) is correct.



Thus, it can be said: All balloons are helium and some heliums are nitrogen.

## 20. Option (4) is correct.

Given pairs are

$$12: 141 \Rightarrow 12: 12^2 - 3$$
  
8:  $61 \Rightarrow 8: 8^2 - 3$ 

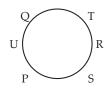
from option (4)

We can see  $18:321 \Rightarrow 18:18^2 - 3$ 

So 18: 321 is analogous to given pair.

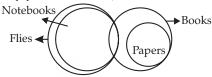
## 21. Option (2) is correct.

Given the arrangement T sits second to the right of S.



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

Thus, some papers are notebooks, is correct.



## 23. Option (1) is correct.

Given equation is:

$$56 + 12 - 54 \times 18 \div 6 = ?$$

On interchanging '+' and '-', 'x' and '÷'

We get equation as

$$56 - 12 + 54 \div 18 \times 6 = 44 + 18 = 62$$

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



Then, Rani referred to the girl in the photo as her sister

## 25. Option (3) is correct.

Given series is:

NDJP, PBMM, RZPJ, ?, VVVD

Taking first letter of each letter cluster

Give space in between 
$$N \xrightarrow{+2} P \xrightarrow{+2} R \xrightarrow{+2} (T) \xrightarrow{+2} V$$

Second letter of each letter cluster

$$D \xrightarrow{-2} B \xrightarrow{-2} Z \xrightarrow{-2} (\widehat{X}) \xrightarrow{-2} V$$

Third letter of each letter cluster

$$J \xrightarrow{+3} M \xrightarrow{+3} P \xrightarrow{+3} S \xrightarrow{+3} V$$

Fourth letter of each letter cluster

$$P \xrightarrow{-3} M \xrightarrow{-3} J \xrightarrow{-3} \bigcirc \longrightarrow D$$

So, term in question mark is T X S G

## 26. Option (3) is correct.



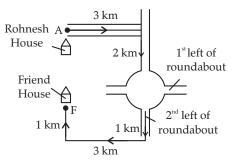
Since, following the same sequence after arrow with circle arrow with triangle will come



#### 27. Option (1) is correct.

According to the question, Ramesh house gate is in north direction,

Let A be the starting position of Ramesh housse



 $\boldsymbol{\cdot}\cdot$  From final position F, Ramesh is facing destination in north direction.

## 28. Option (3) is correct.

Given pairs are

 $9:725 \Leftrightarrow 9:9^3-4$ 

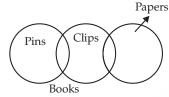
 $3:23 \Leftrightarrow 3:3^3-4$ 

from option 3, we can write

 $4:60 \Leftrightarrow 4:4^3-4=60$ 

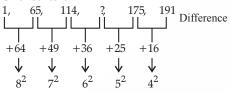
#### 29. Option (3) is correct.

Thus, neither I nor II follows.



## 30. Option (2) is correct.

Given series is:



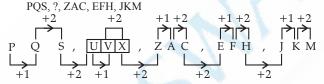
from above pattern.

$$114 + 36 = ?$$
 and  $? + 25 = 175$ 

$$? = 150 \text{ and } ? = 150$$

#### 31. Option (4) is correct.

Given series is



Following the pattern and using position of letter cluster,

We get UVX as the correct answer.

#### 32. Option (2) is correct.

Given triad is:

15 15 (sum of digit)

So, triad whose sum of digit of given number is 15 will be analogous to given triad.

In option 2 195 — 285 — 348 is 15 
$$\downarrow$$
  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$  15 15 (sum of digits)

## 33. Option (4) is correct.

(13, 41, 89)

(4, 14, 26)

Set (13, 41, 89) is formed as  $(13, (13 \times 3) + 2, (13 \times 7) - 2)$ 

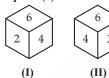
Set (4, 14, 26) is formed as  $(4, (4 \times 3) + 2, (4 \times 7) - 2)$ 

Following the same pattern of the formation of set.

In option (4), we observe

(8, 26, 54) is formed by same pattern as  $(8, (8 \times 3) + 2, (8 \times 7) - 2)$ 

#### 34. Option (2) is correct.



In position (I), number 6 face is adjacent to number 2, 4 faces. In position (II), number 6 face is adjacent to number (4, 3) faces In position (III), number 6 face is adjacent to number (1, 3) faces

(III)

... We can conclude, number 6 face is adjacent to number (1, 2,

3, 4) faces.

And in dice these are 6 faces, so leaving only number 5 face which must be opposite to number 6 face.

#### 35. Option (3) is correct.

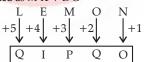
Thus, neither I nor II follows:



## 36. Option (3) is correct.

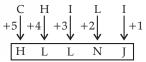
LEMON is coded as OQPIQ

BASIL is coded as MKVEG



where QIPQO is reverse of OQPIQ.

Similarly BASIL is coded as M K V E G



Reverse of H L L N J is J N L L H

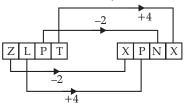
So CH1LI is coded as JNLLH

#### 37. Option (2) is correct.

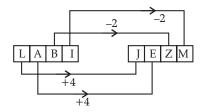
Given series is:

ZLPT, LABI, XPNX, ?, VTLB

Taking alternate letter cluster ZLPT, XPNX



Apply similar pattern to LABI and?



So, missing duster is JEZM.

## 38. Option (3) is correct.

Given pair is:

 $2:11 \Leftrightarrow 2:2^3+3$ 

 $1:4 \Leftrightarrow 1:1^3+3$ 

From option 3

 $5:128 \Leftrightarrow 5:5^3+3$ 

∴ pair 5 : 128 is analogous to given pair.

## 39. Option (1) is correct.

Given equation is:

7 C 9 B 35 D 5 A 3 = ?

After replacement of A by '+', B by '-', C by 'x' and D by '÷' we get

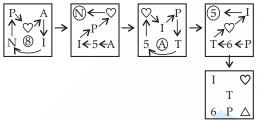
$$7 \times 9 - 35 \div 5 + 3 = 63 - 7 + 3 = 59$$

#### 40. Option (3) is correct.

A Carpenter works with **Wood** as their primary material. Similarly, a **Mason** primarily works with **Stone**.

## 41. Option (2) is correct.

Follow the direction top get next result.



Digits and letter which are circle are changed in next changed As 8 is to 5.

N is changed to T, A is changed to 6 and 5 is changed to  $\Delta$ .

## 42. Option (1) is correct.

Complete figure is

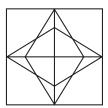


So, the correct answer after completing the figure using symmetry is



## 43. Option (2) is correct.

Completing the figure by using symmetry we get



So, missing part is



## 44. Option (1) is correct.

Given pair is

9:69 which can be written as 9: $9^2 - 12$ 

11: 109 can be written as  $11: 11^2 - 12$ 

So, pair which follows the same pattern will be analogous to given pair.

In option 1, we can see

 $16:244 \Leftrightarrow 16:16^2-12$  is analogous to given pairs.

## 45. Option (1) is correct.

To determine the correct order of the words as they would appear in an English dictionary, we compare them letter by letter.

- 1. "Million" comes before "Millstone" because "Mill-" is the same and "i" comes before "s."
- "Mimic" comes after "Millstone" because "Mim-" comes after "Mill-" alphabetically.
- 3. "Mimicry" comes after "Mimic" because "Mimicr-" follows "Mimic."
- **4.** "Minaret" comes last as "Min-" is after "Mim-" alphabetically. Thus, the sequence is B, D, A, E, C.

## 46. Option (4) is correct.

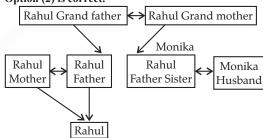
Here, 'a' means '÷', b mean '+', 'c' means '-', 'd' means '×' So given equation

11 b 15 c 8 a 4 d 5 = ?

It can be written as

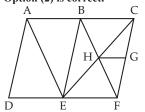
 $11 + 15 - 8 \div 4 \times 5 = 11 + 15 - 2 \times 5 = 16.$ 

#### 47. Option (2) is correct.



 $\therefore$  Rahul is related to Monika's husband's mother-in-law as his grand-mother.

## 48. Option (2) is correct.



In  $\triangle$ FGH  $\rightarrow$  3 triangle ( $\triangle$ HGF,  $\triangle$ HGC,  $\triangle$ HFC)  $\triangle$ ADE,  $\triangle$ ABE,  $\rightarrow$  2 triangles

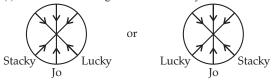
In  $\triangle$  BEF  $\rightarrow$  3 triangles ( $\triangle$ BEF,  $\triangle$ EHB,  $\triangle$ EHF) In  $\triangle$ FCE  $\rightarrow$  1 triangle ( $\triangle$ FEH, HFC already counted)  $\triangle$ BCH,  $\triangle$ BCF,  $\triangle$ BEC  $\rightarrow$  3 triangle  $\triangle$ ACE  $\rightarrow$  1 triangle

 $\therefore$  Total 13 triangle are there in figure.

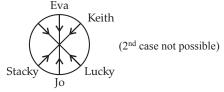
## 49. Option (3) is correct.

There are six babies sitting around a circular dinning table. All facing the centre.

(i) Jo is immediate neighbour of both lucky and stack



(ii) Eva is sitting second to right of lucky and Keith is sitting third to left of stacky.



(iii) Karol is immediate neighbour of both Jo and Carol



 $\therefore$  From figure, Stacky is immediate neighbour of both Jo and Carol.

## 50. Option (4) is correct.

Given series is:

7, 13, 27, 53, 107, ?

which can be re written as

7, 13, 27, 53, 107, ? 
$$\downarrow$$
  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$  7  $7 \times 2 - 1$   $13 \times 2 + 1$   $27 \times 2 - 1$   $53 \times 2 + 1$   $107 \times 2 - 1$  Following the same pattern we get the required question mark (?) as  $107 \times 2 - 1 = 214 - 1 = 213$ 

#### 51. Option (1) is correct.

Githa Hariharan. is the author of the book 'The Thousand Faces of Night' which was published in 1992. The novel explores themes of identity, gender and tradition in contemporary Indian society and won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book in 1993.

#### 52. Option (1) is correct.

Rutherford is famous for the gold foil experiment, conducted in 1909, which demonstrated that atoms have a small, dense, positively charged nucleus. This experiment led to the development of the nuclear model of the atom, replacing the earlier plum pudding model proposed by J.J. Thomson.

#### 53. Option (4) is correct.

The Itmad-ud-Daula Tomb, often referred to as the "Baby Taj," is located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. This Mughal mausoleum was commissioned by Nur Jahan, the wife of Emperor Jahangir, for her father, Mirza Ghiyas Beg, also known as Itmad-ud-Daula. Built between 1622 and 1628, it is renowned for its intricate marble inlay work and is considered a precursor to the Taj Mahal.

#### 54. Option (3) is correct.

According to the Census of India 2011, Arunachal Pradesh has the lowest population density among Indian states, with only 17 persons per square kilometre. Mizoram also has a low population density of 52 persons per square kilometre, making this group accurate in representing states with sparse population density.

## 55. Option (3) is correct.

With economic development, the share of the agricultural sector in a country's GDP and employment typically decreases as the economy diversifies and shifts towards the industrial and service sectors. This transition reflects improved productivity in agriculture and greater reliance on manufacturing and services for growth.

#### 56. Option (4) is correct.

Robert Brown, a botanist, discovered the nucleus of the cell in 1831 while studying plant cells. He observed a distinct, rounded structure within the cells, which he named the "nucleus."

#### 57. Option (1) is correct.

The Ajanta and Ellora caves primarily depict Buddhist religious art, featuring intricate paintings and sculptures that narrate the life and teachings of Buddha, as well as Jataka tales. While Ellora also includes Hindu and Jain influences, Ajanta is exclusively Buddhist. These caves are masterpieces of ancient Indian art and are recognised as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

#### 58. Option (4) is correct.

The Gandhara School of Art utilised materials such as stone, terracotta and clay for its sculptures. Clay was particularly significant in creating intricate and expressive figures that depicted Buddhist themes, blending Indian and Hellenistic artistic traditions.

#### 59. Option (2) is correct.

Madhavi Mudgal is a renowned Indian classical dancer celebrated for her mastery and contributions to Odissi, one of the oldest classical dance forms of India. Her performances are known for their grace, precision and deep connection to the traditional roots of Odissi dance.

#### 60. Option (2) is correct.

Milk is typically deficient in vitamin C, as it does not contain significant amounts of this vitamin. While milk is a good source of vitamins like A, D and B complex, it is low in vitamin C, which is essential for immune function and skin health.

## 61. Option (3) is correct.

The term "square leg" is a fielding position in cricket. It refers to a player who stands on the leg side, usually in line with the batsman, to field balls hit in that direction.

#### 62. Option (1) is correct.

India's exports are less than its imports. A trade deficit occurs when a country's imports exceed its exports. In India's case, the trade deficit arises because the value of imports, particularly in oil, machinery and electronics, is higher than the value of its exports, leading to an imbalance in trade.

## 63. Option (2) is correct.

The 2022 FIFA World Cup was held in Qatar, making it the first time the tournament was hosted by the country. It was also the first time the event was held in November and December, instead of the traditional June and July, to avoid the extreme summer heat in the region.

#### 64. Option (3) is correct.

Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) is a pension scheme for senior citizens, providing an assured return of 7.40% per annum, payable monthly. This scheme was launched by the Government of India to provide social security to elderly citizens. It is designed to offer regular income to senior citizens aged 60 years and above.

#### 65. Option (3) is correct.

The Chad Laho festival is primarily celebrated by the Jaintia tribe of Meghalaya. It is a dance festival that marks the harvesting season and is celebrated with much enthusiasm by the Jaintia people.

#### 66. Option (4) is correct.

According to the 2011 Census of India, the percentage of the disabled population in the country is 2.21%. This includes people with various types of disabilities such as visual, hearing, speech, locomotor and intellectual disabilities. The data highlights the importance of providing adequate support, accessibility and inclusion for persons with disabilities in society, ensuring equal opportunities and addressing their needs in different sectors of life.

#### 67. Option (3) is correct.

#### **Explanation:**

- Indus: The tributary of the Indus is Ravi.
- Yamuna: The tributary of the Yamuna is Hindon.
- Kali: The tributary of the Kali is Gori.
- Narmada: The tributary of the Narmada is Dudhi.

#### 68. Option (2) is correct.

Vedantam Satyanarayana Sarma is a renowned Kuchipudi dancer who holds a prominent place in the tradition of performing the 'stree-vesham' (female role) in Kuchipudi dance, a style of classical dance from Andhra Pradesh.

## 69. Option (4) is correct.

The first edition of the Indian Olympic Games took place in Lahore before India's independence in 1924. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition in 1938 was held in Kolkata and from that point, the name was changed to the National Games. Thus, the correct answer to the question about the venue for the last Indian Olympic Games, which was held in Calcutta, is indeed option 4: Calcutta.

#### 70. Option (4) is correct.

The administrative unit called Chakla was introduced during the reign of Shahjahan as part of a more refined revenue administration organisation. Chaklas served as a subdivision of a Subah (province) and were instrumental in ensuring better revenue collection and administration.

#### 71. Option (4) is correct.

Igneous rocks are formed through the crystallisation of molten material, either magma beneath the Earth's surface or lava at the surface. They are created at relatively high temperatures and solidify into crystalline structures. Examples include granite and basalt.

#### 72. Option (2) is correct.

Imrat Khan was a renowned sitar and surbahar player from India, known for his contributions to Indian classical music. He belonged to the famous Etawah Gharana and was celebrated for his expertise in playing intricate compositions.

## 73. Option (1) is correct.

For domestic tariff, one unit of electrical energy consumption is measured as 1 kilowatt-hour (kWh). It represents the energy consumed when a power of 1 kilowatt is used for 1 hour. This is the standard unit for billing electricity in households.

## 74. Option (4) is correct.

The book "All Roads Lead to Ganga" is written by Ruskin Bond, one of India's most celebrated authors. The book reflects his deep connection with the Himalayan region and describes its natural beauty, culture and way of life, making it a vivid account of his experiences in the hills.

#### 75. Option (2) is correct.

The Right to Protection of Life and Personal Liberty is enshrined under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. This article states that no person shall be deprived of their life or personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law. It is a fundamental right and has been interpreted expansively by the judiciary to include various rights like the right to privacy, health and a clean environment.

#### 76. Option (3) is correct.

Makar Sankranti is celebrated in India to mark the transition of the Sun into the zodiac sign of Capricorn (Makara), signifying the end of the winter solstice and the arrival of longer days. This festival, observed in January, also heralds the spring season and the harvest period. It is celebrated with kite flying, traditional foods and rituals across various regions in India.

#### 77. Option (3) is correct.

The Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, located in Rourkela, Odisha, is the largest seated hockey stadium in the world. It was inaugurated in January 2023 and served as one of the venues for the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup. The stadium is named after the tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda and symbolises Odisha's dedication to promoting hockey.

#### 78. Option (2) is correct.

The Ganga–Bhagirathi–Hooghly River System, designated as National Waterway-1, is the longest waterway in India, spanning approximately 1,620 kilometres from Haldia in West Bengal to Prayagraj (Allahabad) in Uttar Pradesh. It serves as a vital inland water transport route, enhancing trade and connectivity in the region.

#### 79. Option (1) is correct.

The Vernacular Press Act was enacted in 1878 by the British government in India under the leadership of Lord Lytton. The law aimed to curtail the growing influence of the Indianlanguage press, which was becoming increasingly critical of British colonial rule. It gave the government the authority to censor and suppress publications in vernacular languages that were deemed seditious or rebellious.

#### 80. Option (4) is correct.

The unit of density is kilogram per cubic metre (kg/m³). Density is defined as the mass per unit volume of a substance and this unit represents how much mass is contained in a given volume of that substance.

## 81. Option (2) is correct.

Flagella are long, whip-like structures that play a key role in the motility of cells, particularly in bacteria. They enable cells to move through liquids by rotating like a propeller. Pili and fimbria are involved in attachment, while villi are structures in the intestines that increase surface area for absorption.

#### 82. Option (1) is correct.

"Justice for the Judge" is the autobiographical work of Ranjan Gogoi, who served as the  $46^{\rm th}$  Chief Justice of India. The book provides insights into his life, career and the Indian judiciary.

#### 83. Option (4) is correct.

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was associated with the Free India Society, Hindu Mahasabha and Abhinav Bharat Society, but the Servants of India Society was founded by Gopal Krishna Gokhale and was not associated with Savarkar. The society focused on social reform and public service, whereas Savarkar's activities were more aligned with nationalism and Hindutva.

#### 84. Option (1) is correct.

The ability of a population to survive and remain constant under ideal environmental conditions. Biotic potential is the maximum capacity of an organism or population to reproduce under optimal environmental conditions. It represents the potential growth rate of the population without any limiting factors.

#### 85. Option (4) is correct.

Guruvayur Dorai is associated with playing the Mridangam. He was a renowned Indian classical percussionist, known for his expertise in playing the Mridangam, an important traditional drum in Carnatic music.

#### 86. Option (1) is correct.

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts recruitment for All India Services (Article 312). UPSC is responsible for organising examinations and selection processes for various civil services, including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Indian Forest Service (IFS).

#### 87. Option (3) is correct.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the leader of the Bardoli Satyagraha in 1928. This movement was aimed at protesting the increase in land revenue assessments by the British government. The successful revolt led to the return of the confiscated land to the farmers and earned Patel the title of "Sardar," meaning leader.

#### 88. Option (4) is correct.

The Primary Deficit is defined as the Fiscal Deficit minus the interest payments. Therefore, the primary deficit is zero when the interest payments are equal to the fiscal deficit (Option B). In contrast, if the fiscal deficit is zero, there is no need for borrowing and the primary deficit would also be zero. However, this scenario is different from just having the interest payments equal to the fiscal deficit.

#### 89. Option (4) is correct.

Panjnad, meaning "land of five rivers," refers to the region where five rivers – Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej – converge. These rivers flow primarily through the Punjab region, which is now divided between India and Pakistan. The Indian state of Punjab is part of this region.

## 90. Option (4) is correct.

Antoine Lavoisier, a French chemist, is credited with coining the name "oxygen" in 1779. He made significant contributions to the understanding of the role oxygen plays in combustion and respiration and the name was derived from the Greek words "oxy" (acid) and "genes" (producer), reflecting his belief that oxygen was a key component in the formation of acids.

## 91. Option (1) is correct.

The correct combination is:

The Blue Umbrella – Ruskin Bond.

"The Blue Umbrella" is a novel written by Ruskin Bond.

"Untouchable" was written by Mulk Raj Anand, not R.K. Narayan.

"The Guide" was written by R.K. Narayan, not Mulk Raj Anand.

"The White Tiger" was written by Aravind Adiga, not Anita Desai.

## 92. Option (2) is correct.

The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched in 2015–16 to provide financial support to small businesses, including micro-units, through the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Ltd. (MUDRA). The initiative aims to facilitate easier access to credit for micro and small enterprises, fostering financial inclusion and entrepreneurship across the country.

#### 93. Option (2) is correct.

Both A and B are correct.

Statement A: Chandragupta II did adopt the title "Vikramaditya." He is also known as Vikramaditya, a title that signifies his valour and leadership and it became closely associated with the Gupta dynasty.

Statement B: Kalidasa and Amarasimha were indeed part of his court. Kalidasa, one of India's greatest classical Sanskrit poets and playwrights and Amarasimha, a scholar and author of "Amarakosha," both thrived under the patronage of Chandragupta II.

Thus, both statements are correct.

#### 94. Option (2) is correct.

Choanocytes, also known as collar cells, are specialised cells found in sponges. They have a collar-like structure that helps in the filtration of water through the sponge, aiding in the process of feeding and gas exchange.

#### 95. Option (1) is correct.

Manipur emerged as a champion state under the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana in 2021. The scheme was launched to empower tribal communities by providing them with support for collecting and processing forest produce. Manipur's successful implementation of this scheme led to its recognition as a champion state.

## 96. Option (3) is correct.

The Hill Area Development Programmes (HADPs) were initiated during the Fifth Five-Year Plan to address the specific developmental needs of the hilly regions of India. These programmes were designed to improve infrastructure, agriculture and the general socio-economic condition of the areas, covering 15 districts in the hill regions.

## 97. Option (4) is correct.

Somanath assumed charge as the Chairman of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) in January 2022. He succeeded K Sivan, who served as the ISRO Chairman before him. Somanath is known for his contributions to India's space programme, including his work on launch vehicles.

## 98. Option (2) is correct.

Chandragupta I, the first independent Gupta king, was the first to assume the title of Maharajadhiraj, which means "king of kings." This title marked the rise of the Gupta dynasty as a powerful force in ancient India. He is also credited with consolidating the Gupta Empire and laying the foundation for its future expansion under his son, Samudragupta.

#### 99. Option (1) is correct.

In January 2023, the Indian men's national cricket team defeated Sri Lanka by 317 runs in the third One Day International (ODI) match of the series, which took place in Thiruvananthapuram. This victory set a new record for the biggest margin of victory by runs in ODI history.

#### 100. Option (3) is correct.

Iodine solution is commonly used to test for the presence of starch in food. When iodine solution comes into contact with starch, it forms a blue-black colour, indicating the presence of starch.

#### 101. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sequence is Q, S, R, P. He wrapped himself with a blanket, though he was wearing two sweatshirts. The subject (he) is followed by the verb (wrapped), followed by the object (a blanket). The next clause follows the same format and states that he was wearing two sweatshirts.

#### 102. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The bridge that connects the two sides of the city broke today. The underlined part 'that connect' will be replaced by 'that connects' because the subject is singular in number, hence followed by a singular verb. The other options use incorrect verb forms instead of the simple present tense, as the sentence states a fact.

#### 103. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: It may seem perplexing that the hours of women's chores at home have not declined inspite of the availability of many appliances (gas, electric ranges, washing machines, etc.). The sentence clarifies that despite the accessibility and the convenience of many appliances (gas, electric ranges, washing machines), still women slog at home. This sounds puzzling / perplexing.

#### 104. Option (2) is correct.

The underlined phrase 'a trail behind' means something that is left or remains behind as a result of movement or an action. So 'a lasting impression' makes sense.

#### 105. Option (2) is correct.

The idiom 'to have sticky fingers' refers to someone who has a tendency to steal or take things that do not belong to them. Thus, the correct answer is: to have a tendency to steal.

#### 106. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The seven criteria for accreditation were presented in a seminar organised by the university. Criteria is the plural form of the word "criterion". It denotes the standards, principles, or rules used to judge or decide something. Since the number 'seven' is mentioned, the plural form does justice to the blank.

#### 107. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: His request was overlooked by the management. The underlined word 'overlooked' means ignored/disregarded. Thus, the most appropriate antonym is 'considered', which means noticed.

#### 108. Option (4) is correct.

The given idiom 'Call it a day' means to stop doing something, especially working. So, the most suitable meaning is 'decide to stop doing something'.

## 109. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sequence is RQPO. Trekking through the wilderness, hikers encountered diverse ecosystems, from lush forests to arid deserts. The sentence starts with a participle, followed by the subject in Q. The prepositions 'from' and 'to', when aligned together, make a coherent sentence.

## 110. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "tribulations" because it refers to severe difficulties or hardships, aligning with the idea of Sarika's husband experiencing challenging changes in his fortune since 2002. The term "vicissitudes" implies ups and downs, often involving struggles, making "tribulations" the most appropriate fit in this context.

#### 111. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "We must write to him" because it is the active voice equivalent of the given sentence in the passive voice, "He must be written to by us." The modal verb "must" remains the same and the structure is correctly transformed to reflect the active voice while retaining the original meaning.

#### 112. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "short" because "terse" means brief and to the point. In the context of the sentence, "terse and interesting" implies that the lecture was concise while remaining engaging. Among the options, "short" best captures the meaning of "terse" in this context.

## 113. Option (3) is correct.

The term "Inquisitive" means having or showing an interest in learning things; curious. So "Uninterested" is the most suitable option.

#### 114. Option (2) is correct.

In the sentences, "Jack was given the responsibility of driving, as he was the only teetotaller", the underlined term 'teetotaller' means a person who never drinks alcohol. This implies that a person who is not under the influence of alcohol is a responsible driver. The correct answer is: Person who completely abstains from intoxicating drinks like alcohol.

## 115. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "He cried out with sorrow that he was a ruined man" because the exclamation "Alas!" expresses deep sorrow or lamentation. In indirect speech, such expressions are often transformed into phrases like "cried out with sorrow." This option accurately conveys the original emotion and transforms the direct speech into an appropriate indirect form while preserving its meaning.

#### 116. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sequence is: A, C, B, D. Positive thinking leads a man to success. One who thinks that he can achieve the things will put his best to achieve. He will not fetter by the problems in the path of success and one day he will win positively. Self-confidence, determination, perseverance and hard work are the key factors of success. Every small or big, easy, or complex problem has its solution. There is a way out of every labyrinth, there is an answer to every enigma. A introduces the topic of positive thinking, C refers to the person 'one' as mentioned in A. B notes the key factors of success and D sums up the passage.

#### 117. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Through the global financial crisis, China's economy continues to grow at an impressive rate. Here, 'Though the' will be replaced by 'Through the'.

## 118. Option (4) is correct.

The given sentence "He would be meet us next week" is incorrect. This is because the phrase of time 'next week' indicates the use of future tense (will). The correct sentence is: He will be meeting us next week.

#### 119. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Adult Education is a great step that must be taken by all the countries as it will resolve a lot of issues. The third world countries must especially work to make this happen so they can prosper. The sentence suggests an endeavour or a measure (Adult Education) towards resolving a lot of issues by the third world countries.

#### 120. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: I am sorry to intrude on you at such a time. The correct expression should be "to intrude on" rather than "to intrude by. "The verb 'intrude' takes the preposition 'on' after it.

## 121. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: There have been too many incidents of thefts lately. The subject of the sentence is "there," while the phrase "too many incidents" (plural) require "have been" instead of "has been."

#### 122. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "When do you drive this car?" because the given sentence is in the passive voice in the present tense ("is driven"), which should be converted into the active voice in the same tense. The present tense question structure in the active voice is formed using "do" for interrogative sentences, making "When do you drive this car?" the correct option.

#### 123. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: So Mahesh is very sensitive, we are very careful when communicating with him about his failures. "So Mahesh is very sensitive" will replace "So Mahesh is much sensitive". This is because "much" is used with uncountable nouns, but "sensitive" is an adjective, that can be qualified by "very", "so" "too".

## 124. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sequence is: DCAB. The Government policy on child care was designed as a welfare scheme for citizens. The employers of both parents are expected to contribute to child care. Ask your employer for information on the child care scheme. If the employer does not contribute to the costs, the government will do so. D introduces the subject – the Government policy on child care. This policy is elucidated in C , which states that employers of both parents are expected to contribute to child care. For this, one must enquire with one's employer, but if he does not contribute to the policy, the government will do so. Therefore, DCAB forms a logical and coherent link.

#### 125. Option (2) is correct.

The idiom "Made his mark" means to have an important effect on something. Thus, the correct answer is: to distinguish himself.

## 126. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "The whole class is completing the experiment" because the original sentence is in the present continuous tense in the passive voice ("is being completed"). When converted into active voice, it remains in the present continuous tense, with the subject ("the whole class") performing the action. Thus, "The whole class is completing the experiment" accurately reflects the tense and meaning of the original sentence.

## 127. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "When will the musical instrument be played by you in the event?" because the original sentence is in the future tense in the active voice ("will you play"). In passive voice, the structure "will + be + past participle" is used and "by you" is included to indicate the performer of the action. This makes option 3 the correct transformation while retaining the original meaning and tense.

#### 128. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "The door was opened by Mr. Suman" because the original sentence is in the simple past tense ("opened"). In passive voice, the object ("the door") becomes the subject of the sentence and the verb "opened" is transformed into "was opened" to match the past tense. The phrase "by Mr. Suman" indicates the doer of the action. This option correctly maintains the original meaning and tense.

## 129. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "It is thought that the economic policies will be changed by the government" because the original sentence is in the present tense with "think" as the main verb. In passive voice, the object of the verb ("the economic

policies") becomes the subject and the verb "will change" is changed to "will be changed" to maintain the future tense. The phrase "by the government" indicates the doer of the action. This transformation follows the proper structure of passive voice in the context of indirect speech.

#### 130. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "The manager asked the peon why he had been absent the previous day" because the given sentence is a question in the past tense. When converting this direct speech into indirect speech, the tense of the verb changes. The past perfect tense ("had been absent") is used because the question refers to a past event ("yesterday") and indirect speech requires a shift in tense. Additionally, "why" remains the same and the structure of the sentence reflects an indirect inquiry, making this option the most correct answer.

#### 131. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The Himalayas stretch across the north-east part of India and pass through many countries. "A Himalayas stretch across" will be replaced by "The Himalayas stretch across" because for anything that is unique and mountain ranges, the definite article is to be used.

#### 132. Option (2) is correct.

The idiom "On the ball" means quick to understand and react to things. So, the correct answer is: to be aware of any changes or developments and quick to react to them.

#### 133. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The villagers / who approached the agriculture officer / are uneducated and poor. The definite article must precede the villagers, who are described as uneducated and poor and they approached the officers.

#### 134. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The doctor she spoke to at the exhibition was very knowledgeable. The medicines prescribed by him have proved excellent for my father. "The doctor" is the correct usage as it refers to a specific individual and "the medicines" is correctly used to refer to specific medicines.

## 135. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: They share rent of the house equally. (1) is incorrect because no article is needed before "southern Germany" because it refers to a general region; (3) is incorrect because no article is needed before "social standing"; (4) is incorrect because no article is needed before "cake" because it is not a specific object.

#### 136. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "She told her friend, 'I was studying for my examination." because the sentence is in the past perfect continuous tense in indirect speech ("had been studying"). When converting it to direct speech, the tense changes to the past continuous tense ("was studying"). The other options either incorrectly shift the tense or do not align with the original meaning. Option 3 very correctly reflects the appropriate tense change.

## 137. Option (3) is correct.

The term Mutely" means silently or without speaking. Thus, the antonym of the word is 'Loudly'.

## 138. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "The content creators framed the questions just to assess the skills of the test takers" because the original sentence is in the passive voice ("The questions were framed by the content creators"). In the active voice, the subject ("the content creators") performs the action and the verb "were framed" changes to the simple past tense "framed."

This maintains the meaning of the sentence while shifting to the active voice.

#### 139. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "The workers were paid 2000 rupees" because the original sentence is in the active voice ("Somebody paid the workers 2000 rupees"). In the passive voice, the object ("the workers") becomes the subject and the verb "paid" is transformed into "were paid" to match the past tense. This option correctly reflects the transformation to passive voice while maintaining the original meaning.

#### 140. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: The business operates much the same way as the other businesses did. "Much" is used in to indicate a similar degree or extent of operation. Other options do not reflect this aptness.

#### 141. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "Flushed" because it represents a healthy, rosy complexion, the opposite of "sallow," which describes a pale, yellowish and often unhealthy appearance. While "sallow" is associated with tiredness or illness, "flushed" indicates vitality or warmth, typically seen in a healthy or excited state. The other options, such as "pallid" (pale), "livid" (intense colour often linked to bruising or anger) and "paled" (became pale), are either similar to or do not directly contrast with the meaning of "sallow."

#### 142. Option (1) is correct.

The idiom "in the nick of time" means just before the last moment when something can be changed or something bad will happen.

#### 143. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "Surjit Singh said, 'Cheer up, friend. Do not lose heart." Because the sentence is in indirect speech, where Surjit Singh encourages and advises the speaker not to lose heart. When converting to direct speech, the phrase "Calling me a friend" suggests a casual, supportive statement, making "said" the most appropriate verb to convey this encouragement. "Said" indicates that Surjit Singh is offering friendly advice rather than giving a command or order. The other options imply stronger or more authoritative tones ("asked," "demanded," "ordered"), which do not align with the original meaning.

## 144. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "They said that they had been planning to visit him the following week" because the original sentence is in the past continuous tense ("were planning") and refers to a future event from the perspective of the past. In indirect speech, the past continuous tense shifts to the past perfect continuous tense ("had been planning"). Additionally, "next week" is changed to "the following week" to maintain the correct temporal relationship in indirect speech. This option accurately reflects the tense change and the shift in time reference.

#### 145. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "glanced" because "gazed" implies a prolonged or intense look, while "glanced" refers to a quick or brief look, making it the appropriate antonym. The other options do not fit as antonyms: "shot" refers to a rapid action, unrelated to the act of looking; "stared" suggests an even more intense or prolonged gaze, which is the opposite of "glanced"; and "shouted" pertains to loud speech, not looking.

#### 146. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "The father advised Ramu to try again" because the direct speech ("try again") is an encouragement or suggestion, which is best conveyed in reported speech using the verb "advised." This accurately reflects the father's intent to encourage Ramu. The other options are incorrect because "requested" implies a more formal or polite tone not fitting here, "told" changes the meaning to a past action and "Ramu tries again" incorrectly alters the tense and structure in reported speech. Thus, "advised" is the most appropriate verb to capture the suggestion in the given context.

#### 147. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: I always love to eat snacks at the evening. "At the evening" is an incorrect usage, the correct one is "in the evening". "In" is used to refer to long periods of time (e.g., morning, afternoon, evening).

#### 148. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sequence is: Q, R, P, S. Considered as one of the foremost pioneers of Indian modern art the paintings of Sayed Haider Raza blended Parisian modernism with the colours of Indian Rajput art . "one of the foremost" is the correct expression, so Q-R will be a link. The paintings belong to Sayed Haider Raza, so P follows this pair. S unequivocally complements the sentence in P.

#### 149. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "The student admitted that he/she hadn't completed the assignment yet" because the original sentence is in the present perfect tense ("have not completed"). When converting it to indirect speech, the verb tense shifts back to the past perfect tense ("hadn't completed") to reflect the past reporting of the student's admission. This is the correct way to maintain the original meaning while adhering to the rules of tense change in reported speech. The other options either use the present perfect ("hasn't been able" or "hasn't completed") or the past perfect continuous, which are not appropriate for this context.

## 150. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "She asked me whether the children didn't like the cake" because the direct speech is a negative question ("Don't the children like the cake?") and in indirect speech, negative questions are often reported using the same negative structure. Option (2) maintains the meaning and keeps the negative form intact. The other options either alter the structure or the meaning: Option (1) changes the question into a general enquiry without retaining the negative form, Option (3) removes the negative aspect and Option (4) introduces an unwarranted sense of wonder, which is not present in the original sentence.

#### 151. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "I had posted the letter before I met him" because the original sentence is in the passive voice ("The letter had been posted by me") and when converted to the active voice, the subject "I" takes the action of posting the letter. The verb tense remains the past perfect ("had posted") to maintain the original meaning of the sentence. Option 1 accurately reflects this transformation. The other options either change the meaning or the verb tense incorrectly, as seen in options 2, 3 and 4.

## 152. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sequence is PQRS. Some experienced teachers say that teaching about English is easy and teaching English is difficult as the latter needs dedication, resources and many more. P initiates the topic – the opinion of some experienced teachers , Q starts with the opinion and R continues the flow.

#### 153. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "solution" because in the given sentence, "challenge" refers to something difficult that needs to be overcome. The antonym of "challenge" in this context would be "solution," which implies the resolution or answer to a problem. "Problem," "nuisance," and "threat" are similar in meaning to "challenge" and do not serve as direct opposites. "Solution" is the most appropriate antonym as it represents the resolution to a challenge or difficulty.

#### 154. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is "A clipping of myself doing dead-lifting and back squats was shared by me" because the sentence is in the past tense ("I shared") and in passive voice, the object ("a clipping of myself doing dead-lifting and back squats") becomes the subject of the sentence. The verb "shared" is changed to the past tense form "was shared" to maintain the original tense. Option 3 correctly follows this structure. The other options either misuse the verb tense or change the meaning of the sentence.

#### 155. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "The boss instructed the secretary not to forget to order A3 size paper" because the direct speech contains an imperative sentence ("Don't forget to order A3 size paper"), which in indirect speech is typically reported with verbs like "instructed," "asked," or "told" to reflect a command or advice. In this case, "instructed" is the most appropriate verb choice to maintain the commanding tone of the original sentence. Option 1 accurately captures the meaning and structure of the original direct speech. The other options either misinterpret the tone of the sentence or do not correctly convey the command.

#### 156. Option (1) is correct.

"Milk of human kindness" is an idiom, meaning kind feelings or behaviour towards other people, that is, compassion.

#### 157. Option (4) is correct.

The italicised term "mercurial" implies subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind; i.e., volatile. Thus, the most suitable antonym is 'invariable'. All the other options are synonyms of the given word.

#### 158. Option (4) is correct.

The term "Intent" means determined to do (something). Thus, the most suitable antonym is 'involved'.

## 159. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is: I shall be cooking my favourite dish tonight for the party. Here, "I shall be cooking" will replace "I shall be cook" because future continuous tense is generally used to represent an event or action that is happening at a certain point in time in the future.

#### 160. Option (1) is correct.

In the sentence, "(Everyone carefully were trying to) reason with the CEO regarding the need for work-life balance during the upcoming festivals", "Everyone carefully were trying to" is incorrect because the structure of a sentence is: subject + verb + object. Past continuous takes was + verb + ing. The correct answer is: Everyone was carefully trying to reason with the CEO regarding the need for work-life balance during the upcoming festivals.

#### 161. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "Tom said, 'I had a strange experience yesterday." Because the sentence in indirect speech ("Tom said that he had a strange experience the day before") refers to an event that happened in the past. In direct speech, "the day before" is replaced with "yesterday" to reflect the more natural way of expressing time in direct speech. The past tense "had" is maintained because the statement refers to a past experience. Option 4 is the most accurate and grammatically correct conversion to direct speech. The other options either change the meaning or the tense inappropriately.

#### 162. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "He said that his mother would be there the next day" because in indirect speech, the tense usually shifts back from the future tense ("will be") to the past tense ("would be") to maintain the sequence of tenses. Additionally, "tomorrow" is converted to "the next day" to reflect the shift from direct to indirect speech. The phrase "his mother" is used instead of "my mother" to indicate that the statement is being reported from the perspective of someone other than the speaker. Option 1 correctly follows these rules, while the other options either retain the original tense or use the wrong pronoun.

#### 163. Option (3) is correct.

The correct answer is: Gandhiji considered it wrong to use unfair means even for fair ends. The phrase "it wrongly" will be replaced by "it wrong" because "wrongly" is an adverb so, it cannot qualify the pronoun "it".

#### 164. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is: Raghu did not get the job because he did not have enough experience for the post. The phrase "experience enough" is incorrect, because "enough" is an adjective that must be placed before the noun "experience."

#### 165. Option (4) is correct.

The correct answer is "They threw stones at the dog" because the original sentence is in the passive voice ("Stones were thrown at the dog") and when converting it to active voice, the subject ("They") is placed at the beginning of the sentence and the verb "threw" is used in the past tense to reflect the action. Option 4 accurately captures the meaning while following the structure of active voice. The other options either change the verb tense or do not correctly convey the intended past action.

#### 166. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: They were sitting on the chairs in the class talking to each other when they entered into a heated argument. This is because "enter" is commonly followed by "into" when referring to entering a situation or condition.

## 167. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: While I was waiting for Asha to shop, I spilled lemonade on my new trousers. The phrase "for shopping" will be replaced by "to shop", because the preposition "to" is used to denote the purpose of something.

## 168. Option (3) is correct.

The term Abandon" means to leave a place, thing, or person, usually for ever. Thus, the most synonym is "desert".

## 169. Option (1) is correct.

The correct answer is "He asked why he was crying" because the direct speech is a question in the present tense ("Why is he crying?"). In reported speech, when a question is converted, the tense usually shifts back and the structure changes from a question to a statement. The present tense "is crying" changes to the past tense "was crying" to maintain the sequence of tenses. Option 1 accurately reflects these rules and the change in structure for reported speech. The other options either misplace the pronouns or do not properly shift the verb tense.

## 170. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is "Many stories were written for children by Leo Tolstoy" because the original sentence is in the active voice ("Leo Tolstoy wrote many stories for children"). In passive voice, the object of the action ("many stories") becomes the subject and the verb changes to the past participle form ("were written"). The preposition "for" is retained to indicate that the stories were written for children. Option 2 correctly follows these rules.

#### 171. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Child prodigies are a miraculous category of children that are bestowed with undying attention because of their exceptional skills in every domain of their curricula. Since the subject "Child prodigies" is plural in number, the verb automatically demands a plural one. Moreover, the statement states a fact, so simple present tense is most appropriate.

#### 172. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: When we speak of remarkable changes in society, we grant its responsibility to child prodigies. Remarkable means worthy of attention; striking. The context makes it clear that child prodigies have exceptional skills and whenever any exceptional changes occur in society, it can be assumed that this is the domain of these prodigies.

#### 173. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Nonetheless these are children who thrive everywhere, their parents are overjoyed when they win the lottery and their peers are envious of them, research shows that young prodigies rarely go on to change the course of history. In spite of what has just been said about these young prodigies, it is strange to note that these children rarely go on to change the course of history. So, 'Nonetheless' is correct.

#### 174. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: According to psychologists, many of history's most notable and important figures weren't particularly talented as kids. The word "important figures" implies that the word for the blank will be of similar nature, so "notable" makes sense.

#### 175. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: To paraphrase TS Eliot, their careers tend to end not with a bang, but a whimper. The paragraph summarises the exceptional aptitudes of child prodigies and how they bring about striking changes in society. But when it comes to making a mark in history, then they tend to fizz out – as evident in the saying of TS Eliot – their careers tend to end not with a bang, but a whimper.

#### 176. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: A vast plain with hills and forests is called savanna. Africa has the biggest savannas. Grasslands can be referred with the adjective 'big', not 'fat/clever/heavy'.

## 177. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Heavy downpours occur during the wet seasons. It is quite obvious that heavy rainfall happens during the wet seasons, so "occur" makes sense.

#### 178. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Strong evaporation causes tree leaves to fall off and bushes and grass to wither during the dry season. Tree leaves tend to fall off and bushes and grass wither during the dry season owing to strong evaporation. So, "causes" is the most suitable word.

#### 179. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Everything looks so lovely during the wet season—grass sprouts, trees and bushes turn green and so on. The appearance of nature is lovely during the wet season, so "looks" is the befitting choice for the blank.

## 180. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Take a stroll through the savanna to see a variety of animals, including elephants, giraffes and zebras. The diversity of flora and fauna is a sight to watch out for in savanna. So, "variety" is the most suitable word.

#### 181. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Shan's mother passed away a month ago. From that very moment, his life underwent a drastic change. Life became intolerable for him. With the demise of

a closed one, life becomes unbearable. So, "intolerable" is the most suitable word. Other options are more optimistic.

#### 182. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: He would often lock himself up in his room and did not come out for hours together. "Lock up in room" is the correct expression.

#### 183. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: When the day turned into night and he did not come out, his elder sister got anxious and knocked at the door relentlessly. The event of anxiousness as a result of the sister not returning home made the other girl knocked at the door persistently. "relentlessly" is the correct expression.

#### 184. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: While those people were busy in breaking the lock of the door, they heard the smashing of porcelain from inside. When a porcelain breaks, it happens with a crushing / smashing sound.

#### 185. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: On entering, they found Shan's body lying on the floor with arms and legs outspread. Outspread means spread as far as possible. So, the position of the legs are spread out.

#### 186. Option (1) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Centuries ago, Aryabhata, one of the most famous Indian mathematicians and astronomers propounded the concept of zero. The term 'Propounded' means suggested a theory, belief, or opinion for other people to consider.

#### 187. Option (4) is correct.

The correct sentence is: Centuries ago, Aryabhata, one of the most famous Indian mathematicians and astronomers propounded the concept of zero, the base of the present numeral system. Zero is a part of the numeral system.

#### 188. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: With time, zero became a stepping stone to many simplified computations. "Many" is used with countable nouns.

## 189. Option (3) is correct.

The correct sentence is: With time, zero became a stepping stone to many simplified computations, paving the ways for development of algebra, algorithms and calculus, three pillars of modern mathematics. The use of the word "paving" fits the sentence structure because it continues the thought of how zero contributed to the development of various fields.

#### 190. Option (2) is correct.

The correct sentence is: With time, zero became a stepping stone to many simplified computations, paving the ways for development of algebra, algorithms and calculus, three pillars of modern mathematics, while eventually laying the foundation for computers.

#### 191. Option (1) is correct..

The central theme of the passage is "beauty is indefinable but can be felt and experienced. "The author discusses how beauty is subjective and can never be defined and one must not look from the perspective of superficial appearance. Just like love, it can only be felt and experienced.

## 192. Option (2) is correct.

The correct answer is '(2) Boring' because "intriguing" means something that is fascinating, captivating, or engaging. The antonym would therefore be a word that conveys the opposite, which is "boring," referring to something dull or uninteresting. The other options (gripping, historical and interesting) are either synonymous or unrelated to the opposite meaning of "intriguing."

#### 193. Option (1) is correct.

The most appropriate title for the passage is "Beauty is what strikes the soul." The theme focuses on beauty being something that can touch the souls and is beyond superficiality. "The core concept of beauty lies in being abstract"—an abstract quality that can be felt and experienced.

#### 194. Option (3) is correct.

As explicit from the passage, the term in French – 'Je ne sais quoi' means I know not what.

## 195. Option (4) is correct.

Beauty is definitely like love, which can only be felt and experienced. Beauty is always an open-ended idea. So, options (1) and (2) are present in the passage. Option (3) is testified in "Everyone will visualise according to his one idea of beauty." Physical beauty is more impressive than inner beauty is what the writer detests and refutes.

## 196. Option (3) is correct.

Plastic bags that end up in waterways can contaminate drinking water and food sources, leading to the spread of disease. They can harm wildlife and marine life, damage ecosystems. So, air pollution is not an effect of plastic bag pollution on the environment.

## 197. Option (3) is correct.

It is clearly stated that "The cause of the problem is the widespread use and slow degradation of plastic bags, while the effects are wide-ranging and can be devastating".

## 198. Option (2) is correct.

The term "Contaminate" means to make something less pure or make it poisonous. So, the correct antonym is "purify".

#### 199. Option (1) is correct.

The passage discusses both the causes (widespread use and slow degradation) and the effects (harm to wildlife, marine life, ecosystems, human health, etc.) of plastic bag pollution. So, the most appropriate title for the passage is "The Causes and Effects of Plastic Bag Pollution."

#### 200. Option (2) is correct.

This is a descriptive passage as it provides detailed information about the causes (widespread use and slow degradation) and the effects (harm to wildlife, marine life, ecosystems, human health, etc.) of plastic bag pollution.