STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

SOLVED PAPER

(17th November 2022: Shift-2)

Time Allotted- 2 hours **Max marks-** 200

General Intelligence & Reasoning

1. Given below are two statements and two conclusions. Take the statements to be true even if they are at variance with commonly known facts, and decide whether the conclusion(s) follow(s) the given statements.
Statements:
All eyes are noses.
Some noses are lips.
Conclusions:
I. Some noses are eyes. **II.** All lips are noses.
1. Only conclusion I follows
2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
3. Only conclusion II follows **4.** Both the conclusions follow

2. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
No rain is an earthquake.
All rains are floods.
Some rains are droughts.
Conclusions:
I. Some floods are earthquakes.
II. Some droughts are earthquakes.
III. Some floods are droughts.
1. All the conclusions follow
2. Only conclusions I and III follow
3. Only conclusion III follows
4. Only conclusions II and III follow

3. If A denotes '+', B denotes '×', C denotes '−', and D denotes '÷', then what will come in place of '?' in the following equation?
196 D (2 A 3 B 4) = 4 ? 5 B 2
1. A **2.** B **3.** C **4.** D

4. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as the numbers of the following set.
(NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into their constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is NOT allowed)
(17, 34, 68) (24, 48, 96)
1. (31, 62, 106) **2.** (26, 52, 156) **3.** (29, 58, 116) **4.** (14, 42, 84)

5. Seven people I, Y, O, U, R, P, and T are sitting in a straight row, facing north. P sits at the extreme right. Only six people sit to the right of R. Y sits fourth to the left of P. T is the immediate neighbour of R. I sits fourth to the right of R. U and T are the immediate neighbours of Y. O is the immediate neighbour of P. Who sits at the centre of the row?
1. T **2.** I **3.** U **4.** Y

6. Select the set in which the number are related in the same way as the numbers of the given sets. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into their constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting /multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.)
(339, 440, 541) (201, 302, 403)
1. (388, 488, 590) **2.** (332, 432, 533)
3. (437, 538, 639) **4.** (536, 638, 738)

7. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
No sheet is a pillow.
Some pillows are blankets.
All blankets are rugs.
Conclusions:
I. Some pillows are rugs. **II.** All blankets can never be sheets.
III. Some rugs are sheets.
1. Only conclusion III follows **2.** Only conclusion II follows
3. Only conclusions II and III follow
4. Only conclusions I and II follow

8. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
4, 21, 39, 65, 100, 199, ?
1. 323 **2.** 332 **3.** 322 **4.** 232

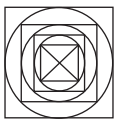
9. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.
1. HSVW **2.** EVTR **3.** GTRP **4.** BYWU

10. Town A is to the northwest of Town B. Town D is to the north of Town C. Town B is to the east of Town C. Town M is to the North of Town B. Town D is southeast of Town A. Town M is East of Town A. What is the position of Town D with respect to Town B?
1. East **2.** North **3.** Southeast **4.** Northwest

11. In this question, the statement is followed by two conclusions. Which of the two conclusions is/are true?
Statement: $S \leq P = U < T > V \geq X > W$
Conclusions:
I. $T > S$ **II.** $W < V$
1. Only conclusion I is true
2. Both conclusions I and II are true
3. Neither conclusion I nor II is true
4. Only conclusion II is true

12. 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)
Mirror : Reflection :: Glass : ?
1. Repulsion **2.** Retention **3.** Refraction **4.** Retraction

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



1. 20 **2.** 10 **3.** 18 **4.** 8

14. Select the option that indicates the correct arrangement of the given parts of the human hand in a logical and meaningful order.

1. Wrist **2.** Thumb **3.** Elbow **4.** Palm **5.** Fingernail

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

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

18 : 123 :: 15 : ? :: 19 : 130

1. 114 **2.** 112 **3.** 102 **4.** 120

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

(134 – 13) ÷ 27 × 3 – 6 = 11

1. 6 and 13 **2.** 3 and 6 **3.** 27 and 11 **4.** 11 and 13

17. In a certain code language, 'MAYOR' is written as 'WSBCN' and 'MARCH' is written as 'MGUCN'. How will 'ISSUE' be written in that language?

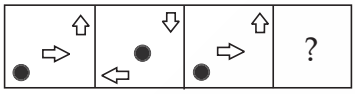
1. JYVVJ **2.** JYVUJ **3.** JUVYJ **4.** JYVJK

18. Which of the following terms will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

GATE, JEQI, MINO, ?, SUHA

1. EFAY **2.** DAVB **3.** POKU **4.** IRXY

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



1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

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

DJUC, NEGG, ?, HUEO, RPQS

1. KLRX **2.** WRGF **3.** PGQI **4.** XZSK

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

4, 6, 11, 24, 51, 130, ?

1. 298 **2.** 289 **3.** 277 **4.** 241

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

16 : 75 :: 12 : ? :: 7 : 30

1. 50 **2.** 55 **3.** 60 **4.** 45

23. In a certain code language, 'MAGNETIC' is written as 'DJUFOHBN' and 'ELECTRIC' is written as 'DJSUDFMF'. How will 'LOCATION' be written in that language?

1. OPJUBDPM **2.** MPDBUJPO

3. OPJUBFQM **4.** OPJUBDQM

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

221 * 17 * 3 * 60 * 7 * 10

1. ÷, –, +, =, × **2.** +, =, ×, ÷, – **3.** ÷, ×, +, =, + **4.** +, =, ×, +, ×

25. What was the day of the week on 17 November 1855?

1. Tuesday **2.** Sunday **3.** Saturday **4.** Monday

26. Select the option that will replace the question mark (?) in the figure given below to complete the pattern.

1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

27. A, B, C, D, E, F and G are seven friends who scored different marks in the periodic test. C scored less than 2 persons. B scored more than C but less than A. E scored more than F but less than D. F has not scored the least. How many people scored between C and G?

1. 1 **2.** 0 **3.** 3 **4.** 2

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

(42 ÷ 7) × 5 = 30 × 120 ÷ (10 + 5 × 2)

1. 10 and 5 **2.** 2 and 5 **3.** 7 and 2 **4.** 10 and 30

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

1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

30. Select the figure from the options that can replace the question mark (?) and complete the pattern (rotation is NOT allowed).

1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

31. Select the option that represents the correct order of the given words as they would appear in an English dictionary.

1. Monocrystal **2.** Monitoral **3.** Monocular

4. Monsieur **5.** Monochromist **6.** Mongoose

1. 6, 2, 1, 3, 5, 4 **2.** 6, 2, 4, 5, 1, 3

3. 6, 2, 5, 3, 1, 4 **4.** 6, 2, 5, 1, 3, 4

32. In a certain code language, 'MONEY' is coded as '72' and 'BILL' is coded as '35'. How will 'TOKEN' be coded in that language?

1. 60 **2.** 70 **3.** 75 **4.** 65

33. 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 athletes are boxers.

No boxer is a cook.

Conclusions:

I. No athlete is a cook. **II.** No boxer is an athlete.

1. Only conclusion II follows

2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows.

3. Either conclusion I or II follows.

4. Only conclusion I follows.

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

24 : 42 :: 36 : ? :: 54 : 162

1. 72 **2.** 80 **3.** 84 **4.** 76

35. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
Some dates are weeks.
Some weeks are months.
All months are years.
Conclusions:
I. No date is a month.
II. All weeks being years is a possibility.
III. All years can never be dates.
1. Only conclusion III follows
2. Only conclusions I and II follow
3. Only conclusion II follows
4. Only conclusions II and III follow

36. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to replace the * signs and to balance the given equation.
50 * 95 * 19 * 15 * 3 * 1
1. =, ÷, +, ×, × **2.** +, =, ÷, +, + **3.** +, ×, ×, =, ÷ **4.** ×, +, =, ÷, ×

37. L, M, N, O, P, Q, R and S are sitting around a square table not facing the centre. Some of them are sitting at the corners while some are sitting at the exact centre of the sides. L is sitting to the immediate right of P. O is sitting to the immediate right of L. O is sitting between L and S. S is sitting to the immediate left of R. M is sitting between Q and R. N is sitting to the immediate right of Q and immediate left of P. Who is sitting second left from N?
1. M **2.** O **3.** P **4.** S

38. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
8, ?, 20 , 32, 48, 68
1. 14 **2.** 10 **3.** 12 **4.** 16

39. Select the set in which the number are related in the same way as the numbers of the given sets. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting /multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.)
(9, 11, 404) (4, 13, 370)
1. (8, 12, 416) **2.** (7, 11, 380) **3.** (8, 9, 300) **4.** (8, 10, 326)

40. 'K % L' means 'K is the mother of L'.
'K @ L' means 'K is the brother of L'.
'K ^ L' means 'K is the son of L'.
'K # L' means 'K is the wife of L'.
If A @ B ^ C # D @ E, how is E related to A?
1. Father's brother **2.** Brother
3. Father **4.** Mother's brother

41. Looking at a family photo, T pointed to M and said, "His mother N's husband O's brother P's mother S is my wife". How is S related to M?
1. Daughter-in-law **2.** Paternal grandmother
3. Mother's sister **4.** Mother

42. In a code language, 'CAMEL' is coded as CEMNG and 'TIGER' is coded as KVGTG. How will 'HORSE' be coded in the same language?
1. QKRHU **2.** HQRHV **3.** RJSHU **4.** QJRGU

43. Which letter cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?
AFCH, ?, EJGL , GLIN, INKP
1. CEJH **2.** CJEH **3.** CHEJ **4.** CEHJ

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

1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

45. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.
1. MONP **2.** JLKM **3.** FHGI **4.** PSQR

46. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
109, 113, 122, 147, ?
1. 196 **2.** 148 **3.** 154 **4.** 166

47. A person starts from point X and moves 7 km towards the south. He then turns left and moves 5 km. He then takes a right turn and moves 5 km. He then turns right and moves 5 km to reach point Y. How much and in which direction does he need to move now to reach point X?
1. 12 km, North **2.** 5 km, West **3.** 5 km, North **4.** 7 km, West

48. Select the option that is related to the fifth letter-cluster in the same way as the second letter-cluster is related to the first letter-cluster and the fourth letter-cluster is related to the third letter-cluster.
BRIGHT : RBTHGI :: SLAVES : LSSEVA :: REIGNS : ?
1. RESIGN **2.** ERSIGN **3.** ERISGN **4.** ERSNGI

49. Which of the following interchange of signs would make the given equation correct?
87 − 3 + 39 ÷ 67 × 3 = −133
1. ÷ and − **2.** × and + **3.** × and − **4.** − and +

50. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following sets.
(NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13- Operations on 13 such as adding/subtracting/ multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.)
(166, 13, 4) (2113, 46, 7)
1. (97, 33, 11) **2.** (481, 22, 5) **3.** (131, 11, 3) **4.** (236, 36, 6)

General Awareness

51. Which of the following was the capital of Vajji gana during Mahajanapadas period?
1. Vaishali **2.** Sothivati **3.** Viratanagara **4.** Kashi

52. Which British archaeologist recognised in the 1940s that it was necessary to follow the stratigraphy of the mound rather than mechanically excavate it along a uniform horizontal line?
1. REM Wheeler **2.** Alexander Cunningham
3. John Marshall **4.** E Hultzsch

53. As per the census of 2011, the most populous state of India was:
1. Uttar Pradesh **2.** Bihar
3. Madhya Pradesh **4.** Uttarakhand

54. Which state among the following launched the Aama Yojana in the year 2022, to give `20,000 each to non-working mothers?
1. Sikkim **2.** Tripura **3.** Mizoram **4.** Nagaland

55. The first edition of the Uber Cup, an international women's team championship in badminton, was organised in:
1. 1966-1967 **2.** 1960-1961 **3.** 1963-1964 **4.** 1956-1957

56. Bilateral symmetry, segmentation, coelom and open circulatory system are the characteristics of _____.
1. Chordata **2.** Arthropoda **3.** Protozoa **4.** Porifera

57. MRTP Act was enacted in 1969 to ensure that the operation of the economic system does not result in the concentration of economic power in hands of few. The full form of MRTP is ____.
1. Monopoly and Regulatory Trade Practice
2. Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practice
3. Monopolistic and Rising Trade Policy
4. Market and Reserve Trade Policy

58. Who among the following was awarded the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement in Sports and Games 2021 in chess?
1. Vidit Gujrathi **2.** Viswanathan Anand
3. Abhijeet Kunte **4.** Adhiban Baskaran

59. Identify the wrong pair of port and its state from the following?
1. Tuticorin-Tamil Nadu **2.** Kandla-Gujarat
3. Mormugao Port- Goa
4. New Mangalore-Andhra Pradesh

60. What is an Azolla?
1. Fern **2.** Algae **3.** Fungi **4.** Bryophytes

61. For which famous English novel did Sunetra Gupta receive the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1996?
1. Cuckold **2.** Memories of Rain
3. A New World **4.** Disorderly Women

62. Which of the following regions related to iron-ore minerals is located in the state of Odisha?
1. Burdwan **2.** Naomandi
3. Mayurbhanj **4.** Kemmangundi

63. Which of the following is NOT an important feature of the Industrial Policy of 1991?
1. Foreign Technology Agreements
2. Industrial Licensing Policy
3. No foreign trade policy **4.** Public Sector Policy

64. Nishagandhi Award is related to which state government?
1. Tamil Nadu **2.** Karnataka **3.** Maharashtra **4.** Kerala

65. When was the first 'International Day of Yoga' celebrated in India?
1. 21st June 2016 **2.** 21st June 2014
3. 21st June 2013 **4.** 21st June 2015

66. Which of the following dynasties was ruling Magadha just before the establishment of the Mauryan empire?
1. Haryanka **2.** Shunga **3.** Kanva **4.** Nanda

67. With reference to the Major Port Authorities Bill passed in 2021, what is the TAMP?
1. Tariff Authority for Minor Ports
2. Trip Agency for Minor Ports **3.** Trip Agency for Major Ports
4. Tariff Authority for Major Ports

68. Which of the following religious communities in India primarily celebrates the festival of Khordad Sal?
1. Christian **2.** Parsi **3.** Muslim **4.** Sikh

69. Which of the following folds are extreme types of overturned folds in which the axial plane acquires an almost horizontal attitude?
1. Normal folds **2.** Asymmetrical folds
3. Recumbent folds **4.** Square folds

70. Which of the following statements is NOT correct about Gupta emperor, Samudragupta?
(a) He was the successor of Chandragupta I.
(b) His court poet Bhimsena composed a prashasti of praise for him which was known as Gwalior Prashasti.
(c) On his gold coins he was depicted playing the harp which shows his passion for music.
(d) He held the title of Maharajadhiraj
1. Statement b only **2.** Statement c only
3. Statement a only **4.** Statement d only

71. Which chemical element from group 18 of the modern periodic table, whose atomic number is 10, contains a mixture of three stable isotopes commonly used to make signal and gas lasers and as a refrigerant?
1. Neon **2.** Oganesson **3.** Helium **4.** Radon

72. Identify a hydrocarbon pair that is NOT the part of the homologous series.
1. CH4 and C2H6 **2.** C2H6 and C3H9
3. C2H6 and C3H8 **4.** C4H4 and C5H10

73. Identify the woman social reformer who argued that religious leaders of every faith accorded an inferior place to women.
1. Savitribai Phule **2.** Fatima Sheikh
3. Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain
4. Rashsundari Debi

74. Which of the following has the maximum Vitamin D content?
1. Fish liver oil **2.** Cow's milk **3.** Wheat **4.** Groundnut

75. Who among the following was elected as the first-ever President of Barbados to replace Britain's Queen Elizabeth in October 2021, with a two-thirds vote during a joint session of the country's House of Assembly and Senate?
1. Jacinda Ardern **2.** Sandra Mason
3. Angela Merkel **4.** Najla Bouden

76. Chikmagalur in Karnataka is famous for the cultivation of ___.
1. litchi **2.** coffee **3.** saffron **4.** jute

77. As of 10 April 2022, identify the state that has a bicameral legislature.
1. Uttar Pradesh **2.** Madhya Pradesh
3. Rajasthan **4.** Kerala

78. In 1942, who presented the 'trophic-dynamic aspect of ecology' which is the basic process of transfer of energy from one trophic level to another in an ecosystem?
1. Arthur Tansley **2.** Ernst Haeckel
3. Charles Elton **4.** Raymond L Lindeman

79. Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated on the first day of which of the following Islamic months?
1. Muharram **2.** Safar
3. Rabi-al-Awwal **4.** Shawwal

80. Which temple is the epicentre for the Rath Yatra in Odisha?
1. Lingaraja Temple **2.** Konark Temple
3. Mukteshwar Temple **4.** Jagannath Puri Temple

81. What is the objective of the Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana?
1. Helping the poor by providing free food grains.
2. Helping the poor by providing free house.
3. Helping the poor by providing skill training.
4. Helping the poor by providing free food.

82. 'Muntakhab-ut-Tawarikh' was written by:
1. Akbar **2.** Jahanara Begum
3. Dara Shikoh **4.** Abdul Qadir Badauni

83. Kolar fields were famous for which of the following minerals?
1. Diamond mining **2.** Copper mining
3. Gold mining **4.** Coal mining

84. Sankirtana is a style of _____, one of the classical dances of India.
1. Manipuri **2.** Kathak **3.** Kathakali **4.** Odissi

85. Who among the following is a renowned Tabla player carrying on the legacy of his father?
1. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt **2.** Hari Prasad Chaurasia
3. Ali Akbar Khan **4.** Zakir Hussain

86. Where is Hoshang Shah's tomb, the first to be completely built of marble, located in India?
1. Delhi **2.** Burhanpur **3.** Mandu **4.** Agra

87. Who wrote 'Natya Shashtra' referring to Indian music?
1. Shudrak **2.** Bharata **3.** Vatsyayana **4.** Bhasa

88. Who among the following was deported for subversion in 1907, without trial, to Mandalay in Burma?
1. Lala Lajpat Rai **2.** Bal Gangadhar Tilak
3. Mahadev Govind Ranade **4.** Bipin Pal

89. The term '_____' is an aerial pass on the dribble from the left side of the field in the field of hockey.
1. penalty corner **2.** halfback
3. bully **4.** scoop

90. Which of the following animal statues is depicted at the top of the Ashoka pillar of Rampurva?
1. Horse **2.** Bull **3.** Lion **4.** Elephant

91. Which of the following layers of the atmosphere is most liable for the greenhouse effect?
1. Troposphere **2.** Ionosphere
3. Mesosphere **4.** Stratosphere

92. What is the chemical name of table salt?
1. Potassium bromide **2.** Potassium chloride
3. Sodium chloride **4.** Sodium bromide

93. In which year did Georg Simon Ohm formulate the equation I=V/R which shows the relationship between voltage, current and resistance?
1. 1822 **2.** 1830 **3.** 1835 **4.** 1827

94. Which musical instrument is played by Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma?
1. Santoor **2.** Sarod **3.** Violin **4.** Sarangi

95. Thrissur Pooram festival is held annually in Kerala at which famous temple?
1. Sivagiri temple **2.** Tali temple
3. Thiruvalla temple **4.** Vadakkunnathan temple

96. Which of the following is another term for the average income of a country?
1. Inflation rate **2.** Per capita expenditure
3. Disposable income **4.** Per capita income

97. Which committee demanded the "Bill of Rights" in 1928?
1. Motilal Nehru committee **2.** Rajiv Gandhi committee
3. Jawaharlal Nehru committee **4.** Indira Gandhi committee

98. Which of the following is an autobiography of the 14th Dalai Lama?
1. Dreams from My Father **2.** The Words
3. The Test of My Life **4.** Freedom in Exile

99. In which of the following states was the Antyodaya Anna Yojana launched first?
1. Madhya Pradesh **2.** Bihar
3. Jharkhand **4.** Rajasthan

100. In which algae are gametes flagellated and similar in size?
1. Volvox **2.** Ulothrix **3.** Spirogyra **4.** Eudorina

English Comprehension

101. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the blank in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
He peeled _____ apple and cut it into slices.
1. No substitution required **2.** Both a and an
3. an **4.** a

102. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.
You need to be aware of argus-eyed people in the organisation.
1. Angry **2.** Content **3.** Vigilant **4.** Kind

103. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Rick was completing graduation last year.
1. Graduation is being completed by Rick last year.
2. Graduation was being completed by Rick last year.
3. Graduation were completed by Rick last year.
4. Graduation was completed by Rick last year.

104. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (S1 and S6) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
S1. Great people can direct the masses with their strong determination and will.
A. Gandhiji introduced the very powerful concept of 'Satyagraha' which was not a new one to India.
B. He himself took up the responsibility of breaking the shackles of India.
C. The ways and method he chose for that was not violence and harshness.
D. Mahatma Gandhi is a perfect example of this.
S6. With this, in the days where no media channels and no social media existed, he could pull millions towards a mighty goal.
1. ACDB **2.** DBCA **3.** ABCD **4.** CDAB

105. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
The mother as well as the sons / were asked to appear / before the magistrate / for interrogation.
1. were asked to appear **2.** for interrogation
3. before the magistrate
4. The mother as well as the sons

106. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
People consider that Radha is creative in her work.
1. Radha's creativity in her work is considered by others.
2. It is considered that Radha is creative in her work.
3. Creativity in work by Radha is considered by people.
4. People have considered Radha's creativity in her work.

107. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
The players / will leaving / the stadium in no time.
1. The players **2.** No error
3. will leaving **4.** the stadium in no time

108. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
My friend Ganesh said, "I could solve the biggest problem very easily."
1. My friend Ganesh said that he could solved the biggest problem very easily.
2. My friend Ganesh said that he can solve the biggest problem very easily.
3. My friend Ganesh said that he would solve the biggest problem very easily.
4. My friend Ganesh said that he could solve the biggest problem very easily.

109. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.
She said, "I called yesterday, but there was no response".

1. She said that she had called the day before, but there was no response.
2. She said that I called day before, but there was no response.
3. She said I called yesterday, but there was no response.
4. She said she called yesterday, but there was no response.

110. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Ripan's nature and his strange habits can often unintentionally hurt others.
1. Eccentricity **2.** Anomaly **3.** Abnormality **4.** Beatnik

111. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Erudite
1. Scholarly **2.** Effervescent **3.** Energetic **4.** Serene

112. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Vain
1. Extrovert **2.** Selfish **3.** Stubborn **4.** Modest

113. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
I go to his house personally so that I could persuade him to continue his studies.
1. gone to his house **2.** will go to his house
3. went to his house **4.** No substitution required

114. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
Soumya will be speak / on 'Stress management' in / London the next week.
1. on 'Stress Management' in **2.** London the next week
3. No error **4.** Soumya will be speak

115. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
None of them are here at this moment.
1. had here **2.** were here **3.** is here **4.** have here

116. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Audacious
1. Brave **2.** Stifling **3.** Lively **4.** Horrendous

117. 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.
The team worked / very hard / on the project.
1. very hard **2.** No error
3. The team worked **4.** on the project

118. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The train will arrive with five minutes.
1. on five minutes **2.** at five minutes
3. by five minutes **4.** in five minutes

119. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
He said he was going for shopping and asked if he might get me anything.
1. He said, "I'm going for shopping. Can I get you anything?"
2. He said, "I'm going for shopping. May I get you anything?"
3. He said, "I will go for shopping. Do you want anything?"
4. He said, "I will be going for shopping. May I get you anything?"

120. 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.
Pompeii was a tragedy/that cost the lives/of millions of people.
1. Pompeii was a tragedy **2.** that cost the lives
3. of millions of people **4.** No error

121. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 6) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up (A to D). Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
1. Biogas is a mixture of methane, carbon dioxide and hydrogen with others.
A. Biogas is produced by anaerobic degradation of animal wastes (some plant wastes) in presence of water.
B. Thus, biogas is a non-polluting, cleaned and low cost fuel.
C. Anaerobic degradation means breakdown of organic matter which is done in the absence of oxygen.
D. It is mostly used in rural areas where ample animal and agricultural waste is available.
6. Biogas eliminates the risk of health hazards offered by other fuels.
1. DABC **2.** CBDA **3.** ACBD **4.** BDAC

122. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The police had caught the thief on the day before yesterday.
1. The thief has been caught by the police on the day before yesterday.
2. The thief had been caught by the police on the day before yesterday.
3. The thief was being caught by the police on the day before yesterday.
4. The thief had caught by the police on the day before yesterday.

123. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Pawan said, "I am preparing hot coffee for you."
1. Pawan said that he was preparing hot coffee for me.
2. Pawan had said that he was preparing hot coffee for me.
3. Pawan has said that he was preparing hot coffee for me.
4. Pawan says that he was preparing hot coffee for me.

124. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
Although she was tired but she went to work.
1. She was although tired, **2.** She was tired,
3. Although she was tired, **4.** No substitution required

125. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM to replace the italicised word.
His extravagant pretensions only served to excite ridicule.
1. lavish **2.** costly **3.** fanciful **4.** economical

126. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
He told his friends / that he is gone/ to visit his parents / in the evening.
1. in the evening **2.** that he is gone
3. to visit his parents **4.** He told his friends

127. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The librarian said to her, "Can you return the books?"
1. The librarian asked her if she could return the books.
2. The librarian greeted her if she could return the books.
3. The librarian asked her that if she could return the books.
4. The librarian asked her that could she return her books.

128. 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.
A child learnt the basics of / his mother tongue mainly from / his interactions with the mother.
1. his mother tongue mainly from
2. No error

3. A child learnt the basics of
4. his interactions with the mother

129. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The passenger says to the railway clerk, "Is the train late?"
1. The passenger has asked the railway clerk whether the train is late.
2. The passenger asked the railway clerk was the train late.
3. The passenger asks the railway clerk was the train late.
4. The passenger asks the railway clerk if the train is late.

130. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
"Why have you come so early today?" The coach asked the athlete.
1. The coach asked the athlete why he came so early that day.
2. The coach asked the athlete why he had come so early that day.
3. The coach asked the athlete why had he come so early that day.
4. The coach asked the athlete why did he come so early today.

131. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
I miss you / when you move / to another building.
1. to another building **2.** when you move
3. I miss you **4.** No error

132. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
To win laurels
1. To achieve honours and glory
2. To be fooled by others
3. To win an easy battle **4.** To secure a well-paying job

133. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Acumen
1. Good decision **2.** Happiness
3. Stupidity **4.** Anger

134. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Break a leg
1. Good luck **2.** Sudden attack **3.** Accident **4.** Bravery

135. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
Arjun asked whether I wanted to join the job.
1. Arjun said if I was ready to join the job
2. Arjun said, "Do you wish to join the job?"
3. Arjun said, "Do you want to join the job?"
4. Arjun replied, "Do you want to join the job?"

136. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
I will finish this book in a month.
1. This book would be finished by me in a month.
2. This book will be finished by me in a month.
3. Will be book finish by me in a month.
4. Will this book be finished by me in a month?

137. 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.
It were the farmers / who wanted the government / to increase the Minimum Selling Price.
1. to increase the Minimum Selling Price
2. It were the farmers
3. who wanted the government **4.** No error

138. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Prudent
1. Caution **2.** Unprudent **3.** Imprudent **4.** Intuition

139. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.
Mr. Ahirwar disowned his son as he was found to be indulged in burglary.
1. involved in stealing **2.** involved in rustling
3. involved in smuggling **4.** involved in sneaking

140. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Every word and every line / in the works of John Keats / express his appreciation / of nature's beauty.
1. express his appreciation **2.** in the works of John Keats
3. Every word and every line **4.** of nature's beauty

141. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
One string was handed _____ by the musician to the shopkeeper for repair.
1. over **2.** down **3.** about **4.** before

142. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
The poor fellow was laughed at by the crowd.
1. The crowd was laughed at the poor fellow.
2. The crowd had laughed at the poor fellow.
3. The crowd is laughed at the poor fellow.
4. The crowd laughed at the poor fellow.

143. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Someone has _____ my pocket in the bus, and I have no money now.
1. picked **2.** broke **3.** looked **4.** tore

144. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
In India, as perhaps in many other countries of the world, trees have been held in veneration since _____ times.
1. vintage **2.** ancient **3.** antique **4.** retro

145. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Priya washes her clothes in the evening.
1. The clothes was washed by Priya in the evening.
2. The clothes are washed by Priya in the evening.
3. The clothes is washed by Priya in the evening.
4. The clothes were washed by Priya in the evening.

146. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.
The new production targets have stirred up a hornet's nest.
1. To confess without reserve **2.** To preserve one's energy
3. To gain prominence **4.** To raise controversy

147. Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the following word.
Colossal
1. Irrelevant **2.** Authentic **3.** Mighty **4.** Appropriate

148. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
The newly admitted students could not / access the library because they had / not yet been given their ID cards.
1. not yet been given their ID cards
2. The newly admitted students could not
3. No error
4. access the library because they had

149. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.
The interviewee tackled the questions of the interviewer with substantial aplomb.
1. Camaraderie **2.** Self-assurance
3. Hostility **4.** Sanctity

150. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Wisdom
1. Competency **2.** Imbecility **3.** Cogency **4.** Dexterity

151. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The mother loves the baby.
1. The baby was loved by the mother.
2. The baby will be loved by the mother.
3. The baby has been loved by the mother.
4. The baby is loved by the mother.

152. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The Priest said, "God loves all his creations."
1. The Priest said that God is about to love all his creations.
2. The Priest said that God will love all his creations.
3. The Priest said that God loves all his creations.
4. The Priest said that God loved all his creations.

153. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Confused
1. Lucid **2.** Developed **3.** Stupid **4.** Tangled

154. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
In Egypt, the sun is warm on the green palm-trees, and the crocodiles lie in the mud and look lazily about them. My companions are building a nest in the Temple of Baalbec, and the pink and white doves are watching them, and cooing to each other. Dear Prince, I must leave you, but I will never forget you, and next spring I will bring you back two beautiful jewels in place of those you have given away. The ruby shall be redder than a red rose, and the sapphire shall be _____ the great sea.
1. as deep as **2.** as beautiful as
3. as blue as **4.** as sweet as

155. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
You will be given a ticket by the manager.
1. A ticket will be given to you by the manager.
2. The manager will give you a ticket.
3. The ticket was given to you by the manager.
4. The manager should give you a ticket.

156. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
People say Shyam is wise and honest.
1. It is said that Shyam is wise and honest.
2. Let's say that Shyam is wise and honest.
3. Shyam is wise and honest is said by people.
4. It is believed that Shyam is wise and honest.

157. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
The ship sink / in the sea / and had / no survivors.
1. in the sea **2.** and had
3. The ship sink **4.** no survivors

158. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
I will help you in submitting the assignment.
1. You will help by me in submitting the assignment.
2. In submitting the assignment, I will be helped by you.
3. In submitting the assignment, you would be helped by me.
4. You will be helped by me in submitting the assignment

159. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
My little sister said, "What a beautiful sight!"
1. My little sister exclaimed that it was a beautiful sight.
2. My little sister said that it is a beautiful sight.
3. My little sister said that it had been a beautiful sight.
4. My little sister said that it would be a beautiful sight.

160. Select the grammatically correct sentence.
A. Debraj had a heart attack. His ancestral property helped him lot to bear expenses during this crisis.
B. Debraj had heart attack. His ancestral property helped him lot to bear expenses during this crisis.
C. Debraj had a heart attack. His ancestral property helped him a lot to bear expenses during this crisis.
D. Debraj had heart attack. His ancestral property helped him a lot to bear expenses during this crisis.
1. B **2.** A **3.** C **4.** D

161. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Propitious
1. Auspicious **2.** Inauspicious **3.** Benign **4.** Benignant

162. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The mechanic will repair the bicycle on Sunday.
1. The bicycle will repaired by the mechanic on Sunday.
2. The bicycle will be repaired by the mechanic on Sunday.
3. The bicycle will be repairing by the mechanic on Sunday.
4. The bicycle would be repaired by the mechanic on Sunday.

163. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Bewilderment
1. Confusion **2.** Agreement
3. Arrangement **4.** Settlement

164. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
Sera and Rimi has enrolled for the same program.
1. is **2.** No substitution required
3. has been **4.** have

165. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Enigmatic
1. Comprehensible **2.** Cryptic
3. Tangible **4.** Ambiguous

166. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
My daughter said, "Ayush has got a packet of toffee for his friends."
1. My daughter said that Ayush has had got a packet of toffee for his friends.
2. My daughter said that Ayush has got a packet of toffee for his friends.
3. My daughter said that Ayush had got a packet of toffee for his friends.
4. My daughter said that Ayush has been got a packet of toffee for his friends.

167. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.
He burnt his fingers interfering in others' problems.
1. caught his fingers in fire **2.** got in good relations with
3. was happy **4.** got into trouble

168. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
I had only my class notes for which I had to prepare for my examination.
1. from whom I had to **2.** No substitution required
3. with which I had to **4.** in which I have to

169. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
An unexpected call disturbed Maria terribly which compelled her to stop the performance.
1. Maria was disturbed terribly by an unexpected call which compelled her to stop the performance.
2. Maria could be disturbed terribly by an unexpected call which compelled her to stop the performance.
3. Maria disturbed terribly by an unexpected call which compelled her to stop the performance.
4. Maria had been disturbed terribly by an unexpected call which compelled her to stop the performance.

170. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Courage
1. Timidity **2.** Valour **3.** Cowardice **4.** Ingenuity

Read the following passage and answer the question.

The narrator of this story is a 12-year-old girl who has gone to London with her mother to visit the dentist. The girl has a tooth filled, and then she and her mother go to a café afterwards. When it's time to go home, they discover that it's pouring rain and they have no umbrella. They decide to get a taxi. While they're watching for a cab, an old gentleman sheltering under an umbrella approaches them. He asks for a favor. The girl's mother is very distrustful of strange men. The old man explains that he has forgotten his wallet and would like to sell them his umbrella in return for taxi fare back to his home. He explains that it's a very nice silk umbrella worth twenty pounds, but his legs are weak and he simply must take a taxi home. The mother likes the sound of the deal, but the little girl worries that they're taking advantage of the old man. The mother offers to simply give him the cab fare, but he insists that they take the umbrella. The transaction is made and everyone is happy. As the mother is proudly explaining the importance of correctly judging people, the daughter notices that the old man has quickly crossed the street and is hurrying away. "He doesn't look very tired to me," she said. The mother is displeased. "He's up to something." They decide to follow him and find out. They quickly follow him as he rushes through the rainy streets. Eventually they find themselves at a pub called "The Red Lion" and watch through the window as the old man enters and uses the pound note to pay for a triple whiskey.

171. Where has the narrator of story gone visit a dentist?
1. London **2.** York **3.** Liverpool **4.** Bristol

172. What is the name of the pub where the old man went after taking money from the mother and daughter?
1. The Lion's Share **2.** Club Lion
3. The White Tiger **4.** The Red Lion

173. Which of the following can be suitable title for the passage?
1. A visit to dentist **2.** The curious old man
3. A rainy day **4.** Pubs of London

174. According to the passage, which of the following statement is correct?
1. Mother gave only the cab fare and did not took the umbrella in return.
2. Old man was selling them a silk umbrella worth one pound.
3. When mother and girl decided to go home they had no umbrella.
4. The old man used the pound note given by the girls mother to take the taxi home.

175. Which of the following word is the ANTONYM of the word 'distrustful' used in the passage?
1. Cynical **2.** Leery **3.** Cautious **4.** Ingenuous

Read the following passage and answer the question.

An earthquake is what happens when two blocks of the earth suddenly slip past one another. The surface where they slip is called the fault or fault plane. The location below the earth's surface where the earthquake starts is called the hypocenter, and the location directly above it on the surface of the earth is called the epicenter.

Sometimes an earthquake has foreshocks. These are smaller earthquakes that happen in the same place as the larger earthquake that follows. Scientists can't tell that an earthquake is a foreshock until the larger earthquake happens. The largest, main earthquake is called the mainshock. Mainshocks always have aftershocks that follow. These are smaller earthquakes that occur afterwards in the same place as the mainshock. Depending on the size of the mainshock, aftershocks can continue for weeks, months, and even years after the mainshock! The earth has four major layers: the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. The crust and the top of the mantle make up a thin skin on the surface of our planet.

But this skin is not all in one piece – it is made up of many pieces like a puzzle covering the surface of the earth. Not only that, but these puzzle pieces keep slowly moving around, sliding past one another and bumping into each other. We call these puzzle pieces tectonic plates, and the edges of the plates are called the plate boundaries. The plate boundaries are made up of many faults, and most of the earthquakes around the world occur on these faults. Since the edges of the plates are rough, they get stuck while the rest of the plate keeps moving. Finally, when the plate has moved far enough, the edges unstick on one of the faults and there is an earthquake.

176. What can be the suitable title of the passage?
1. All about earthquakes **2.** Fault plates
3. Layers of earth **4.** Mainshock and aftershocks

177. Which of the following word is the ANTONYM of the word 'boundaries' used in the passage?
1. Cores **2.** Verges **3.** Rims **4.** Brinks

178. According to the passage what is the location of the start of the earthquake directly above it on the surface of the earth is called?
1. Epicentre **2.** Centroid **3.** Hypocenter **4.** Orthocentre

179. According to the passage which of the following statement is NOT correct?
1. The crust and the top of the mantle make up a thin skin on the surface of our planet.
2. Earth has 3 major layers.
3. Depending on the size of the mainshock, aftershocks can continue for weeks, months, and even years.
4. Sometimes an earthquake has foreshocks.

180. On basis of the passage, fill in the blanks in the following sentence.
The plate boundaries are made up of many _____.
1. crusts **2.** faults **3.** spaces **4.** cores

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

The hopping kangaroo is a (1) _____ sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia, use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are (2) _____of speeding up to 88 km/h for short distances, their means of (3) _____ being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.

Weighing around 70 kg, they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often (4) _____ for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their (5) _____ with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.

181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. obligatory **2.** familiar **3.** recurrent **4.** mandatory

182. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. adept **2.** capable **3.** skilled **4.** ready

183. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. relocation **2.** migration **3.** dislocation **4.** locomotion

184. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. return **2.** steer **3.** orient **4.** head

185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. adversary **2.** invader **3.** archfoe **4.** emulator

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

When Anoobha entered her bathroom, she found it (1)_____with water. Had it been her old house, she would have panicked because her irate (2) _____ would have started calling her names from downstairs by then. But in her new flat, an independent (3)_____ on the third floor, she was saved from having to face anyone's ire whatsoever. The sight of a flooded bathroom (4)_____ her, giving rise to the child in her. She jumped around in the water for a while before (5)_____the tap.

186. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. dried **2.** sealed **3.** flooded **4.** covered

187. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. worker **2.** employer **3.** employee **4.** landlady

188. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. castle **2.** apartment **3.** shop **4.** mall

189. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. bored **2.** depressed **3.** excited **4.** confused

190. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. shutting **2.** breaking **3.** opening **4.** choking

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

We live in (1) _____ age of wonders and miracles. It has been called the 'Age of Science', and different aspects of our life that changed in the (2) _____ centuries have been attributed to science. This is completely true, but it is only one side of the coin. The flip side is that as we have advanced more in the field of technology, something fundamental to humanity has been left behind. Values such as empathy and concern for our fellow human beings are gradually being eroded due to the onslaught of our ever-evolving lifestyles, aided by the marvels of technological advancements.

Take the example of the Internet. On one hand, access to information and knowledge at the click of a button is a veritable boon to everyone (especially students) and this has made our lives much simpler. On the other hand, it has severely limited actual contact with teachers, friends and elders. Thus, the learning that a person (3) _____ is incomplete as he or she cannot easily take the advice that another person can give on the basis of knowledge and practical experience that is at his or her disposal.

Today, a small child can access and navigate the Internet with an ease that still astounds (4) _____ from the older generation. But what is even more astounding is the neglect of the basic human traits of friendship, relationships and family values. Owing to all the technological advancements and the gadgets available today, children often miss out on the most enriching childhood experiences such as playing outdoor games with friends, which (5) _____ from being immensely enjoyable and physically exhilarating, also develops traits such as teamwork and discipline at an early age.

191. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. the **2.** an **3.** this **4.** a

192. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. preceding **2.** pioneer **3.** anterior **4.** initial

193. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. builds **2.** expands **3.** gains **4.** grows

194. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. their **2.** these **3.** them **4.** those

195. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. asunder **2.** away **3.** apart **4.** distant

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

One month ago, he had lost his (1) _____ in a car crash. He had suffered from head injuries that had sent him into a coma for two weeks. With the crash, his (2) _____ career as an F1 racer ended and all his ambitions tied to the sport were (3) _____ He was one of the youngest racers to have made it to the F1 (4) _____ and his skills were (5) _____ by any other racer in his country, they say.

196. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. vision **2.** mobile **3.** hair **4.** wallet

197. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. sinking **2.** promising **3.** surprising **4.** traveling

198. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. pushed **2.** uplifted **3.** crushed **4.** stopped

199. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. group **2.** circuit **3.** friends **4.** company

200. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. upheld **2.** unmatched **3.** matched **4.** snatched

Answer Key

1. (1)	**2.** (3)	**3.** (1)	**4.** (3)	**5.** (3)	**6.** (3)	**7.** (2)	**8.** (1)	**9.** (1)	**10.** (4)	**11.** (2)	**12.** (3)
13. (4)	**14.** (1)	**15.** (3)	**16.** (3)	**17.** (2)	**18.** (3)	**19.** (2)	**20.** (4)	**21.** (2)	**22.** (2)	**23.** (1)	**24.** (2)
25. (3)	**26.** (2)	**27.** (3)	**28.** (4)	**29.** (2)	**30.** (1)	**31.** (4)	**32.** (4)	**33.** (4)	**34.** (1)	**35.** (3)	**36.** (1)
37. (1)	**38.** (3)	**39.** (1)	**40.** (1)	**41.** (2)	**42.** (4)	**43.** (3)	**44.** (2)	**45.** (4)	**46.** (1)	**47.** (1)	**48.** (4)
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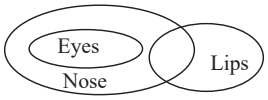
169. (1)	**170.** (2)	**171.** (1)	**172.** (4)	**173.** (2)	**174.** (3)	**175.** (4)	**176.** (1)	**177.** (1)	**178.** (1)	**179.** (2)	**180.** (2)
181. (2)	**182.** (2)	**183.** (4)	**184.** (4)	**185.** (1)	**186.** (3)	**187.** (4)	**188.** (2)	**189.** (3)	**190.** (1)	**191.** (2)	**192.** (1)
193. (3)	**194.** (4)	**195.** (3)	**196.** (1)	**197.** (2)	**198.** (3)	**199.** (2)	**200.** (2)				

Answers with Explanations

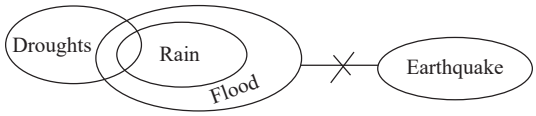
1. Option (1) is correct.

Conclusion:



All eyes are noses. Hence, some noses are eyes.
Some lips are noses but can't say about all lips.
Therefore, only conclusion I follow.

2. Option (3) is correct.



From the Venn diagram, only conclusion III follows.

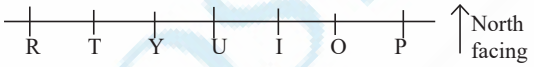
3. Option (1) is correct.

Given that:
If A denotes '+',
B denotes '×',
C denotes '−', and
D denotes '÷', then
196 D (2 A 3 B 4) = 4 ? 5 B 2
196 ÷ (2 + 3 × 4) = 4? 5 × 2
Using BODMAS
196 ÷ 14 = 4 ? 5 × 2
14 = 4 ? 5 × 2
NOW, A will replace the question mark.
Check:
14 = 4A 5 × 2
14 = 4 + 5 × 2
14 = 14, hence proved.

4. Option (3) is correct.

Given that:
(17, 34, 68)
(24, 48, 96)
17 × 2 = 34 17 × 4 = 68
Similarly,
24 × 2 = 48 24 × 4 = 96
Similarly,
29 × 2 = 58 29 × 4 = 116
Hence, (29, 58, 116) is the correct answer.

5. Option (3) is correct.

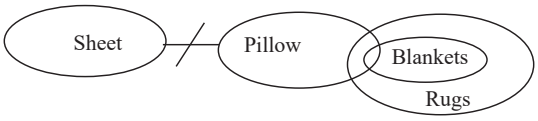


U sits at the centre of the row.

6. Option (3) is correct.

Given that:
(339, 440, 541)
(201, 302, 403)
339 + 101 = 440
440 + 101 = 541
Similarly, 201 + 101 = 302
302 + 101 = 403
Similarly, 437 + 101 = 538
538 + 101 = 639
Hence, (437, 538, 639) is the correct answer.

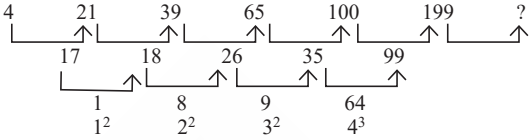
7. Option (2) is correct.



From, the Venn diagram only conclusions I and II follow.

8. Option (1) is correct.

4, 21, 39, 65, 100, 199, ?



Next term = 199 + 99 + 52 = 323

9. Option (1) is correct.

Table of Alphabetical series (point to remember)

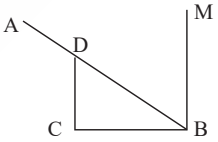
Alphabets	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Positional value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Alphabets	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
Positional value	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14

H —(+3)→ S —(+1)→ V —(+1)→ W (opposite)
E —(−2)→ Y —(−2)→ T —(−2)→ R (opposite)
G —(−2)→ T —(−2)→ R —(−2)→ P (opposite)
B —(+2)→ Y —(−2)→ W —(−2)→ U (opposite)

Hence, HSVW is the odd one out.

10. Option (4) is correct.

Town D is towards North-west of Town B.



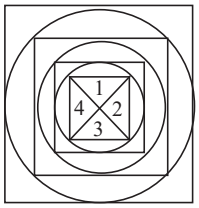
11. Option (2) is correct.

Statement: S ≤ P = U < T > V ≥ X > W
(1) S ≤ P = U < T
Hence, T >S is true.
(2) V ≥ X > W
Hence, V >W is true.
Both conclusions I and II are true.

12. Option (3) is correct.

Given expression: Mirror : Reflection : Glass : ?
Reflection occurs in the mirror.
Similarly, Refraction occurs in the Glass.

13. Option (4) is correct.



Number of triangles = 4 × 2 = 8

14. Option (1) is correct.
Correct order of the words:

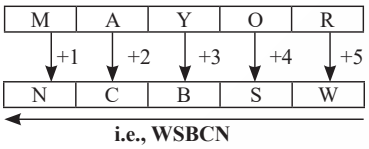
5. Fingernail	2. Thumb	4. Palm	1. Wrist	3. Elbow

15. Option (3) is correct.
Given expression: 18 : 123 :: 15 : ? :: 19 : 130
$18 \times 7 - 3 = 123$
$19 \times 7 - 3 = 130$
Similarly, $15 \times 7 - 3 = 102$

16. Option (3) is correct.
Given expression: $(134 - 13) \div 27 \times 3 - 6 = 11$
After interchanging 27 and 11
$(134 - 13) \div 11 \times 3 - 6 = 27$
Applying BODMAS
LHS = $(121) \div 11 \times 3 - 6$
$= 11 \times 3 - 6 = 27$ = RHS

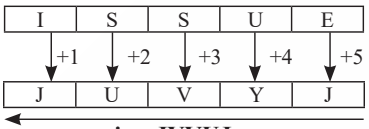
17. Option (2) is correct.
Table of Alphabetical series (point to remember)

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



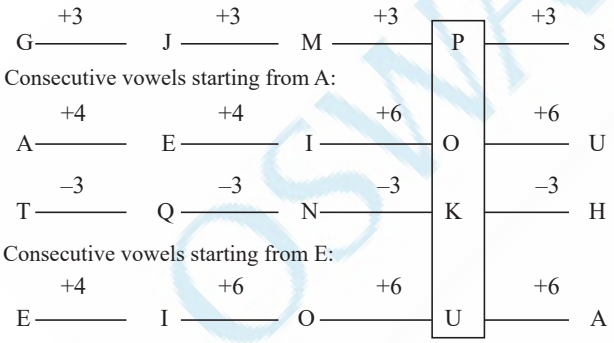
i.e., WSBCN

Similarly,

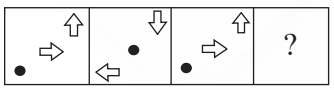


i.e., JYVUJ

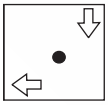
18. Option (3) is correct.
Given series: GATE, JEQI, MINO, ?, SUHA



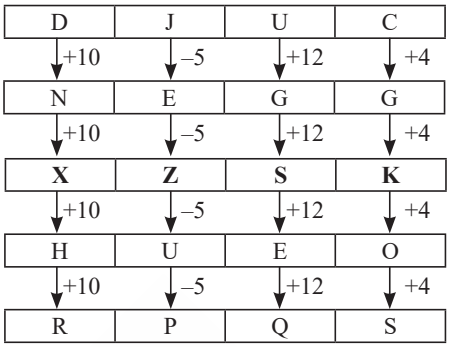
19. Option (2) is correct.



As per the pattern followed and symmetry.

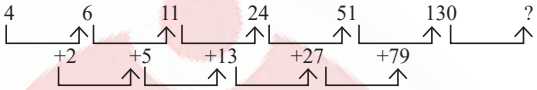


20. Option (4) is correct.
Given series: DJUC, NEGG, ?, HUEO, RPQS



Hence, XZSK is the correct answer.

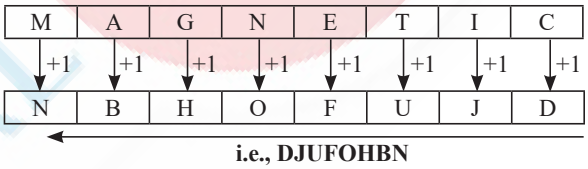
21. Option (2) is correct.
Given series: 4, 6, 11, 24, 51, 130, ?



$2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$
$5 \times 3 - 2 = 13$
$13 \times 2 + 1 = 27$
$27 \times 3 - 2 = 79$
Next term = $(79 \times 2 + 1) + 130$
$= 159 + 130 = 289$

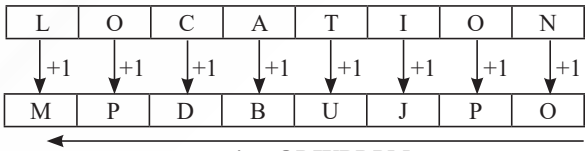
22. Option (2) is correct.
Given expression: 16 : 75 :: 12 : ? :: 7 : 30
$16 \times 5 - 5 = 75$
$7 \times 5 - 5 = 30$
So, $12 \times 5 - 5 = 55$

23. Option (1) is correct.



i.e., DJUFOHBN

Similarly,



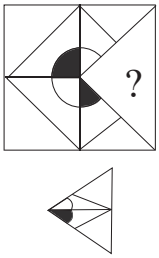
i.e., OPJUBDPM

Hence, the correct code will be 'OPJUBDPM '.

24. Option (2) is correct.
Given expression: 221 * 17 * 3 * 60 * 7 * 10
Putting the signs, we get
$221 \div 17 - 3 + 60 = 7 \times 10 = 70$
Using BODMAS
$13 - 3 + 60 = 70$ = RHS

25. Option (3) is correct.
Number of odd days
1855 = 1600 + 200 + 54 (13 leap year + 41 ordinary year) + number of odd days in months
$= 0 + 3 + 13 \times 2 + 41 \times 1 + 3 + 0 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 3$
$\Rightarrow 97 \div 7 = 6$ odd days
$\Rightarrow$ Hence, 17th November 1855 was Saturday.

26. Option (2) is correct.



27. Option (3) is correct.

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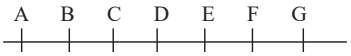


Hence, 3 people scored between C and G.

28. Option (4) is correct.

Given expression: $(42 \div 7) \times 5 = 30 \times 120 \div (10 + 5 \times 2)$

After interchanging 10 and 30,

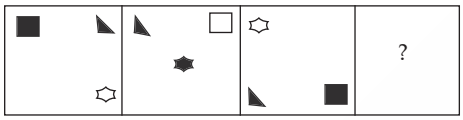
$(42 \div 7) \times 5 = 10 \times 120 \div (30 + 5 \times 2)$

$6 \times 5 = 10 \times 120 \div (40)$

$30 = 10 \times 3$

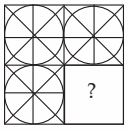
$30 = 30$ = RHS

29. Option (2) is correct.



Follow the logic and the pattern. Hence,

30. Option (1) is correct.



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31. Option (4) is correct.

Correct order of the words:

6. Mon-goose	2. Moni-toral	5. Mono-chromist	1. Monocrys-tal	3. Mon-ocular	4. Mon-sieur

32. Option (4) is correct.

'MONEY' is coded as '72'

$13 + 15 + 14 + 5 + 25 = 72$

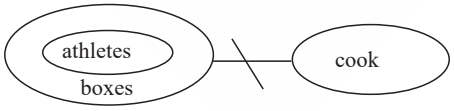
Similarly, 'BILL' is coded as '35'

$2 + 9 + 12 + 12 = 35$

Similarly, TOKEN can be coded as:

$20 + 15 + 11 + 5 + 14 = 65$

33. Option (4) is correct.



From the Venn diagram only conclusion I follows.

34. Option (1) is correct.

Given expression: 24 : 42 :: 36 : ? :: 54 : 162

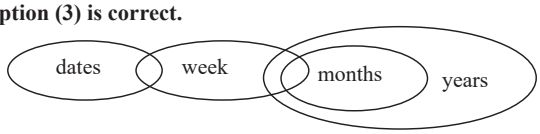
$2 + 4 = 6$, $4 + 2 = 6$

Similarly, $5 + 4 = 9$, $1 + 6 + 2 = 9$

Similarly, $3 + 6 = 9$, $7 + 2 = 9$

Hence, 72 is the correct answer.

35. Option (3) is correct.



From the Venn diagram only conclusion II follows.

36. Option (1) is correct.

Given expression: 50 * 95 * 19 * 15 * 3 * 1

$50 = 95 \div 19 + 15 \times 3 \times 1$

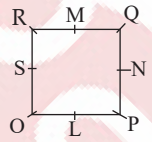
Using BODMAS rule

$50 = 5 + 45$

$50 = 50$

37. Option (1) is correct.

The sitting arrangement is as follows:



M is sitting at the second position to the left of N.

38. Option (3) is correct.

Given series: 8, ?, 20 , 32, 48, 68

$8 + 4 = 12$

$12 + 8 = 20$

$20 + 12 = 32$

$32 + 16 = 48$

$48 + 20 = 68$

39. Option (1) is correct.

Given expression:

(9, 11, 404)

(4, 13, 370)

$92 + 112 \times 2 = 404$

$42 + 132 \times 2 = 370$

$82 + 122 \times 2 = 416$

40. Option (1) is correct.

Given that:

'K % L' means 'K is the mother of L'.

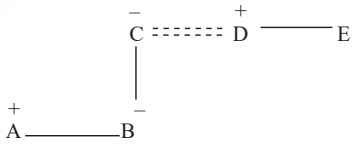
'K @ L' means 'K is the brother of L'.

'K ^ L' means 'K is the son of L'.

'K # L' means 'K is the wife of L'.

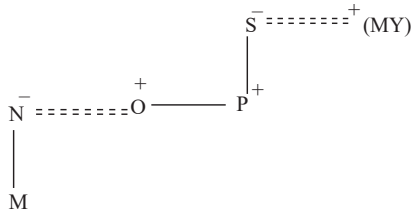
If A @ B ^ C # D @ E, then

A brother B son C wife D brother E



So, E is A's father's brother.

41. Option (2) is correct.

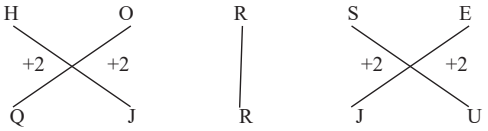


Hence, S is the paternal grandmother of M.

42. Option (4) is correct.

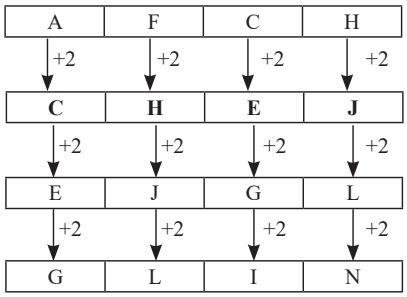
'CAMEL' is coded as CEMNG

Similarly, 'HORSE' can be coded as

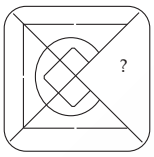


43. Option (3) is correct.

Given series: AFCH, ?, EJGL , GLIN, INKP



44. Option (2) is correct.



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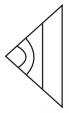
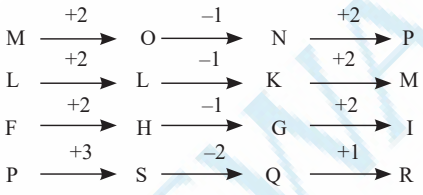


45. Option (4) is correct.



PSQR is the odd one out.

46. Option (1) is correct.

Given series: 109, 113, 122, 147, ?

109 + 4 = 113

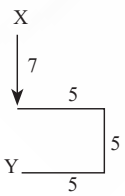
113 + 9 = 122

122 + 25 = 147

147 + 49 = 196

47. Option (1) is correct.

He needs to move 5 + 7 = 12 Km North to reach point X.



48. Option (4) is correct.

Given that: BRIGHT : RBTHGI :: SLAVES : LSSEVA :: REIGNS : ?

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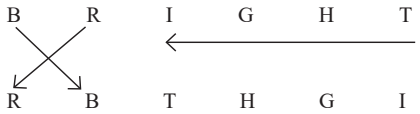

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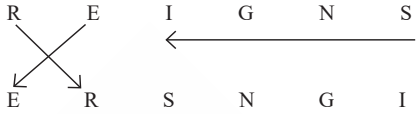

ERSNGI is the correct answer

49. Option (2) is correct.

Given that: 87 − 3 + 39 ÷ 67 × 3 = −133

Interchanging ÷ and –

87 ÷ 3 + 39 – 67 × 3 = −133

LHS = 29 + 39 – 201 = –133 = RHS

50. Option (2) is correct.

Given that: (166, 13, 4)

(2113, 46, 7)

132 – 3 = 166

Similarly, 462 – 3 = 2113

Similarly, 222 – 3 = 481

Hence, (481, 22, 5) is the correct answer.

51. Option (1) is correct.

Vaishali was the capital of Vajji gana, and it was governed by ganas or sanghas (assembly). Vajji or Vrijji was a confederacy of neighbouring clans, notably the Licchavis, and one of ancient India's major mahajanapadas. Mahajanapdas were kingdoms that rose to prominence beginning in the sixth century BC. The Mahajanapadas represent the tribes that banded together to create various groups, giving rise to a permanent area of settlements known as states or 'Janapadas.'

52. Option (1) is correct.

Mortimer Wheeler was a British archaeologist who recognised the necessity of following the stratigraphy of a mound rather than mechanically digging it along a uniform horizontal line in the 1940s. Wheeler is well-known for his groundbreaking contributions to archaeological methodology and excavation techniques. He emphasised stratigraphy's importance in understanding the chronological sequence and context of archaeological layers and deposits. Wheeler's excavation method, which emphasised precise recording and examination of stratigraphic levels, was extensively adopted and revolutionised archaeological practises at the time.

53. Option (1) is correct.

According to the 2011 census, Uttar Pradesh was India's most populous state. According to census figures from that period, Uttar Pradesh had a population of more than 199 million people, making it the most populated state in India.

54. Option (1) is correct.

The Sikkim government launched the 'Aama Yojna' for unemployed moms and the 'Bahini' scheme for female pupils. All non-working moms in the state will receive Rs 20,000 in their bank accounts each year under the 'Aama Yojna' scheme. The state government would give free sanitary napkins to female students in grades 9 and above under the 'Bahini' scheme.

55. Option (4) is correct.
The Uber Cup, the international women's team championship in badminton, was first held in 1956. The tournament is named after English badminton player Betty Uber and is conducted every two years. The Uber Cup is regarded as one of the most prestigious and competitive women's badminton championships.

56. Option (2) is correct.
Arthropods have bilateral symmetry, segmentation, coelom, and an open circulatory system. Arthropods are a huge phylum of invertebrates that includes insects, spiders, crustaceans, and other species that are related. They have bilateral symmetry, a segmented body structure, a coelom (body cavity), and an open circulatory system in which hemolymph circulates throughout the body.

57. Option (2) is correct.
MRTP stands for 'Monopolies and Trade Practices'. The 1969 MRTP Act sought to limit the concentration of economic power in the hands of a few entities and to control monopolistic and restrictive trade practices in India. The act aimed to foster fair competition, protect consumer interests, and level the playing field in the economic system.

58. Option (3) is correct.
Grandmaster Abhijit Kunte has been awarded the Dhyan Chand Award 2021. The Major Dhyan Chand Award, officially known as the Major Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Accomplishment in Sports and Games, is the Republic of India's lifetime accomplishment sporting prize.

59. Option (4) is correct.
The state of Karnataka is home to the New Mangalore Port. The port's total land area is roughly 480 hectares (1,186 acres). The New Mangalore Port is the west coast's deepest inner harbour. It is Karnataka's only significant port and India's seventh-largest port. It is run by the New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA).

60. Option (1) is correct.
Azolla is a genus of seven species of aquatic ferns in the family Salviniaceae. They are extremely reduced in form and specialized, looking nothing like other typical ferns but more resembling duckweed or some mosses. Azolla filiculoides is one of just two fern species for which a reference genome has been published. It is believed that this genus grew so prolifically during the Eocene (and thus absorbed such a large amount of carbon) that it triggered a global cooling event that has lasted to the present. Azolla is a free-floating aquatic fern that can be found in freshwater bodies around the world. It is a small, green plant that grows in dense mats on the surface of the water. Azolla is a nitrogen-fixing plant, which means that it can convert atmospheric nitrogen into a form that can be used by other plants. This makes Azolla a valuable crop for use in aquaculture and agriculture.

61. Option (2) is correct.
Sunetra Gupta, a British-Indian author, won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1996 for her novel 'Memories of Rain.' Sunetra Gupta's noteworthy English novel 'Memories of Rain' examines topics of identity, language, and cultural experiences via the story of a young Indian girl growing up in Calcutta and London. The work gained praise from critics for its evocative writing and intelligent depiction of the protagonist's journey.

62. Option (3) is correct.
Mayurbhanj, an Odisha district, is well-known for its substantial iron-ore resources. It is one of the most important iron-ore mining areas in Odisha. The town is well-known for its iron ore mines, which were established in 1910 by Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanj Deo, ruler of the Princely State of Mayurbhanj. In 1908, he commissioned Pramatha Nath Bose, a renowned geologist, to survey the ore resources.

63. Option (3) is correct.
The Indian Industrial Policy of 1991 included rules concerning foreign trade policy. Indeed, trade liberalisation and opening up the Indian economy to overseas markets was a significant component of the agenda. Significant reforms were implemented in 1991 to stimulate foreign trade, including lowering import restrictions, promoting exports, and fostering a more open and competitive corporate climate.

64. Option (4) is correct.
The Nishagandhi Award is associated with the Kerala government. The Nishagandhi Award is given annually by the Kerala Department of Tourism in appreciation of excellent contributions to the world of dance and music. It seeks to recognise individuals and organisations that have made major contributions to the promotion and preservation of Indian classical dance and music.

65. Option (4) is correct.
On June 21, 2015, India observed the first International Day of Yoga. The United Nations General Assembly established 21st June as the International Day of Yoga to raise awareness and adoption of yoga around the world. On the first International Day of Yoga, many yoga-related activities, gatherings, and practises took place throughout India and around the world. Since then, June 21st has been designated as the International Day of Yoga to raise awareness of the advantages of yoga for physical and mental well-being.

66. Option (4) is correct.
The Nanda dynasty ruled over Magadha just before the formation of the Mauryan empire. From roughly the 4th century BCE, the Nanda dynasty ruled over the Magadha area of ancient India until it was toppled by Chandragupta Maurya, who established the Mauryan empire. The Nanda dynasty was famed for its immense military prowess and wealth, but it encountered opposition from all directions, eventually leading to its demise and the establishment of the Mauryan empire.

67. Option (4) is correct.
The Major Port Authorities Bill, which was passed in 2021, aims to provide India's major ports with more autonomy and flexibility. It creates a new governance system for major ports and repeals the Major Port Trusts Act of 1963. The Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) is responsible under the Major Port Authorities Act for determining tariff rates for different port services and facilities supplied by major ports in India. TAMP supervises and monitors port service pricing to maintain transparency and prevent monopolistic practices.

68. Option (2) is correct.
The Parsi community in India largely celebrates the Khordad Sal festival. It is a significant event for followers of Zoroastrianism, the religion practised by Parsis. Khordad Sal commemorates the birth anniversary of Zoroastrianism's founder, Prophet Zarathustra (also known as Zoroaster). Prayers, ceremonies, feasts, and other ancient Parsi practices are observed during the occasion.

69. Option (3) is correct.
Recumbent folds are distinguished by a nearly horizontal axial plane, resulting in the folding of geological layers with older rocks located above younger rocks. The fold axis of recumbent folds is roughly parallel to the ground, giving the rocks a flat or lying-down appearance. These folds are extreme variants of overturned folds with a strongly tilted axial plane that is close to horizontal orientation.

70. Option (1) is correct.
Samudragupta's court poet was Harisena, who composed the Allahabad Pillar inscription, which is a prashasti of praise for Samudragupta. The correct statements are: He was the successor of Chandragupta I. On his gold coins, he was depicted playing

the harp which shows his passion for music. He held the title of Maharajadhiraj. Therefore, the answer is 1. Statement b only.

71. Option (1) is correct.
Neon, the chemical element with atomic number 10 and a member of Periodic Group 18 (noble gases) comprises a mixture of three stable isotopes: neon-20, neon-21, and neon-22. Because of its capacity to create powerful light emissions when electrically stimulated, neon is widely employed in a variety of applications, including the manufacture of signal and gas lasers. It is also extensively used in cryogenics and other cooling applications as a refrigerant.

72. Option (2) is correct.
C2H6 (ethane) and C3H9 are not a pair of hydrocarbons from the same homologous series. C2H6 is an alkane homologous series member, although C3H9 is not. C3H9 does not represent a viable hydrocarbon formula.

73. Option (3) is correct.
Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain was a renowned Bengali lady social reformer and writer. She contended that religious leaders of all faiths treated women as second-class citizens. She fought for gender equality and women's rights, questioning cultural norms and patriarchal ideas. Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain was a prominent advocate for women's education and empowerment in British India during the early twentieth century.

74. Option (1) is correct.
The maximum source of Vitamin D is present in Fish Liver Oil. The best natural source of Vitamin D is sunlight. The human body has 7 Dehydro Cholestrol which converts into Vitamin D on exposure to sunlight.

75. Option (2) is correct.
Sandra Mason was elected as the first President of Barbados in October 2021 to succeed Britain's, Queen Elizabeth. This historic event occurred at a joint session of Barbados' House of Assembly and Senate, where Sandra Mason was elected as the country's first President with a two-thirds vote. Barbados decided to convert from a constitutional monarchy to a republic to express its national identity and completely cut links with the British monarchy.

76. Option (2) is correct.
Chikmagalur in Karnataka is well-known for its coffee farming. It is one of India's top coffee-producing regions. Chikmagalur's favourable climate, soil characteristics, and elevation make it a great location for coffee cultivation. The region is noted for producing high-quality coffee beans, and coffee plantations are an important part of Chikmagalur's agricultural economy.

77. Option (1) is correct.
A bicameral legislature is a government system in which the legislature is divided into two houses. At the state level, the Vidhan Sabha (Legislative Assembly) is equal to Lok Sabha, while the Vidhan Parishad (Legislative Council) is the equivalent of Rajya Sabha. Every two years, one-third of the Vidhan Parishad's members are elected. India currently has bicameral legislatures in the following states: Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

78. Option (4) is correct.
In 1942, Raymond L. Lindeman proposed the 'trophic-dynamic component of ecology,' which characterised the essential mechanism of energy transmission from one trophic level to another in an ecosystem. Lindeman's research centred on the flow of energy across ecosystems and the interactions between different trophic levels. His work helped to advance the science of ecosystem ecology and our understanding of energy transfer and nutrient cycling in ecological systems.

79. Option (4) is correct.
Eid-ul-Fitr is observed on the first day of Shawwal, the Islamic month. It celebrates the end of Ramadan, the holy month in which Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. Eid-ul-Fitr is a joyful day that brings Muslims together to celebrate the end of Ramadan and express gratitude to Allah for giving them the strength to fast and do acts of worship. It is a time for eating, gift-giving, and group prayers.

80. Option (4) is correct.
The Jagannath Temple in Puri serves as the focal point for the Rath Yatra in Odisha. The Rath Yatra, also known as the Chariot celebration, is an annual Hindu celebration held in Puri, Odisha. The deities Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra are transported out of the Jagannath Temple in a magnificent parade of chariots during the Rath Yatra. Thousands of worshippers pull the chariots, and the procession travels to the Gundicha Temple, which is roughly 3 kilometres away. The Rath Yatra is a prominent festival in Odisha that draws worshippers and tourists from all over the world.

81. Option (3) is correct.
The Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY) aims to assist the disadvantaged by offering vocational training. It is a flagship programme of the Government of India's Ministry of Rural Development aimed at relieving poverty and empowering rural disadvantaged households. Through numerous training programmes and capacity-building activities, the programme focuses on offering skill development and livelihood possibilities to rural disadvantaged households, particularly women. The goal is to improve their employment, ability to generate income, and general socioeconomic position. The Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana is made up of numerous sub-schemes and initiatives aimed at alleviating poverty and developing rural areas.

82. Option (4) is correct.
Abdul Qadir Badauni wrote "Muntakhab-ut-Tawarikh". During the Mughal Empire in India, he was a Persian historian and writer. The book, commonly known as "Tarikh-e-Badauni," is a historical treatise that covers Emperor Akbar's reign and provides unique insights into the time's political and social events. Badauni was Akbar's contemporary, and his work is regarded as a significant historical source for comprehending India's Mughal period.

83. Option (3) is correct.
The Kolar fields well-known for their gold mining located in the Kolar region of Karnataka, India, were formerly one of the world's major gold mining centres. The gold mining operations in KGF began in the late 1800s and lasted until the early 2000s. KGF mines produced a substantial amount of gold and were critical to India's gold production at the time. However, due to a variety of causes, including economic viability and environmental concerns, the gold mines in KGF are no longer functioning.

84. Option (1) is correct.
Sankirtana is a Manipuri dance style, one of India's classical dances. Manipuri dance has a deep cultural and religious significance and originates in the northeastern state of Manipur. Sankirtana is a type of devotional music and dance that is an important component of Manipuri culture. It depicts mythological and spiritual topics through rhythmic dances, hand gestures, facial expressions, and storytelling. Sankirtana is frequently performed in temples, festivals, and other religious occasions in Manipur, highlighting the region's unique traditions and artistic expressions.

85. Option (4) is correct.
Zakir Hussain is a well-known Tabla player who has passed on his father's lineage, Ustad Alla Rakha. He is widely considered one of the world's greatest Tabla musicians and has contributed significantly to

Indian classical music. Zakir Hussain has performed and collaborated with many world-renowned musicians and artists, demonstrating his outstanding talent and command of the Tabla. He has garnered numerous awards and plaudits for his contributions to music and has played a vital part in the global popularisation of the Tabla.

86. Option (3) is correct.
Hoshang Shah's tomb, the first entirely constructed of marble, is in Mandu, Madhya Pradesh, India. Mandu is a historic city recognised for its architectural legacy, and it is home to several significant mediaeval structures. Hoshang Shah's tomb is a popular tourist attraction in Mandu and is regarded as a work of art in Afghan architecture. It was constructed in the 15th century under the reign of Hoshang Shah, the founder of the Malwa Sultanate. The mausoleum is famous throughout India for its gorgeous design, delicate carvings, and usage of white marble, making it a major historical and architectural monument.

87. Option (2) is correct.
Bharata Muni is credited with writing the 'Natya Shastra,' an ancient treatise on performing arts like music, dance, and theatre. This extensive work on Indian classical arts is attributed to Bharata Muni. The 'Natya Shastra' is one of the world's earliest and most influential performing arts works, providing specific standards and theories on different aspects of music, dance, and theatrical presentations. For millennia, this literature has moulded and impacted Indian music and performing arts.

88. Option (1) is correct.
In 1907, Lala Lajpat Rai was not deported for subversion. Lala Lajpat Rai, better known as Punjab Kesari, was a well-known Indian freedom fighter and Indian National Congress politician. He was an important figure in the Indian independence movement. Lala Lajpat Rai was well-known for his staunch support for nationalism and social reform. He was an active participant in several anti-British activities and protests in India. In 1907, however, he was not transported to Mandalay, Burma.

89. Option (4) is correct.
It is used to lift the ball over an opposing player so you can center the ball or as a lifted shot on the goal.

90. Option (2) is correct.
The statue shown at the summit of Rampurva's Ashoka pillar is a bull. The Rampurva bull capital is a significant archaeological find related to the Mauryan monarch Ashoka. It depicts a bull, which is seen as a symbol of power and strength. Thank you for bringing up the inaccuracy, and please accept my apologies for any confusion this has created.

91. Option (1) is correct.
The troposphere is the atmosphere's layer closest to the Earth's surface. It is the layer where weather occurs and the greenhouse effect is most pronounced. The greenhouse effect describes how certain gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide (CO_2) and methane (CH_4), retain heat from the sun and contribute to global warming. The troposphere holds the majority of the Earth's air mass and is responsible for the majority of weather occurrences.

92. Option (3) is correct.
Table salt's chemical name is sodium chloride. It is made up of sodium (Na^+) and chloride (Cl^-) ions and is often used in food as a flavouring and preservative. Sodium chloride is a chemical that is important for many biological processes in the human body and is widely used in a variety of industries.

93. Option (4) is correct.
In 1827, Georg Simon Ohm developed the equation I = V/R, which became known as Ohm's Law. In an electrical circuit, this equation describes the relationship between current (I), voltage (V), and resistance (R). Ohm's Law is a fundamental principle in electrical engineering that is used to calculate and understand how electric currents behave in various systems.

94. Option (1) is correct.
Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma is a well-known Indian musician who specialises in the Santoor. The Santoor is a hammered dulcimer-like musical instrument from the Indian state of Kashmir. It is made up of strings that are hammered with wooden mallets to produce a rich, melodious sound. Through his brilliant performances and compositions, Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma is recognised for popularising and elevating the Santoor into a concert instrument.

95. Option (4) is correct.
The Vadakkunnathan temple in Thrissur hosts the annual Thrissur Pooram festival. It is one of Kerala's most well-known and biggest temple festivals, recognised for its lively and lavish celebrations. The celebration brings together several temples throughout the region, with the highlights being magnificently decorated elephants, percussion ensembles, and dazzling fireworks. The Thrissur Pooram is an important cultural and religious festival that draws devotees and tourists from all over the world.

96. Option (4) is correct.
The average income of individuals in a country is referred to as per capita income. It is computed by dividing a country's total income by its population. Per capita income is a regularly used metric to analyse a country's economic well-being and standard of living. It gives a gauge of the average income accessible to each individual and aids in comparing income levels between countries.

97. Option (1) is correct.
Motilal Nehru committee demanded the 'Bill of Rights' in 1929. This made way for the inclusion and protection of rights in the Constitution of independent India.

98. Option (4) is correct.
Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, wrote "Freedom in Exile" as an autobiography. The Dalai Lama recalls his early beginnings, his experiences as Tibet's spiritual and political leader, and his eventual exile from Tibet owing to Chinese rule in this book. The book delves into his journey, spiritual teachings, and endeavours to promote peace, compassion, and Tibetan cultural preservation.

99. Option (4) is correct.
The Antyodaya Anna Yojana was originally introduced in the state of Rajasthan. The scheme, launched by the Government of India in December 2000, intends to deliver heavily subsidised food grains to the country's poorest households. The programme focuses on the most vulnerable members of society, ensuring that they have access to basic food items at reasonable costs. Rajasthan was one of the first states to implement the Antyodaya Anna Yojana to meet the food security requirements of its marginalised population.

100. Option (2) is correct.
Ulothrix algae's gametes are flagellated and of similar size. Ulothrix is a green filamentous alga that reproduces sexually by producing biflagellated gametes. Male and female gametes are both flagellated and of similar size, allowing them to move in water and fertilise one another.

101. Option (3) is correct.
He peeled an apple and cut it into slices. The noun 'apple' will take the indefinite article 'an' because 'apple' starts with a vowel sound.

102. Option (3) is correct.
The phrase 'argus-eyed' means having keen eyes; vigilant; watchful. The warning that one needs to be aware gives the hint about vigilant people in the organisation.

103. Option (2) is correct.
Graduation was being completed by Rick last year. The active sentence's subject becomes the object of the passive sentence

(or is dropped). (Past tense) Active: Subject + Is/are/am/was/were + verb (ing) + object…Passive: Object + Is/are/am/was/were + being + verb (III from) + by + subject…

104. Option (2) is correct.
DBCA. The introductory sentence is 'Great people can direct the masses with their strong determination and will'. The phrase 'is a perfect example of this' in D refers to S1. This aspect of the strong determination and will of Mahatma Gandhi is highlighted in C- 'ways and method he chose for that was not violence and harshness'. Therefore, the pattern DB is logical. The assertion that Gandhi took up the responsibility of breaking the shackles of India like by introducing the very powerful concept of 'Satyagraha' is convincing.

105. Option (1) is correct.
The mother as well as the sons was asked to appear before the magistrate for interrogation. The part 'were asked to appear' will be replaced by 'was asked to appear'. This is because, when two subjects are joined by 'as well as', the verb will agree with the first subject. As the first subject is 'mother', the verb will be in singular 'was'.

106. Option (2) is correct.
It is considered that Radha is creative in her work. The active sentence's subject becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped). Here the subject of active voice (people) is dropped into passive voice.

107. Option (3) is correct.
The players will be leaving the stadium in no time. The part 'will leaving' has the error, it will be replaced by 'will be leaving'.

108. Option (4) is correct.
My friend Ganesh said that he could solve the biggest problem very easily. In indirect speech, 'that' follows the reporting verb. My friend Ganesh said, "I could solve the biggest problem very easily." Since 'could' is already in past tense, there will be no change and the main verb 'solve' will be in its base form.

109. Option (1) is correct.
She said that she had called the day before, but there was no response. In indirect speech, 'yesterday' changes to 'the day before' and the first person (I) changes to the gender of the speaker (she).

110. Option (1) is correct.
'Eccentricity' means 'slightly strange'. Anomaly means incongruity; Beatniks were young people in the late 1950's who rejected traditional ways of living, dressing, and behaving. Therefore, one word for 'strange habits' is eccentricity'.

111. Option (1) is correct.
Erudite' means 'having or showing great knowledge or learning'. The correct answer is: scholarly.

112. Option (4) is correct.
'Vain' means proud/boastful. Thus, the correct antonym is 'modest'.

113. Option (3) is correct.
I went to his house personally so that I could persuade him to continue his studies. The part 'go to his house' will be substituted by 'went to his house'. The sentence is in past tense, 'I could persuade', so 'went' is the appropriate verb.

114. Option (4) is correct.
Soumya will be speaking on 'Stress management' in London the next week. 'Soumya will be speak' will be replaced by 'Soumya will be speaking'. The sentence is in future continuous tense, where the auxiliary 'will' when followed by a verb in continuous form, it takes 'be' in between the auxiliary and main verb.

115. Option (3) is correct.
None of them are here at this moment. 'None' is a group or collective word and these are normally treated as one item; the 'of...' is what the group consists of, in this case 'them', although we don't know how many of 'them' there are. Therefore, the actual subject of the sentence is 'none'. Here, 'none' means 'not one', and the 'one' is the clue - it takes a singular verb, 'is'. So, 'are here' will be replaced by 'is here'.

116. Option (1) is correct.
'Audacious' means showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks. So, 'brave' is the correct synonym.

117. Option (2) is correct.
The team worked very hard on the project is correct. There is no error in the sentence.

118. Option (4) is correct.
The train will arrive with five minutes. The phrase 'with five minutes' will be replaced by 'in five minutes'. 'In' means 'before it's too late'.

119. Option (2) is correct.
He said, "I'm going for shopping. May I get you anything?" In indirect speech, the structure of yes/no interrogative sentence is: if + pronoun + verb. The sentences will be joined by 'and'. He said he was going for shopping and asked if he might get me anything.

120. Option (2) is correct.
Pompeii was a tragedy that costed the lives of millions of people. The part 'that cost the lives' will be substituted by 'that costed the lives'. The event is of the past. So, the verbs will reflect the past form.

121. Option (3) is correct.
ACBD. The first sentence is Biogas is a mixture of methane, carbon dioxide, and hydrogen with others. Then it is stated how is biogas produced. CB forms a logical pair, because C states the breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen, which is why biogas is a non-polluting, cleaned and low-cost fuel. Its uses are spread in rural areas. Therefore, CBD is the coherent link.

122. Option (2) is correct.
The thief had been caught by the police on the day before yesterday. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. Active: Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object…Passive: Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject…

123. Option (1) is correct.
Pawan said that he was preparing hot coffee for me. In indirect speech, 'I' will change to 'he' and 'am preparing' changes to 'was preparing'.

124. Option (3) is correct.
She was tired but she went to work. We need to eliminate 'although' because one conjunction is enough to join two clauses – we do not normally use two.

125. Option (4) is correct.
His extravagant pretensions only served to excite ridicule. 'Extravagant' implies 'going beyond what is reasonable or suitable.' Thus, the antonym is 'economical'.

126. Option (2) is correct.
He told his friends that he is going to visit his parents in the evening. The part 'that he is gone' will be replaced by 'that he is going'. The auxiliary verb 'is' will be followed by a verb in '-ing form.

127. Option (1) is correct.
The librarian asked her if she could return the books. In indirect speech, the structure of yes/no interrogative sentence is: if + pronoun + verb + object.

128. Option (3) is correct.
A child learns the basics of his mother tongue, mainly from his interactions with the mother. 'A child learnt the basics of' will be replaced by 'A child learns the basics of'. This is so because the sentence offers a universal truth, so simple present tense will be used instead of the past form of the verb 'learnt'.

129. Option (4) is correct.
The passenger asks the railway clerk if the train is late. Since the reporting verb in direct speech is in the present tense, the verb will remain unchanged within and outside the speech marks. So 'says' will remain 'asks'; the verb will be 'is late' not 'was late'.

130. Option (2) is correct.
The coach asked the athlete why he had come so early that day. In indirect speech, the structure of the interrogative sentence is: question word + pronoun + verb + object.

131. Option (3) is correct.
I will miss you when you move to another building. 'I miss you' will be replaced by 'I will miss you' because the sentence refers to an event in the future.

132. Option (1) is correct.
'To win laurels' means 'to work in order to keep one's success or position.' the correct answer is: achieve honours and glory.

133. Option (3) is correct.
'Acumen' means 'the ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions.' If the synonym is 'discernment', the antonym is 'stupidity'.

134. Option (1) is correct.
"Break a leg" is a typical English idiom used in the context of theatre or other performing arts to wish a performer "good luck".

135. Option (3) is correct.
Arjun said, "Do you want to join the job?" In direct speech, the structure of a yes/no interrogative sentence is: question word + pronoun + verb + object. Here, 'wanted' will become 'want'.

136. Option (2) is correct.
This book will be finished by me in a month. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

137. Option (2) is correct.
It was the farmers who wanted the government to increase the Minimum Selling Price. It is to be understood that the verb 'was' should agree with the subject 'it', not 'farmers'.

138. Option (3) is correct.
'Prudent' means acting with or showing care and thought for the future. Therefore, the antonym is 'imprudent'/foolish.

139. Option (1) is correct.
Mr. Ahirwar disowned his son as he was found to be involved in stealing. The phrase 'involved in stealing' will substitute 'indulged in burglary'. To indulge is to allow someone to have their way or else to satisfy a desire. To involve is to participate or have it as a necessary part.

140. Option (1) is correct.
Every word and every line in the works of John Keats expresses his appreciation of nature's beauty. Here, 'express his appreciation' will be replaced by 'expresses his appreciation' because 'every' we count the things or people that we are talking about separately one by one, so it takes a singular verb (expresses).

141. Option (1) is correct.
One string was handed over by the musician to the shopkeeper for repair. The phrasal verb 'handed over' implies 'give something to someone using your hand'.

142. Option (4) is correct.
The crowd laughed at the poor fellow. Active: Subject + verb + preposition + object. The past form 'was laughed' changes to V1 form in active voice.

143. Option (1) is correct.
Someone has picked my pocket in the bus, and I have no money now. Picked my pocket is the correct expression, meaning stealing things out of people's pockets or bags.

144. Option (2) is correct.
In India, as perhaps in many other countries of the world, trees have been held in veneration since ancient times. Vintage items are not as old as antiques; antiques are typically around 100 years old (or more), while a retro item has just been produced or created. While 'ancient' implies belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.

145. Option (2) is correct.
The clothes are washed by Priya in the evening. Active sentences in the simple present tense have the following structure: Subject + present tense form of the verb + object Passive sentences in the simple present tense have the following structure: Object of the active sentence + is/are + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

146. Option (4) is correct.
'To stir up a hornet's nest' means to do something which causes a lot of controversy. Therefore, the sentence 'the new production targets have caused a lot of controversy' makes logic.

147. Option (3) is correct.
'Colossal' implies extremely large or great. Thus, the correct synonym is 'mighty'.

148. Option (4) is correct.
The newly admitted students could not access the library because they have not yet been given their ID cards. The part 'access the library because they had' will be replaced by 'access the library because they have', because the part 'not yet been given their ID cards' suggests that an action or situation that started in the past and continues in the present is indicated by present perfect tense. The word 'yet' is a giveaway to use the present perfect tense.

149. Option (2) is correct.
The word 'aplomb' implies self-confidence or assurance. The sentence that the interviewee tackled the questions of the interviewer with substantial self-confidence is the correct rationale.

150. Option (2) is correct.
Wisdom means the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement; the quality of being wise. Competency means capability; Cogency means power; Dexterity implies skill. Imbecility means utter foolishness. So the opposite of 'wisdom' is 'imbecility'.

151. Option (4) is correct.
The baby is loved by the mother. Active sentences in the simple past tense have the following structure: Subject + present tense form of the verb + object Passive sentences in the simple present tense have the following structure: Object of the active sentence + is/are + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

152. Option (3) is correct.
The Priest said that God loves all his creations. In indirect speech, the remark within the speech marks will remain the same as it is a general fact, so simple present tense is preferred.

153. Option (1) is correct.
Confused means jumbled. Therefore, the appropriate antonym is 'lucid' (clear).

154. Option (3) is correct.
The ruby shall be redder than a red rose, and the sapphire shall be as blue as the great sea. The comparison of ruby to rose in terms of colour, determines that sapphire's comparison to the great sea will be in terms of colour too. So, 'as blue as' is the correct simile.

155. Option (1) is correct.
The manager will give you a ticket. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence. Hence, option (2) is correct.

156. Option (1) is correct.
It is said that Shyam is wise and honest. The active sentence's subject becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped). Here the subject of active voice (people) is dropped into passive voice.

157. Option (3) is correct.
The ship sank in the sea and had no survivors. 'The ship sink' will be replaced by 'the ship sank'. The given sentence is in the past tense as implicit in 'had no survivors', so all the verbs will be of the same tense.

158. Option (4) is correct.
You will be helped by me in submitting the assignment. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

159. Option (1) is correct.
My little sister exclaimed that it was a beautiful sight. The exclamatory sentence expresses the state of joy, sorrow or wonder. Therefore, to convert them into indirect speech, some specific words (e.g., exclaimed with joy, exclaimed with sorrow, exclaimed with wonder) are used as the reporting verb. In indirect speech, those words will be deleted, and the reporting verb will change to exclaimed.

160. Option (3) is correct.
Debraj had a heart attack. His ancestral property helped him a lot to bear expenses during this crisis. The word 'heart attack' will be preceded by the indefinite article 'a', implying one, and the phrase 'a lot of' (a large number of amount. It can be used for countable or uncountable nouns) is justified. Other options fail to meet these conditions.

161. Option (2) is correct.
The word 'propitious' means 'auspicious'/favourable. Therefore, the antonym is 'inauspicious'.

162. Option (2) is correct.
The bicycle will be repaired by the mechanic on Sunday. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb. Active: Subject + will/shall + first form of the verb + object Passive: Object of the active sentence + will/shall + be + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

163. Option (1) is correct.
Bewilderment means a feeling of being perplexed and confused. Therefore, 'confusion' is the correct synonym.

164. Option (4) is correct.
Sera and Rimi have enrolled for the same program. Here 'has' will be replaced by 'have' because the subject consists of two nouns, so the verb will be plural.

165. Option (1) is correct.
The word 'enigmatic' means 'difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious.' Ambiguous and 'cryptic' are synonyms of the word, but the antonym is 'comprehensible'.

166. Option (3) is correct.
My daughter said that Ayush had got a packet of toffee for his friends. Assertive sentence in indirect speech takes 'that' after the reporting verb and 'has' will change to 'had'.

167. Option (4) is correct.
The idiom 'burnt his fingers' means to cause harm to oneself or got himself into trouble. The sentence 'he burnt his fingers interfering in others' problems' implies that he got into trouble when he started intruding on others' problems.

168. Option (3) is correct.
I had only my class notes with which I had to prepare for my examination. For means 'with the object or purpose of'. While 'with' is used to indicate possession. This possession can be a special feature or an item, here, 'class notes'.

169. Option (1) is correct.
Maria was disturbed terribly by an unexpected call which compelled her to stop the performance. Active sentences in the simple present tense have the following structure: Subject + past tense form of the verb + object Passive sentences in the simple present tense have the following structure: Object of the active sentence + was/were + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.

170. Option (2) is correct.
'Courage' means the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc. The correct answer is: valour (bravery). Options (1) and (3) are antonyms.

171. Option (1) is correct.
London. The very first statement 'The narrator of this story is a 12-year-old girl who has gone to London with her mother to visit the dentist' affirms 'London' as the correct choice.

172. Option (4) is correct.
The Red Lion. It is stated in the last sentence of the passage that 'The Red Lion' was the name of the pub where the old man went after taking money from the mother and daughter.

173. Option (2) is correct.
The curious old man .A majority of the passage describes the old gentleman, and how he convinces the narrator that his umbrella was a very nice silk umbrella worth twenty pounds, but his legs are weak and he simply must take a taxi home. But when he crosses the road after the exchange, he hardly looked tired as he had complained of, and he enters a pub called "The Red Lion" enters and uses the pound note to pay for a triple whiskey. This explains that the title of the passage should be 'The curious old man'.

174. Option (3) is correct.
The sentence 'Mother gave only the cab fare and did not take the umbrella in return' is incorrect as it is nowhere stated in the passage. The statement 'Old man was selling them a silk umbrella worth one pounds' is incorrect, as he needed an umbrella. The sentence 'The old man used the pound note given by the girl's mother to take the taxi home' is wrong because he enters a pub called "The Red Lion" enters and uses the pound note to pay for a triple whiskey. 'When it's time to go home, they discover that it's pouring rain and they have no umbrella', so the option that when it's time to go home, they discover that it's pouring rain and they have no umbrella is correct.

175. Option (4) is correct.
Ingenuous. 'Distrustful' means suspicious, so the antonym is ingenuous/innocent. 'Cynical' means 'Distrustful'; 'Leery' means Doubtful. All options, except (4) are synonyms of 'distrustful'.

176. Option (1) is correct.
All about earthquakes. The passage includes everything: fault plane, Layers of earth, Mainshock and aftershocks. These all are components of earthquakes. Therefore, the title suitable for the passage is: All about earthquakes.

177. Option (1) is correct.
Core. Boundaries imply edges. Therefore, the antonym is 'core'.

178. Option (1) is correct.
Epicentre. The location below the earth's surface where the earthquake starts is called the hypocentre, and the location directly above it on the surface of the earth is called the Epicentre.

179. Option (2) is correct.
The statement 'The earth has four major layers: the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust' proves (2) as the only incorrect statement. Option (1) is true and reiterated in the second paragraph. The statement 'Depending on the size of the mainshock, aftershocks can continue for weeks, months, and even years after the mainshock!' clearly justifies the genuity of option (3). Option (4) is validated in 'Sometimes an earthquake has foreshocks. These are smaller earthquakes that happen in the same place as the larger earthquake that follows.'

180. Option (2) is correct.
The plate boundaries are made up of many faults. It is clearly stated in the passage that faults make plate boundaries.

181. Option (2) is correct.
The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. The phrase 'every snapshot relating to Australia' logically proves that 'familiar' is the right choice, implying people often see this in every snapshot relating to Australia.

182. Option (2) is correct.
The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/h for short distances. 'Capable' is followed by 'of'. While 'adept' is followed by 'at/in'; 'skilled' is followed by 'at/in'.

183. Option (4) is correct.
Their means of locomotion is their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time. The meaning of locomotion is an act or the power of moving from place to place, and 'locomotion' is used in reference to animals.

184. Option (4) is correct.
When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him underwater. The phrase 'head for' connotes that one is going in that direction, but one is unsure of the route. 'Steer' implies direct, which is a misfit. There is no implication that the kangaroos are returning for the act of drowning the attacker by holding him underwater.

185. Option (1) is correct.
Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. The word 'adversary' implies opponent/enemy, and this is the justified choice because the previous sentences draw attention to the attempt of kangaroos to drown the attacker by holding him underwater. The given context refers to another defensive technique, so 'adversary' is the right choice.

186. Option (3) is correct.
When Anoobha entered her bathroom, she found it flooded with water. The verb 'flooded' is used for suggesting the level of water.

187. Option (4) is correct.
Had it been her old house, she would have panicked because her irate landlady would have started calling her names from downstairs by then. The adjective 'irate' (furious) is ascribed to a person, and it has to be the owner of her rented flat. So 'landlady' is the appropriate noun.

188. Option (2) is correct.
But in her new flat, an independent apartment on the third floor, she was saved from having to face anyone's ire whatsoever. 'Apartment' (a room or set of rooms fitted especially with housekeeping facilities and usually leased as a dwelling.) is the correct choice because it has already been stated that she was in her new flat.

189. Option (3) is correct.
The sight of a flooded bathroom excited her, giving rise to the child in her. 'Excited' is the correct verb for the blank because of the reference to her 'jumping around in the water for a while'.

190. Option (1) is correct.
She jumped around in the water for a while before shutting the tap. The occurrence of a flooded bathroom evinces that the tap was open, so she needed to shut the tap.

191. Option (2) is correct.
We live in an age of wonders and miracles. The indefinite article 'an' sits before words with vowel sounds (age).

192. Option (1) is correct.
It has been called the 'Age of Science', and different aspects of our life that changed in the preceding centuries have been attributed to science. 'Preceding' implies 'previous', so it says that previous centuries have witnessed the change in different aspects of our life.

193. Option (3) is correct.
Thus, the learning that a person gains is incomplete as he or she cannot easily take the advice that another person can give on the basis of knowledge and practical experience that is at his or her disposal. 'Gain' is applied when one obtains or secures something wanted, (here learning).

194. Option (4) is correct.
Today, a small child can access and navigate the Internet with an ease that still astounds those from the older generation. Here, the pronoun 'those' refers to people from the older generation. The word 'these' is used to denote more than one object that is near to the speaker. The word 'those' is used to denote more than one object that is far from the speaker.

195. Option (3) is correct.
Children often miss out on the most enriching childhood experiences such as playing outdoor games with friends, which apart from being immensely enjoyable and physically exhilarating, also develops traits such as teamwork and discipline at an early age. The mention of 'also' mandates the use of a similar phrase meaning 'in addition to', which is best exemplified in 'apart from'.

196. Option (1) is correct.
One month ago, he had lost his vision in a car crash. Given the severity of the car crash, which had sent him into a coma for two weeks, it is most obvious that he must have lost his vision.

197. Option (2) is correct.
With the crash, his promising career as an F1 racer ended. The word 'promising' suits the best, because his career looked hopeful.

198. Option (3) is correct.
All his ambitions tied to the sport were crushed. The word 'crushed' is appropriate because after the car crash, the promising career as an F1 racer ended and his ambitions were crushed (destroyed).

199. Option (2) is correct.
He was one of the youngest racers to have made it to the F1 circuit. A circuit in race refers to a racetrack for automobile races.

200. Option (2) is correct.
His skills were unmatched by any other racer in his country, they say. Since the person was one of the youngest racers to have made it to the F1 circuit, it means that his skills were unmatched by any other racer.