STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

SOLVED PAPER

(18th November 2022: Shift-1)

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

General Intelligence & Reasoning

1. 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 wtord.)
Animal : Zoology :: Plant : ?
1. Geology **2.** Palaeontology
3. Biology **4.** Botany

2. A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H 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. A is sitting to the immediate right of F and immediate left of E. C is sitting to the immediate right of E. G is sitting two places from the right of E. B is sitting to the immediate right of G. H is sitting to the immediate right of B and immediate left of D. D is sitting to the left of F. Who is sitting between A and D?
1. F **2.** G **3.** H **4.** E

3. Which option represents the correct order of the given words as they would appear in the English dictionary?
1. Sailboat **2.** Saint **3.** Sailor
4. Sanction **5.** Sadly
1. 3, 5, 1, 2, 4 **2.** 5, 1, 3, 2, 4 **3.** 5, 1, 3, 4, 2 **4.** 5, 3, 1, 2, 4

4. 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 buses are cars.
No jeep is a car.
Conclusions:
I. No car is a jeep. **II.** No jeep is a bus.
1. Only conclusion II follows.
2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows.
3. Both conclusions I and II follows.
4. Only conclusion I follows.

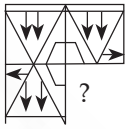
5. In a code language, 'PARUL' is coded as RDTXN and 'MADHU' is coded as ODFKW.
How will 'VIJAY' be coded in the same language?
1. XKLCB **2.** XLLDA **3.** XLMDA **4.** XMLCA

6. Pointing at a girl, Seema said, "She is my father's mother's husband's only son's daughter." How is that girl related to Seema?
1. Mother's sister **2.** Sister
3. Mother **4.** Daughter

7. In this question, the statement is followed by two conclusions. Which of the two conclusions is/are true?
Statement: A ≤ D < C = B > E ≥ F < G
Conclusions: I. B > A II. C < F
1. Neither conclusion I nor II is true
2. Both conclusions I and II are true
3. Only conclusion II is true **4.** Only conclusion I is true

8. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
3, 7, 5, 61, 363 ?
1. 3367 **2.** 3348 **3.** 3630 **4.** 3267

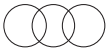
9. Select the figure which will replace the question mark (?) in the given figure to complete the pattern.



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

10. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.
_ M _ B A J M Q _ A _ M Q B _ J _ _ B _
1. J Q B J A M Q A **2.** B Q A J M Q A B
3. A M B Q J M J Q **4.** J A M M Q A B J

11. Select the Venn diagram that best illustrates the relationship between the following classes.
Vehicle, Car, Motorbike

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

12. Town C is to the south of Town A. Town D is to the west of town A. Town B is to the east of town D. Town E is to the south of town B and south-east of Town C. What is the position of town A with respect to town B?
1. East **2.** West **3.** North **4.** South

13. In a certain code language, 'DAM' is coded as '50' and 'PAD' is coded as '47'. How will 'MAP' be coded in that language?
1. 38 **2.** 40 **3.** 36 **4.** 42

14. Select the letter-cluster that will replace the question mark (?) in the given series and make it logically complete.
FRP, HTR, JVT, ?, NZX
1. IWV **2.** KWU **3.** IUS **4.** LXV

15. Which letter cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?
GROW, NJGG, ?, BTQA, ILIK
1. YDER **2.** VIWQ **3.** PSJW **4.** UBYQ

16. 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.)

(182, 156, 13) (238, 212, 15)
1. (370, 348, 19) **2.** (336, 302, 17)
3. (142, 126, 11) **4.** (337, 311, 18)

17. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
• All trojans are fairies.
• No fairy is a flower.
• All viruses are trojans.
Conclusions:
I. No flower is a trojan.
II. Some viruses are trojans.
III. No trojan is a virus.
1. Only conclusion I follows
2. Only conclusion I and III follow
3. Only conclusion I and II follow
4. Only conclusion II follows

18. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
420, 462, 506, ?, 600, 650, 702
1. 564 **2.** 552 **3.** 562 **4.** 554

19. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.
1. TWGD **2.** ADZE **3.** PSKH **4.** FIUR

20. 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 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)
(212, 101, 111) (256, 123, 133)
1. (182, 74, 108) **2.** (240, 105, 110)
3. (196, 89, 91) **4.** (292, 122, 160)

21. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to sequentially replace the * signs and balance the given equation.
65 * 56 * 8 * 19 * 2 * 34
1. −, ÷, −, ×, = **2.** +, +, −, ×, = **3.** +, ×, −, ×, = **4.** +, ÷, −, ×, =

22. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.
1. MPJ **2.** DIB **3.** HKE **4.** TWQ

23. 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:
All beards are nails.
Some nails are rings.
All rings are pendants.
Conclusions:
I. All rings can never be nails.
II. Some beards are rings.
III. Some nails are pendants.
1. Only conclusions II and III follow
2. Only conclusion III follows
3. Only conclusions I and II follow
4. Only conclusion I follows

24. Select the set in which the numbers are NOT related in the same way as the numbers of the given set.
(NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)
(16, 11, 377)
1. (12, 15, 367) **2.** (16, 14, 452)
3. (14, 12, 340) **4.** (18,13,493)

25. Town M is to the west of Town D. Town C is to the south-west of Town D. Town D is to the north of Town B. Town A is to the south of Town C. Town M is to the north of Town C. Town B is to the north-east of Town A. What is the position of Town B with respect to Town M?
1. North **2.** East **3.** South-east **4.** North-west

26. Select the set in which the numbers 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.)
(11, 100, 221)
(14, 104, 300)
1. (15, 175, 390) **2.** (17, 131, 410)
3. (19, 121, 445) **4.** (13, 162, 331)

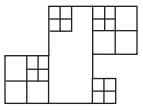
27. Which two numbers from amongst the given options should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
(357 ÷ 2 + 3) ÷ 11 − 4 = (28 × 3 + 7) ÷ 9
1. 11 and 28 **2.** 2 and 3 **3.** 7 and 9 **4.** 2 and 9

28. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN as shown below.

1. ∘° Ø M И ⅂ ⊁ Ƀ 8 **2.** 2∘° Ø M И ⅂ ⊁ Ƀ 8
3. 8 Ƀ ⊁ ⅃ И Ш Ø ∘° **4.** Ƨ ∘° Ø Ш И ⅂ ⊁ Ƀ 8

29. 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.
6 : 43 :: 11 : ? :: 4 : 21
1. 122 **2.** 133 **3.** 110 **4.** 128

30. How many squares are there in the given figure?



1. 28 **2.** 54 **3.** 53 **4.** 27

31. 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.
16 : 50 :: 49 : ? :: 144 : 338
1. 128 **2.** 114 **3.** 136 **4.** 124

32. 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.
MASTER : TSAMRE :: SMILES : LIMSSE :: FLIMSY : ?
1. FLIMYS **2.** FILMYS **3.** MILFYS **4.** MLYFIS

33. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
144, 127, 110, ?, 76, 59
1. 95 **2.** 93 **3.** 89 **4.** 97

34. Six friends A, C, D, E, F and G are sitting in a straight row, facing north. They are waiting for their seventh friend B to join. Exactly three people are sitting to the left of A. C is occupying an end seat. F and D are immediate neighbours of G. If D is sitting to the immediate left of A, and E is second to the right of A, where will B sit?
1. Fourth to the right of F **2.** Fifth to the right of G
3. To the immediate right of E **4.** Third to the right of D

35. If A denotes '+', B denotes '×', C denotes '−', and D denotes '÷', then what will come in place of '?' in the following equation?
140 D 7 A 30 = 25 B ? D 8
1. 16 **2.** 14 **3.** 32 **4.** 5

36. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as 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)
(75, 55, 70) (65, 55, 68)
1. (95, 85, 124) **2.** (95, 85, 104)
3. (95, 80, 104) **4.** (90,85,104)

37. I, J, K, L, M, N and O are seven friends having different ages. I is elder than K but younger than J. K is elder than N but younger than I. J is elder than I but younger than 2 persons. L is elder than J. M is not the eldest and O is the youngest. The age of how many people is between I and N?
1. 0 **2.** 2 **3.** 3 **4.** 1

38. Select the figure that will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following figure series.

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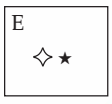
2. 

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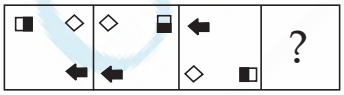
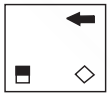
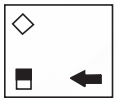
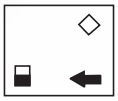
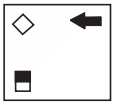
39. In a certain code language, 'FUTURE' is coded as '91' and 'MONEY' is coded as '72'. How will 'SECURE' be coded in that language?
1. 72 **2.** 70 **3.** 71 **4.** 75

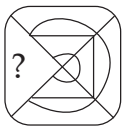
40. Select the figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the following figure series.



1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

41. Study the given pattern carefully and select the number that can replace the question mark (?) in it.
First row - 4, 6, 13
Second row - 9, 8, 21
Third row - 5, 6, ?
(NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. Eg. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /deleting /multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)
1. 14 **2.** 13 **3.** 12 **4.** 16

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



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43. In a code language, 'AMIT' is coded as 86 and 'VIJAY' is coded as 134. How will 'GARIMA' be coded in the same language?
1. 98 **2.** 49 **3.** 78 **4.** 67

44. Which two symbols from amongst the given options should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
272 ÷ 17 − 196 ÷ (5 × 3 + 1) = 30
1. × and − **2.** × and + **3.** + and ÷ **4.** + and −

45. 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 toy is beautiful.
Some beautiful are actresses.
All actresses are rich.
Conclusions:
I. No toy is rich.
II. Some actresses are beautiful.
III. Some actresses are rich.
1. Only conclusions II and III follow
2. Only conclusions I and III follow
3. All the conclusions follow
4. Only conclusions I and II follow

46. Which two symbols from amongst the given options should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
(35 – 2) × 3 = (56 × 8 ÷ 3 + 100) × 11
1. ÷ and + **2.** × and ÷ **3.** + and − **4.** × and −

47. Select the correct option that indicates the arrangement of the following words in a logical and meaningful order.
1. Nice **2.** Europe **3.** West Europe
4. France **5.** South France
1. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1 **2.** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 **3.** 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 **4.** 4, 3, 5, 2, 1

48. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to replace the * signs and to balance the given equation.
831 * 3 * 13 * 45 * 245 * 1
1. ÷, +, −, =, × **2.** =, ×, ÷, +, − **3.** =, −, ÷, +, − **4.** =, ÷, +, −, ×

49. What will be the day of the week on 19th November 2053?
1. Tuesday **2.** Thursday **3.** Wednesday **4.** Monday

50. 'P + Q' means 'P is the daughter of Q'.
'P % Q' means 'P is the son of Q'.
'P # Q' means 'P is the wife of Q'.
If A + B # C % D # E, which of the following statements is NOT correct?
1. C is the father of A.
2. B is the sister of E's son.
3. D is the mother of B's husband.
4. A is the daughter of E's son.

General Awareness

51. Pandit Anokhe Lal Mishra, a gem among musicians in India, was a renowned player of which of the following instruments?
1. Sitar **2.** Tabla **3.** Ghatam **4.** Sarangi

52. Who among the following Vijayanagara kings defeated the sultan of Bijapur in 1520?
1. Deva Raya II **2.** Krishnadeva Raya
3. Vira Narasimha Raya **4.** Bukka Raya I

53. Which of the following books was written by Megasthenes?
1. Nitisara **2.** Nagananda
3. Buddha charita **4.** Indica

54. Select from the following the biotic component of an ecosystem.
1. Sunlight **2.** Temperature **3.** Air **4.** Decomposer

55. In 1898, which one of the following chemist discovered neon by cooling a sample of air to a liquid state, heating the liquid and capturing gases upon boiling?
1. John William Strutt **2.** Pierre Jansen
3. William Ramsay **4.** Earns Dorn

56. Radha Reddy and Raja Reddy are famously known for the _____ form of dance.
1. Kathakali **2.** Kuchipudi
3. Mohiniyattam **4.** Bharatanatyam

57. In September 2021, Banwarilal Purohit was appointed as the governor of _____.
1. Uttarakhand **2.** Gujarat **3.** Punjab **4.** Haryana

58. Which of the following styles of temple architecture was developed between Himalaya to Vindhya?
1. Nagara **2.** Vesara **3.** Kalinga **4.** Dravida

59. Which of the following festivals is celebrated on the fifth and last day of Diwali?
1. Bhai Dooj **2.** Govardhan Puja
3. Dhanteras **4.** Narak Chaturdashi

60. Who among the following returned to India in January 1915?
1. Subhash Chandra Bose
2. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
3. Chittaranjan Das **4.** Motilal Nehru

61. Castling is associated with the game of _____.
1. table tennis **2.** hockey **3.** football **4.** chess

62. Who among the following was the recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2017 for Kuchipudi?
1. Deepika Reddy **2.** Manushi Chhillar
3. Shobha Naidu **4.** Yamini Reddy

63. Select the FALSE statement with reference to the food chain.
1. Inter-relation between different food chains is known as a food web.
2. All the chains formed by nutritional relations are used to understand energy flow.
3. Only producers of the food chain form a trophic level.
4. Every component of the food chain forms a trophic level.

64. Which of the following is correctly matched?
1. Electric force - Kilowatt minute
2. Electric potential - Kilowatt seconds
3. Electric energy - Kilowatt hour
4. Electric power - Kilohour

65. Kanishka, belonged to the:
1. Satavahana Dynasty **2.** Chola Dynasty
3. Kushan Dynasty **4.** Maurya Dynasty

66. Who among the following was the first chief guest to attend the Republic Day in 1950?
1. Sukarno **2.** Josip Broz Tito
3. Kwame Nkruma **4.** Gamal Abdel Nasser

67. Which of the following states has the lowest female literacy rate, as per Census 2011?
1. Arunachal Pradesh **2.** Rajasthan
3. Bihar **4.** Jharkhand

68. Which scientist explained that cells divide and new cells are formed from pre-existing cells?
1. Theodore Schwann **2.** Rudolf Virchow
3. Anton Van Leeuwenhoek **4.** Robert Hooke

69. Mohi Bahauddin Dagar, a renowned musician, is known for playing which of the following instruments?
1. Sarangi **2.** Rudra Veena
3. Sitar **4.** Santoor

70. Buddhacharita, a full-length biography of the Buddha was written by:
1. Banabhatta **2.** Asvaghosha
3. Vasumitra **4.** Parsva

71. Whose autobiography is titled 'And Then One Day: A Memoir'?
1. Anupam Kher **2.** Naseeruddin Shah
3. Boman Irani **4.** Kabir Bedi

72. Beriberi is caused due to the deficiency of _____.
1. vitamin A **2.** vitamin C **3.** vitamin D **4.** vitamin B

73. In which of the following Indian states is the Palkhi festival observed?
1. Andhra Pradesh **2.** Tamil Nadu
3. Goa **4.** Maharashtra

74. Who among following persons of Indian origin was in the news in December 2021 for solving the Kadison-Singer 1959 problem in the field of mathematics?
1. Nikhil Srivastava **2.** Nikhil Sachdev
3. Satya Nadella **4.** Pratap Bhanu Mehta

75. Which of the following is NOT an example of Mass Communication?
1. door to door campaign **2.** Television
3. Films **4.** Radio

76. The Supreme Court ruled in the Kesavananda Bharati case of _____ that the Preamble is a constituent of the Constitution.
1. 1971 **2.** 1968 **3.** 1977 **4.** 1973

77. In which of the following cities in the United States of America, Yugantar Ashram, the headquarter of Gadar Party, a liberation movement of India, was established?
1. Los Angeles **2.** Boston
3. San Francisco **4.** Chicago

78. Dhamek Stupa is located in _____.
1. Varanasi **2.** Sravasti **3.** Kushinagar **4.** Gaya

79. Which of the following was enacted in 1988 with the aim of ensuring environmental stability and maintenance of ecological balance which is vital for the sustenance of all life forms, human, animal and plant?
1. Biological Diversity Act
2. Environment (Protection) Rules
3. National Forest Policy
4. National Environmental Tribunal Act

80. PT Usha, who received the prestigious Arjuna Award in 1984 for showing outstanding performance in sport, belongs to which state?
1. Uttar Pradesh **2.** Karnataka
3. Haryana **4.** Kerala

81. Which of the following is an example of Rabi crop?
1. Ragi **2.** Wheat **3.** Paddy **4.** Bajra

82. According to the Census of India 2011, in which state was the lowest population density recorded?
1. Andhra Pradesh **2.** Arunachal Pradesh
3. Sikkim **4.** Bihar

83. The cell is NOT applied for:
1. bacteria **2.** virus **3.** fungus **4.** algae

84. The court poet and minister of _____, Harisena, composed the Allahabad pillar Inscription or Prayaga Prashasti.
1. Samudragupta **2.** Bholagupta
3. Vikramagupta **4.** Chandragupta

85. Which Five-Year Plan's realised growth rate was more than the target growth rate?
1. 2nd **2.** 4th **3.** 1st **4.** 3rd

86. The author of the novel 'The Color Purple' is _____.
1. Alice Walker **2.** Peter May
3. Ann Cleeves **4.** Angus Peter Campbell

87. _____ became the first State to reserve jobs for transgender persons in July 2021.
1. Andhra Pradesh **2.** Maharashtra
3. Jharkhand **4.** Karnataka

88. Which type of rainfall occurs when the heated air from the Earth's surface rises upwards along with the water vapour and gets condensed when it reaches a higher altitude?
1. Cyclonic rainfall **2.** Elusive rainfall
3. Convectional rainfall **4.** Random rainfall

89. India has categorised its wetlands into how many categories?
1. Six **2.** Seven **3.** Five **4.** Eight

90. Which period is referred to as the 'period of stationary phase' of growth of India's population?
1. 1921-1951 **2.** 1981-2001 **3.** 1901-1921 **4.** 1951-1981

91. Coromandel Coast gets most of its rain during the winter season because:
1. the winds from the Indian Ocean are obstructed by the Eastern Ghats
2. the cyclones from the Indian Ocean are obstructed by the Western Ghats
3. the Northeast monsoons pick up moisture from the Bay of Bengal and these winds are obstructed by the Eastern Ghats
4. the Northwest monsoons pick up moisture from the Arabian Sea and these winds are obstructed by the Western Ghats

92. Ullambana festival is primarily celebrated by which of the following communities in India?
1. Jain **2.** Parsi **3.** Buddhist **4.** Sindhi

93. The All England Championship, an international championship of badminton, was first held in:
1. 1899 **2.** 1928 **3.** 1900 **4.** 1920

94. Pandit Nehru said, "Planning is a continuous movement towards desired goals". He made this statement in the introduction of which Five-Year Plan?
1. First **2.** Third **3.** Second **4.** Fourth

95. Dwaram Venkataswamy Naidu, one of the most distinguished musicians from India, is known for playing which of the following instruments?
1. Surbahar **2.** Violin **3.** Sitar **4.** Veena

96. The "Digboi Oil fields" are located in which of the following states of India?
1. Assam **2.** Manipur **3.** Meghalaya **4.** Nagaland

97. Which of the following is NOT the function of a commercial bank?
1. Accepting deposits **2.** Money supply
3. Agency function **4.** Credit creation

98. In November 2021, who was appointed as Head Coach of the Indian cricket team (Senior Men)?
1. Jay Shah **2.** Rahul Dravid
3. Ishant Sharma **4.** Sourav Ganguly

99. Which law was discovered in 1660, which states that for relatively small deformations of an object, the displacement or size of the deformation is directly proportional to the deforming force or load?
1. Charles's law **2.** Avogadro's law
3. Hooke's law **4.** Bragg's law

100. As of 10 April 2022, who among the following is the senior most minister in terms of age among the council of ministers?
1. Nisith Pramanik **2.** Sudarshan Bhagat
3. PP Chaudhary **4.** Som Parkash

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101. 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.
He enjoys looking / a good game / of baseball on television.
1. He enjoys looking **2.** No error
3. of baseball on television. **4.** a good game

102. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Bite the bullet
1. To get something over with because it is inevitable
2. To eat something unhealthy because of its taste
3. To buy ammunition because of upcoming danger
4. To feel powerless because of fatigue

103. 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.
Our neighbour / was always told us / funny jokes and stories.
1. funny jokes and stories **2.** was always told us
3. No error **4.** Our neighbour

104. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.
Our locality has a common space for observing various national days and for organising festivals.
1. celebrating **2.** forming
3. witnessing **4.** coordinating

105. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
By this time tomorrow, / you will be playing / the violin / for 48 hours.
1. you will be playing **2.** By this time tomorrow,
3. for 48 hours **4.** the violin

106. 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'.
He appealed for the court to change its decision.
1. appealed to the court **2.** appealed the court
3. appealed for the court **4.** No substitution

107. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The wedding planner is making all the reservations and arrangements in advance.
1. All the reservations and arrangements are to be made by the wedding planner in advance.
2. All the reservations and arrangements are being made by the wedding planner in advance.
3. All the reservations and arrangements are being making by the wedding planner in advance.
4. All the reservations and arrangements are made by the wedding planner in advance.

108. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Give me / a book / that is / on the table.
1. on the table **2.** Give me
3. a book **4.** that is

109. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word.
He gave a large amount of donation for flood victims and everyone appreciated his magnanimous act.
1. Vindictive **2.** Chimerical
3. Chivalrous **4.** Cherubic

110. 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. A library is a systematic and organised collection of informational resources.
A. These resources are made accessible to a defined community for their reference or borrowing.
B. It provides physical or digital access to the users.
C. They facilitate group study and collaboration.
D. A library's collection includes books, periodicals, newspapers, etc.
S6. Libraries range in size from few shelves to several items.
1. ACDB **2.** ACBD **3.** ABDC **4.** ABCD

111. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Abandon
1. Construct **2.** Relinquish
3. Cherish **4.** Toleration

112. 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. Under normal conditions
A. talk of nothing in particular
B. he would welcome us with a smile
C. crack a joke or two
D. for a couple of minutes
S6. and then state the actual business.
1. ABCD **2.** BCAD **3.** ADCB **4.** ACDB

113. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
Mahendra told her that he would be waiting for her at the theatre.
1. Mahendra told her, "He will be waiting for her at the theatre."
2. Mahendra asked her, "I will be waiting for you at the theatre."
3. Mahendra inquired her, "He will be waiting for you at the theatre."
4. Mahendra told her, "I will be waiting for you at the theatre."

114. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.
Henry playfully asked the kids, "How can you split this paper further into pieces?"
1. Henry playfully asked the kids how they could have split that further into pieces.
2. Henry playfully asked the kids how they could split that paper further into pieces.
3. Henry playfully asked the kids how could they split that further into pieces.
4. Henry playfully asked the kids that how they could split that further into pieces.

115. 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.
While driving, Satheesh always / switches off his mobile phone / and kept it in the dashboard.
1. No error
2. While driving, Satheesh always
3. and kept it in the dashboard
4. switches off his mobile phone

116. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Sycophant
1. Flatterer **2.** Mammoth **3.** Killer **4.** Psycho

117. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
Hopefully, the match will be won by our team.
1. Hopefully, our team will have win the match.
2. Hopefully, our team will win the match.
3. Hopefully, our team will be winning the match.
4. Hopefully, our team will be win the match.

118. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The old king said, "Good Heavens, I am ruined."
1. The old king was shocked that he was ruined.
2. The old king blamed heavens that he was ruined.
3. The old king exclaimed with sorrow that he was ruined.
4. The old king cried out that good heavens has ruined him.

119. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
He reached quickly because / five miles were not / a long distance for / a young man like him.
1. He reached quickly because
2. a long distance for
3. five miles were not
4. a young man like him

120. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Gregarious
1. Anti-social **2.** Introvert **3.** Sociable **4.** Excited

121. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
She was a special education teacher for dyslexic children by an elementary school in Kenya.
1. at an elementary school
2. on an elementary school
3. for an elementary school
4. among an elementary school

122. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Utmost
1. Good **2.** Minimal **3.** Greatest **4.** Least

123. The given sentence is divided into three segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'no error' as your answer.
By next year, / we will been living / in Bengaluru for eight years.
1. we will been living **2.** By next year
3. in Bengaluru for eight years **4.** No error

124. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
The painting was done by his son.
1. His son is doing the painting.
2. His son did the painting.
3. The painting was completed by his son.
4. The painting was his son work.

125. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The manager said that he would be on leave the next day.
1. The manager has said, "I will be on leave tomorrow".
2. The manager said, "I would be on leave that day".
3. The manager has said, "He will be on leave today".
4. The manager said, "I will be on leave tomorrow".

126. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
He said, "These dresses are cheap."
1. He said that those dresses was cheap.
2. He said that these dresses are cheap.
3. He said that these dresses were cheap.
4. He said that those dresses were cheap.

127. Select the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence.
The project was denounced as a scandalous waste of taxpayer's money.
1. Defended **2.** Described **3.** Represented **4.** Decried

128. 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'.
Jimmy danced his way to glory, laughing all the way to the bank after winning the trophy.
1. No substitution **2.** along winning the trophy
3. to winning the trophy **4.** towards winning the trophy

129. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The lifeguard rescued Molly and her family.
1. Molly and her family were rescued by a lifeguard.
2. Molly and her family were being rescued by a lifeguard.
3. Molly and her family is rescued by a lifeguard.
4. Molly and her family was rescued by a lifeguard.

130. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.
Arunima is the apple of her mother's eye.
1. Her mother's enemy
2. Annoying to her mother
3. Spiteful person
4. A person of whom her mother is extremely fond and proud

131. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The earthquake had devastated the village beyond imagination.
1. The village had devastated by the earthquake beyond imagination.
2. The village had been devastated beyond imagination by the earthquake.
3. The village was devastated by the earthquake beyond imagination.
4. The village has been devastated by the earthquake beyond imagination.

132. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
I am recognised for my contribution to the academic world.
1. People recognised me for my contribution to the academic world.
2. People recognise me for my contribution to the academic world.
3. People recognise me for their contribution to the academic world.
4. I recognise for my contribution to the academic world.

133. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Abide
1. Dwell **2.** Anticipate **3.** Endure **4.** Reject

134. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.
Rohan got his birthday gift in the twilight.
1. received his birthday present at dusk
2. received his birthday present in the dawn
3. received his birthday present in the genesis
4. received his birthday present in the morning

135. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
By the skin of your teeth
1. To just barely get by or make it
2. To get worried easily
3. To do difficult tasks
4. Chewing food improperly

136. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Sara was bringing the cake for the party.
1. The cake for the party was being bought by Sara.
2. The cake for the party is being brought by Sara.
3. The cake for the party was being brought by Sara.
4. The cake for the party were being brought by Sara.

137. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 2) 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.
1. It is said that health is wealth.
A. He uses his health for work.
B. He doesn't talk about his health.
C. A healthy person can do his work well.
D. He reads about medical columns in newspapers and watches television programs.
2. He does not even imagine being ill.
1. BDCA **2.** CDBA **3.** ABCD **4.** DCBA

138. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
I said that when it stopped drizzling we would have to start digging again.

1. I said, "When it stopped to drizzle we must start digging again."
2. I said, "When it stops drizzling we must start digging again."
3. I said, "When drizzle will stop then we will start digging again."
4. I said, "When it stops to drizzle we will start digging again."

139. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Primeval
1. Autochthonic **2.** Primal
3. Recent **4.** Indigenous

140. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Infinite
1. Boundless **2.** Unfathomable
3. Absolute **4.** Evanescent

141. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The news that the examination were been cancelled upset all our plans.
1. was been **2.** have been
3. had been **4.** No substitution required

142. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Sneha said to me, "I am doing my homework."
1. Sneha told me that she was doing her homework.
2. Sneha told me that she had been doing her homework.
3. Sneha told me that she were doing her homework.
4. Sneha told me that she has been doing her homework.

143. 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.
He is going / to be wash / the dishes.
1. He is going **2.** the dishes **3.** to be wash **4.** No error

144. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Rohan verbally insulted Stephen in front of his parents.
1. Stephen was verbally being insulted by Rohan in front of his parents.
2. Stephen has verbally insulted by Rohan in front of his parents.
3. Stephen was verbally insulted by Rohan in front of his parents.
4. Stephen had been verbally insulted by Rohan in front of his parents.

145. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Mr. Ramesh and / his friends / have never come / here
1. here **2.** Mr. Ramesh and
3. have never come **4.** his friends

146. 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's a little lately / to go back to / where we started from.
1. It's a little lately **2.** where we started from
3. No error **4.** to go back to

147. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive/ active voice.
Let the experts emphasise the importance of renewable energy.
1. Let the importance of renewable energy be emphasised by the experts.
2. The importance of renewable energy let be emphasised by the experts.
3. Let the importance of renewable energy is emphasised by the experts.
4. The importance of renewable energy will be emphasised by the experts.

148. Select the grammatically correct sentence.
1. The open discussion with the media yesterday on the new policies of the government was an excellent one.
2. A open discussion on the new policies of the government with the media yesterday was a excellent one.
3. An open discussion on the new policies of a government with a media yesterday was an excellent one.
4. The open discussion on a new policies of a government with the media yesterday was an excellent one.

149. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
I'm so hungry I could eat lots of food.
1. like a horse **2.** sour grapes
3. a horse **4.** poison

150. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Sourabh said, "Alas! We have been cheated."
1. Sourabh exclaimed with sorrow that they have been cheated.
2. Sourabh said that oh we have cheated.
3. Sourabh exclaimed with sorrow that they had been cheated.
4. Sourabh was sad that they were cheated.

151. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
My knowledge about archeology is very less in comparison to my sister.
1. a drop in the ocean **2.** a spit in the ocean
3. a fish out of water **4.** a water under the bridge

152. Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the following word.
Solicit
1. Pretend **2.** Degrade **3.** Request **4.** Complicate

153. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined word in the given sentence.
The visitors of the restaurant were enthralled by the dulcet tune that the pianist played.
1. unpleasantly rough **2.** ear-piercing and loud
3. sweet and soothing **4.** inaudible and indistinct

154. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The famous actor, along with his close family members, were attending the annual day function at his son's school.
1. has attending **2.** are attending
3. am attending **4.** was attending

155. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
She said to me, "I was thinking of going out for dinner but had changed my mind later on."
1. She said me that she was thinking of going out for dinner but changed her mind later on.
2. She said that she thought of going out for dinner but changed her mind later on.
3. She told me that I was thinking of going out for dinner but changed my mind later on.
4. She told me that she had been thinking of going out for dinner but changed her mind later on.

156. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
I did not get many sleep last night as my sister was running a high fever.
1. some sleep **2.** much sleep
3. none sleep **4.** most sleep

157. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Yield
1. Defy **2.** Bring **3.** Produce **4.** Build

158. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Lemon tastes sour.
1. Lemon has been tasted sour.
2. Lemon is tasted sour.
3. Lemon is sour when it is tasted.
4. Lemon has been sour when tasted.

159. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
What information was shared with the school authority by the inspection team?
1. What information has the inspection team shared with the school authority?
2. What information did the inspection team share by the school authority?
3. What information did the inspection team share with the school authority?
4. What information the inspection team shared with the school authority?

160. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
After travelling for 2 days straight, Reema was too _____.
1. worried **2.** knackered
3. adjured **4.** deferred

161. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
It is your duty to help the poor people in your parish.
1. The poor people in your parish are to be helped by you.
2. It is suggested that you do your duty to help the poor in your parish.
3. The poor people in the parish are helped by you as duty.
4. You may be allowed to help the poor people in your parish.

162. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
The boy said to the teacher, "Sir, I am weak in Maths and seek your advice."
1. The boy told the teacher that he was weak in Maths and seek his advice.
2. The boy told the teacher that he was weak in Maths and sought his advice.
3. The boy told the teacher that he is weak in Maths and see his advice.
4. The boy told that he was weak in Maths and sought his advice.

163. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
He _____ all the autumn leaves.
1. gathered **2.** garnished
3. smothered **4.** withered

164. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Gracious
1. Active **2.** Passive **3.** Rude **4.** Blissful

165. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.
(A) Inviting quotations for purchase of goods is a good practice.
(B) Simultaneously, corruption can also be checked.
(C) Hence a proper structuring of expenses can be established.
(D) By doing this a competitive rate can be finalised.
1. ACBD **2.** ADBC **3.** DBCA **4.** DBAC

166. 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 dwelt with / their performance / in the last quarter.
1. their performance **2.** in the last quarter
3. No error **4.** The team dwelt with

167. Read the sentence carefully and select the synonym of the underlined word from the given alternatives.
As the effect of anaesthesia dissipated the patient regained consciousness.
1. Enhanced **2.** Heightened **3.** Returned **4.** Disappeared

168. 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.
No sooner he was / brought to the hospital / than he began panting heavily.
1. brought to the hospital
2. No sooner he was
3. No error
4. than he began panting heavily

169. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
John said, "I cannot come with you."
1. John says that he cannot come with me.
2. John said that he will not be coming with me.
3. John said that he would not come with me.
4. John said that he could not come with me.

170. 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.
He fought / the lion / brave.
1. No error **2.** brave **3.** He fought **4.** the lion

Read the following passage and answer the question.

Another feature of the post-Cold War era is that since the West has become the victor of the East-West ideological rivalry, Western systems and Western influences, in general, started to dominate the whole world. For example, the United States has visibly enhanced its influence in the Middle East and in Caucasus since the end of the Cold War. The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in August 1990 and the following Gulf Crisis, in a way, created an opportunity for the Unites States to exercise its hegemonic power in the Middle East. In the following years, in the absence of a counter-power, the influence of the United States increased further. With the military operation to Afghanistan and invasion of Iraq after the September 11, 2001 attacks, the United States perpetuated its dominance in the region. The region of Caucasus was formerly under the Russian sphere of influence. But the

United States managed to enter this energy-rich region with some new allies, used to be the part of the Soviet Union, such as Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and Georgia. Although Russia certainly did not want the United States presence in the region, its ability to prevent it has remained limited. Likewise, NATO expanded to involve Eastern Europe, a region also used to be under Soviet influence. Russia, in the beginning, tried to resist NATO expansion, posing several threats, including creating a counter defense organization. But it was eventually convinced with the project of "partnership for peace", through which it preserved many of its privileges in Eastern European countries.

171. Which of the following word is the SYNONYM of the word 'hegemonic' used in the passage?
1. Pall **2.** Tire **3.** Weary **4.** Supremacy

172. According to the passage when did Iraq invaded Kuwait?
1. Septmber 2011 **2.** Septmeber 1990
3. August 2011 **4.** August 1990

173. Which of the countries given in the options cannot fill in the blank based on the information given in the passage?
United States managed to enter this energy-rich region with some new allies, used to be the part of the Soviet Union, such as _____.
1. Georgia **2.** Ukraine **3.** Iraq **4.** Azerbaijan

174. Which of the following statement is correct on basis of the given passage?
1. Russia has visibly enhanced its influence in the Middle East and in Caucasus since the end of the Cold War.
2. Russia certainly wanted the United States presence in the Caucasus region.
3. East has become the victor of the East-West ideological rivalry post the cold war.
4. Western systems and Western influences, in general, started to dominate the whole world after the cold war.

175. Which of the following can be a suitable title of the given passage?
1. Gulf Crisis **2.** Western domination
3. NATO and allies **4.** Caucasus History

Wildlife and nature have largely been associated with humans for numerous emotional and social reasons. A simple stroll around the park amidst some birds provides a fresh breath of life and charges our batteries. Apart from a bird feeder in the backyard, we can also take up other active pastimes, such as hiking, hunting, canoeing or wildlife photographing to relieve our parched nerves. Since prehistoric times, animals have been highly useful to us in providing food, clothing and source of income.

Studies indicate that woodpeckers are capable of destroying 90% of codling moth larvae residing under the bark of trees. This shows the significance of wildlife and wildlife habitat for preserving genetic diversity. Hence, places where agriculture, forests, and fisheries depend on crops or stocks can ensure that such living resources are enough to withstand the ever - increasing list of threats. Further, in medicine, development of new drugs and treatments are largely dependent on wildlife and wildlife habitat. Interestingly, most pharmaceutical products are a result of discovering or developing wildlife species and not discoveries through the traditional chemistry principles. Today, most medicinal remedies contain at least one ingredient derived from a wild plant or animal.

Biodiversity is the different variety of living beings within an ecosystem or in our planet. It is a measurement on the health of ecosystems. Biodiversity also take part in the function of climate. In terrestrial habitats, tropical areas are rich in species whereas polar areas support lesser species. The conservation of biodiversity is inevitable for the survival of men. Based on the passage above choose the correct option for the following questions.

176. Wildlife has helped humans in all aspects except?
1. Clothing
2. Development of new medicines
3. Education
4. Providing food

177. What does the passage says about Woodpeckers?
1. Are capable of destroying 90% of codling moth larvae residing under the bark of trees
2. Make a good muse for wildlife photography
3. They provide you a fresh breath of air
4. They like to live in Tropical areas where there is less human population

178. Biodiversity is _____.
1. Associated with humans for numerous reasons
2. Rich in species
3. Inevitable for the survival of men
4. Different variety of living beings within an ecosystem

179. Which of the following cannot be taken up as a pastime related to wildlife?
1. Hiking **2.** Hunting **3.** Bird feeding **4.** Writing

180. According to the passage, which of the following statement is true?
1. Most medicinal remedies contain at least one ingredient derived from a wild plant or animal
2. Wildlife habitat plays no role in preserving genetic diversity
3. Since prehistoric times, animals have been not been useful to us
4. Biodiversity is a measurement on the cultural ecosystems

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

As a rule, you see, I'm not lugged into family rows. On the occasions when Aunt is calling Aunt like mastodons bellowing (1) _____ primeval swamps and Uncle James's letter about Cousin Mabel's peculiar behaviour is being shot (2) _____ the family circle ('Please read this carefully and send it on Jane') the clan has a tendency (3) _____ ignore me. It's one of the advantages I get from (4) _____ a bachelor and, according to my nearest and dearest, practically a half-witted bachelor (5) _____ that.

181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. inside **2.** across **3.** into **4.** on

182. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. round **2.** for **3.** at **4.** about

183. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. to **2.** of **3.** towards **4.** for

184. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. not being **2.** removing **3.** being **4.** becoming

185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. in **2.** for **3.** on **4.** at

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

Dill ate, and ate and ate. He hadn't eaten (1)_____ last night. He used all his money for a ticket, (2)_____the train, as he had done many times, coolly chatted with the conductor, to (3)_____ Dill was a familiar sight, but he had not the nerve to invoke the rule on small children travelling a distance alone; if you've lost your money the conductor will (4)_____ you enough for dinner and your father will (5) _____him back at the end of the line.

186. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. because **2.** since **3.** about **4.** for

187. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. climbed **2.** ran **3.** boarded **4.** walked

188. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. who **2.** whose **3.** whoever **4.** whom

189. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. borrow **2.** take **3.** lent **4.** lend

190. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. pay **2.** take **3.** lend **4.** charge

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 grammar concepts (1)_____ systematically and explained with examples (2)_____ by exercises. The writing section (3)_____ abundant practice in functional and imaginative writing with necessary scaffolding to (4)_____ learners. The listening and speaking sections have activities embedded in meaningful contexts that will encourage (5)_____ to interact confidently in English.

191. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. are grade **2.** are graded **3.** had graded **4.** is graded

192. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. followed **2.** preceded **3.** neglected **4.** paralleled

193. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. provided **2.** provides
3. is providing **4.** will be providing

194. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. help **2.** assisted **3.** discourage **4.** formulate

195. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. people **2.** leaders **3.** learners **4.** teachers

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

To my utter (1) _____the little dark boy was striding (2) _____up and down the lawn while the white youngster walked (3) _____ behind him. "Get me a banana!" The little boy ran (4) _____the house and (5) _____ shortly.

196. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. puzzle **2.** astonishment
3. order **4.** realisation

197. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. imperiously **2.** greedily
3. softly **4.** usually

198. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. abjectly **2.** definitely **3.** obviously **4.** eventually

199. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. into **2.** up **3.** down **4.** in

200. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. worried **2.** moved **3.** reappeared **4.** played

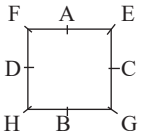
Answer Key

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

Answers with Explanations

1. Option (4) is correct.
Given expression: Animal : Zoology :: Plant : ?
Zoology is the study of animals.
Similarly, Botany is the study of plants.

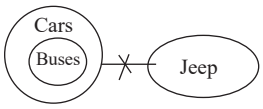
2. Option (1) is correct.
F is sitting between A and D.



3. Option (2) is correct.
Correct order:

5. Sadly	1. Sailboat	3. Sailor	2. Saint	4. Sanction

4. Option (3) is correct.
From the Venn diagram,
Both conclusions I and II follow.



5. 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

'PARUL' is coded as RDTXN,

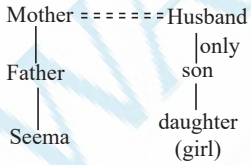
P	A	R	U	L
↓ +2	↓ +3	↓ +2	↓ +3	↓ +2
R	D	T	X	N

Similarly, 'VIJAY' can be coded as:

V	I	J	A	Y
↓ +2	↓ +3	↓ +2	↓ +3	↓ +2
X	L	L	D	A

Hence, XLLDA is the correct answer.

6. Option (2) is correct.
Hence, the girl is Seema's sister.



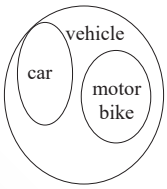
7. Option (2) is correct.
Statement: $A \le D < C = B > E \ge F < G$
Conclusion: (I) $A \le D < C = B$,
Hence, B>A is true. (II) $C = B > E \ge F$
Hence, C < F, is false.
Hene, only conclusion I is true.

8. Option (1) is correct.
Given series: 3, 7, 5, 61, 363 ?
$3 \times 1 + 2^2 = 7$
$7 \times 3 - 4^2 = 5$
$5 \times 5 + 6^2 = 61$
$61 \times 7 - 8^2 = 363$
$363 \times 9 + 10^2 = 3367$
Hence, the missing number is 3367.

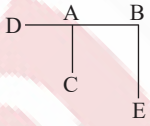
9. Option (1) is correct.
As per the pattern followed, the required figure is:

10. Option (1) is correct.
Given that: _ M _ B A J M Q _ A _ M Q B _ J _ _ B _
J M Q B A J M Q B A J M Q B A J M Q B A

11. Option (3) is correct.
Here car and motor bike both are vehicle.



12. Option (2) is correct.
Hence, A is in the west of B.



13. 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

(The sum of Place value from the end of the alphabetical series-13). (See above table)
'DAM' is coded as '50',
DAM $23 + 26 + 14 = 63 - 13 = 50$
Similarly, 'MAP' can be coded as,
MAP $14 + 26 + 11 = 51 - 13 = 38$

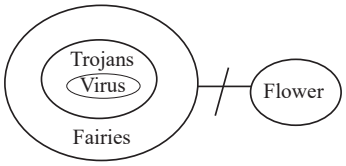
14. Option (4) is correct.
Given series: FRP, HTR, JVT, ?, NZX
$F + 2 = H \rightarrow H + 2 = J \rightarrow J + 2 = L \rightarrow L + 2 = N$
SIMILARLY, $R + 2 = T \rightarrow T + 2 = V \rightarrow V + 2 = X \rightarrow X + 2 = Z$
Similarly, $P + 2 = R \rightarrow R + 2 = T \rightarrow T + 2 = V \rightarrow V + 2 = X$
Hence, LXV is the correct answer.

15. Option (4) is correct.
Given series: GROW, NJGG, ?, BTQA, ILIK
$G + 7 = N \rightarrow N + 7 = U \rightarrow U + 7 = B \rightarrow B + 7 = I$
Similarly, $R - 8 = J \rightarrow J - 8 = B \rightarrow B - 8 = T \rightarrow T - 8 = L$
Similarly, $O - 8 = G \rightarrow G - 8 = Y \rightarrow Y - 8 = Q \rightarrow I - 8 = I$
Similarly, $W + 10 = G \rightarrow G + 10 = Q \rightarrow Q + 10 = A \rightarrow A + 10 = K$
Hence, UBYQ is the correct answer.

16. Option (4) is correct.
Given that:
(182, 156, 13)
(238, 212, 15)

Row wise: right to left
(182, 156, 13)
$\Rightarrow 13^2 - 13 = 156$
$\Rightarrow 13^2 + 13 = 182$
(238, 212, 15)
$\Rightarrow 15^2 - 13 = 212$
$\Rightarrow 15^2 + 13 = 238$
Similarly, (337, 311, 18)
$\Rightarrow 18^2 - 13 = 311$
$\Rightarrow 18^2 + 13 = 337$

17. Option (3) is correct.
From the Venn diagram, only conclusions I and II follow.



18. Option (2) is correct.
Given series: 420, 462, 506, ?, 600, 650, 702
420 + 42 = 462
462 + 44 = 502
506 + 46 = 552
552 + 48 = 600
600 + 50 = 650
650 + 52 = 702

19. 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

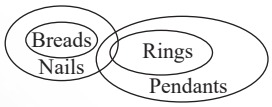
Using this table in the solution,
Now, 1st letter is opposite to the 3rd letter and the 2nd letter is opposite to the 4th letter in all the given options except option 2. Hence, option 2 is the odd one out.

20. Option (1) is correct.
Given that: (212, 101, 111)
(256, 123, 133)
(212, 101, 111)
From right to left
111 + 101 = 212
Similarly (256, 123, 133)
From right to left
123 + 133 = 256
Hence,
(182, 74, 108)
From right to left
74 + 108 = 182
Hence, (182, 74, 108) is the correct option.

21. Option (4) is correct.
Given that: 65 * 56 * 8 * 19 * 2 * 34
Solving by options
Taking option 4
65 + 56 ÷ 8 – 19 × 2 = 34
Applying BODMAS
LHS = 65 + 56 ÷ 8 – 19 × 2
= 65 + 7 – 38
= 72 – 38 = 34 = RHS

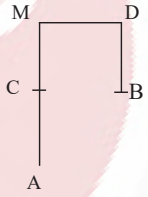
22. Option (2) is correct.
Given that: KITE : IFQA :: TIRE : RFOA :: DIRE : ?
M + 3 = P → P – 6 = J
Similarly, D + 5 = I → I – 7 = B
H + 3 = K → K – 6 = E
T + 3 = N → N – 6 = Q
Hence, DIB is the odd one out.

23. Option (2) is correct.
From the Venn diagram, only conclusion III follows.



24. Option (2) is correct.
Given that: (16, 11, 377)
$61^2 + 11^2 = 377$
Solving by options:
Taking option 1,
$12^2 + 15^2 = 144 + 225 = 369 \neq 367$
Hence, (12, 15, 367) is not related in the same way as other numbers.

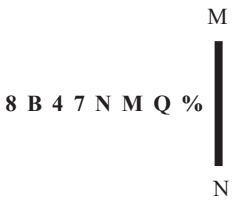
25. Option (3) is correct.
Town B is South-East of town M.



26. Option (4) is correct.
Given that:
(11, 100, 221)
(14, 104, 300)
(11, 100, 221) $\Rightarrow 11^2 + 100 = 221$
(14, 104, 300) $\Rightarrow 14^2 + 104 = 300$
Similarly, (13, 162, 331) $\Rightarrow 132 + 162 = 331$

27. Option (2) is correct.
Given that: (357 ÷ 2 + 3) ÷ 11 − 4 = (28 × 3 + 7) ÷ 9
Interchange 2 and 3
(357 ÷ 3 + 2) ÷ 11 − 4 = (28 × 3 + 7) ÷ 9
Using BODMAS
(119 + 2) ÷ 11 – 4 = 63 ÷ 9
11 – 4 = 7
7 = 7 = RHS

28. Option (1) is correct.
According to the question:



In the mirror image left becomes right and right becomes left. Hence,

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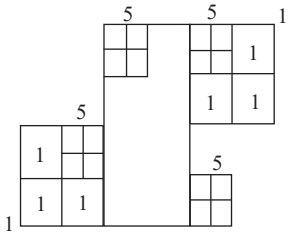
29. Option (2) is correct.
Given that: 6 : 43 :: 11 : ? :: 4 : 21
6 × 7 + 1 = 43
4 × 5 + 1 = 21
11 × 12 + 1 = 133

30. Option (1) is correct.



Total squares = 5 × 4 + 1 × 8 = 28

31. Option (1) is correct.

Given that: 16 : 50 :: 49 : ? :: 144 : 338

16 : 50

$\Rightarrow 4^2 : (5^2 \times 2)$

Similarly, 144 : 338

$\Rightarrow 12^2 : (13^2 \times 2)$

Hence, 49 : ?

$\Rightarrow 7^2 : (8^2 \times 2)$

And $(8^2 \times 2) = 128$

32. Option (3) is correct.

Given that: MASTER : TSAMRE ::

SMILES : LIMSSE :: FLIMSY : ?

M A S T E R

← ←

T S A M R E

Similarly, FLIMSY : ?

F L I M S Y

← ←

M I L F Y S

33. Option (2) is correct.

Given sequence: 144, 127, 110, ?, 76, 59

144 – 17 = 127

127 – 17 = 110

110 – 17 = 93

93 – 17 = 76

76 – 17 = 59

Hence, the missing number is 93.

34. Option (1) is correct.

According to the question:

Hence, B sits 4th to the right of F.

35. Option (1) is correct.

Given that:

A denotes '+'

B denotes '×'

C denotes '−', and

D denotes '÷', then

140 D 7 A 30 = 25 B ? D 8

After putting the signs, we get

$140 \div 7 + 30 = 25 \times ? \div 8$

On solving

$20 + 30 = 25 \times ? \div 8$

$50 = (25/8) \times ?$

Or

$? = (50 \times 8)/25$

$? = 16$

36. Option (2) is correct.

Given that:

(75, 55, 70)

(65, 55, 68)

(75, 55, 70)

$\Rightarrow 55 + (75/5) = 70$

Similarly, (65, 55, 68)

$55 + (65/5) = 68$

Similarly, (95, 85, 104)

$85 + (95/5) = 104$

37. Option (4) is correct.

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M

J

I

K

N

O

The age of only 1 person i.e., K lies between I and N.

38. Option (4) is correct.

As per the pattern followed and the symmetry, the required figure is:

39. Option (3) is correct.

Table of Alphabetical series (point to remember):

Alphabets	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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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

Using the above table

'FUTURE' is coded as '91'

FUTURE = 6 + 21 + 20 + 21 + 18 + 5 = 91

Similarly, MONEY' is coded as '72'

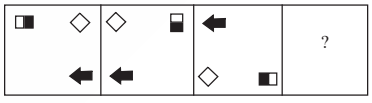
MONEY = 13 + 15 + 14 + 5 + 25 = 72

Hence,

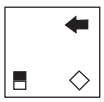
'SECURE' can be coded as:

SECURE = 19 + 5 + 3 + 21 + 18 + 5 = 71

40. Option (1) is correct.



As per the pattern followed and the symmetry, the required figure is:



41. Option (1) is correct.

First row - 4, 6, 13

Second row - 9, 8, 21

Third row - 5, 6, ?

Row wise:

1st row

$(4 + 6) + 6 \div 2 = 13$

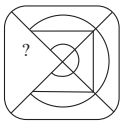
2nd row

$(9 + 8) + 8 \div 2 = 21$

3rd row

$(5 + 6) + 6 \div 2 = 14$

42. Option (4) is correct.



The required figure is

43. 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

Using the above table

'AMIT' is coded as 86

1 + 13 + 9 + 20 = 43 × 2 = 86

Similarly, 'GARIMA' can be coded as:

7 + 1 + 18 + 9 + 13 + 1 = 49 × 2 = 98

44. Option (4) is correct.

272 ÷ 17 − 196 ÷ (5 × 3 + 1) = 30

After interchanging + and –

272 ÷ 17 + 196 ÷ (5 × 3 – 1) = 30

LHS = 272 ÷ 17 + 196 ÷ (5 × 3 – 1)

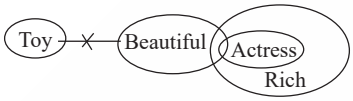
Using BODMAS

16 + 196 ÷ 14

16 + 14 = 30 = RHS

45. Option (1) is correct.

From the Venn diagram only conclusion II and III follows.



46. Option (2) is correct.

(35 – 2) × 3 = (56 × 8 ÷ 3 + 100) × 11

After interchanging × and ÷

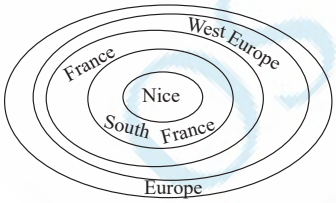
(35 – 2) ÷ 3 = (56 ÷ 8 × 3 + 100) ÷ 11

33 ÷ 3 = (7 × 3 + 100) ÷ 11

11 = 121 ÷ 11

11 = 11

47. Option (1) is correct.



Hence, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1 is the correct answer.

48. Option (1) is correct.

831 * 3 * 13 * 45 * 245 * 1

Solving by options

Taking option 1

831 ÷ 3 + 13 – 45 = 245 × 1

277 + 13 – 45 = 245

290 – 45 = 245

245 = 245

49. Option (3) is correct.

Given date: 19th Nov 2053

Number of odd days

2053 = 400 × 5 + 52 (13 leap year + 39 ordinary year) + number of odd days in months

= 0 + 13 × 2 + 39 × 1 + 3 + 0 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 5

= 94 ÷ 7 ⇒ 3 odd days

3 odd days means the day on 19th November 2053 will be Wednesday.

50. Option (2) is correct.

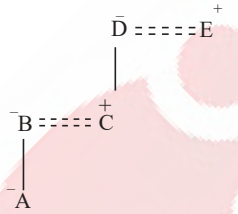
Given that:

'P + Q' means 'P is the daughter of Q'.

'P % Q' means 'P is the son of Q'.

'P # Q' means 'P is the wife of Q'.

A daughter B wife C son D wife E



Hence, B is the sister of E's son.

51. Option (2) is correct.

Indian tabla player Anokhelal Mishra was a member of the Banaras Gharana of Hindustani classical music. Anokhelal studied tabla with Bhairow Prasad Mishra for almost 15 years. Bhagat-ji's pupil was Bhairow Prasad Mishra. The originator of The Banaras-Baj (also known as the Banaras Gharana), Ram Sahai, was a student of Bhagat-Ji. He is also known as Pandit Anokhelalji and goes by the spelling AnokheLal Misra.

52. Option (2) is correct.

In the Battle of Diwani, Krishna Deva Raya defeated the Deccan Sultanates to win. He attacked Raichur Doab, which led to a conflict with Ismail Adil Shah, the Sultan of Bijapur. But in 1520, Krishna Deva Raya overcame him and seized control of Raichur. The Orissa campaign of Krishna Deva Raya was equally successful. He took control of Telangana by defeating Prataparudra, the Gajapathi king. He continued to have cordial ties with the Portuguese. Krishna Deva Raya received diplomats from Albuquerque.

53. Option (4) is correct.

The book Indika/Indica, has been written by Megasthenes. It talks about India between 302 and 288 BCE. He represented Seleucus Nicator I as an envoy in Chandragupta Maurya's court.

54. Option (4) is correct.

Biotic Components are the living organisms. Organisms known as decomposers convert dead organic matter, such as that of plants and animals, into more basic chemicals. They are essential for recycling nutrients and releasing them back into the environment for use by other species. A few types of insects, fungi, and bacteria are examples of decomposers.

55. Option (3) is correct.

William Ramsay discovered the noble gases and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the same in the year 1904. The periodic table's Group 18 elements are referred to as inert gases or Noble gases. They are known as noble gases because of how beautiful they are and how little they generally react with anything. The contemporary periodic table's group 18 consists of the elements Helium (He), Neon (Ne), Argon (Ar), Krypton (Kr), Xenon (Xe), and Radon (Rn). Noble gases, also known as inert

gases historically, frequently do not react with numerous things. Inert gases are typically employed to prevent unintended chemical reactions from deteriorating a sample. These unwanted chemical processes frequently involve oxygen and moisture in the air and involve oxidation and hydrolysis.

56. Option (2) is correct.

Raja and Radha Reddy are Indian Kuchipudi dancers, teachers, and choreographers. In New Delhi, they established and oversee the Natya Tarangini Institute of Kuchipudi Dance. The Government of India has given them the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards for their contributions to the arts. Andhra Pradesh is home to the art form called Kuchipudi.

57. Option (3) is correct.

On September 9, 2021, Banwarilal Purohit was appointed as the 29th Governor of Punjab by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India.

58. Option (1) is correct.

The architecture of 'Nagara' temples is frequently in the North Indian style. In North India, the region between the Vindhyas and the Himalayas is known for its Nagara style, the region between the Krishna and the Kaveri Rivers for its Dravida style, and the region between the Vindhyas and the Krishna River for its Vesara style. A whole temple is frequently constructed in North India on a stone platform that is reached by steps. It typically lacks ornate entrances or boundary walls. Later temples contained multiple towers or shikharas, although the earliest ones only had one. The tallest tower is always exactly beneath the garbhagriha. Nagara temples can be divided into many different types according to the shikhara's shape. The phamsana, which tends to be wider and shorter than Latina ones, is the second important kind of architectural form in the Nagara order. Unlike the Latina ones, which have roofs that resemble rapidly rising tall towers, theirs are made of several slabs that rise gradually to a single point over the centre of the building. The valabhi type is the general name for the third major subtype of Nagara architecture. These are square structures with roofs that rise into vaulted spaces.

59. Option (1) is correct.

The celebration that is observed on the fifth and final day of Diwali is known as 'Bhai Dooj' or 'Bhau Beej.' It is a Hindu celebration that honours the relationship between siblings. On this day, sisters engage in a rite in which they brand their brothers' foreheads with a vermilion mark and offer prayers for their welfare. It is a day dedicated to fostering sibling bonds and expressing love and gratitude.

60. Option (2) is correct.

Mahatma Gandhi left South Africa and travelled back to India in January 1915. Gandhi lived in South Africa for more than 20 years, when he actively took part in the Indian community's fight for civil rights and oversaw several nonviolent activities. His return to India signalled the start of his involvement in the movement for Indian independence and his adoption of peaceful resistance as a strategy for the struggle against British colonial rule in India.

61. Option (4) is correct.

Castling is a common chess move. A player's king and one of their initial rooks are used in casting. Apart from the knight's move, it is the only move in chess in which a player can move two pieces simultaneously and the only one in which a piece can be said to jump over another. It was created in Europe somewhere in the 14th century and is absent from the game's Asian adaptation.

62. Option (1) is correct.

Kuchipudi dancer Deepika Reddy is well-known in her field. She began her trip fifty years ago, and in 1976, she had her Rangapravesham. She has performed all over the world, including in France, Hiroshima, Japan, the Sri Lankan parliament, and the Rashtrapati Bhavan. President Ram Nath Kovind presented her with the esteemed Sangeet Natak Akademi Award at Rashtrapati Bhavan for her contribution to the Kuchipudi dance. For the past 47 years, Deepika Reddy has worked in the Kuchipudi industry. Through her performances around the world and the instruction she provided to hundreds of pupils at her dance school Deepanjali, she steadfastly spread this art form.

63. Option (3) is correct.

Trophic levels in a food chain are a hierarchy of organisms that indicate an organism's place in the energy transfer process. Trophic levels also include consumers, such as herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, and decomposers, such as bacteria and fungi, in addition to producers (such as plants and algae). A trophic level is made up of every link in the food chain, from producers to consumers to decomposers.

64. Option (3) is correct.

Kilowatt-hours (kWh) are the standard unit of measurement for electrical energy. It indicates the total energy used or generated over time by a piece of electrical equipment. It is a metric that power providers frequently use when calculating bills.

65. Option (3) is correct.

The Kushan dynasty was the home of Kanishka. Kujla Kadphises established the Kushan dynasty. The best ruler of the Kushan dynasty, Kanishka governed in the first century CE. The northern Indian subcontinent, Afghanistan, and maybe portions of Central Asia north of the Kashmir region were all under Kushan dominion at the time of Kanishka. He is regarded as a major supporter of Buddhism as well. The Buddhist poet Ashvaghosha taught him Buddhism. In Kashmir, the Fourth Buddhist Council was also held with his support. The Great Commentary on Abhidharma was put together by that council.

66. Option (1) is correct.

On January 26th, 1950, the first Republic Day Parade was conducted, with President Sukarno of Indonesia serving as the chief guest. Republic Day parades took place between 1950 and 1954 at Irwin Stadium (now National Stadium), Kingsway, Red Fort, and Ramlila Maidan. On this day, Dr. Rajendra Prasad started his first term as President of the Indian Union. The President speaks to the nation the night before Republic Day. The Republic Day Parade, the Beating Retreat, and the Award Distributions are the three main events that make up the Republic Day celebrations.

67. Option (2) is correct.

According to Census 2011, Kerala has the highest total literacy rate and female literacy rate whereas Lakshadweep had the highest male literacy rate. Bihar has the lowest total literacy rate and male literacy rates while Rajasthan has the lowest female literacy rate.

68. Option (2) is correct.

Rudolf Virchow is the scientist who provided the theory of how cells divide and develop from pre-existing cells to generate new cells. In his work, he introduced the ideas of "cellular pathology" and "omnis cellula e cellula," which roughly translates to "every cell arises from a pre-existing cell." One of the foundational ideas in biology is what is known as "cell theory." The understanding that cells are the fundamental building blocks of life and that all cells are created through cell division from pre-existing cells was made possible in large part by Rudolf Virchow's work.

69. Option (2) is correct.

Son of renowned North Indian musician Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, Ustad Mohi Bahauddin Dagar plays the Rudra veena. He plays Rudra veena in the Dagarbani tradition. He refers to the 20th

generation of the Dagar dynasty, Nayak Haridas Dagar of the 16th century. In 2012, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, India's National Academy for Music, Dance, and Drama, honoured him with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, the highest distinction given to performing artists.

70. Option (2) is correct.
A Buddhist philosopher, poet, and playwright named Ashvaghosha lived in India in the first century CE. One of his most important writings, the 'Buddhacharita,' gives a thorough description of the life and teachings of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. It is a significant work of Buddhist literature that has had a significant impact on how people perceive Buddha's life and the road that led him to enlightenment.

71. Option (2) is correct.
The author of the autobiography 'And Then One Day: A Memoir' is Naseeruddin Shah as actor and filmmaker. Naseeruddin Shah is well-known for his roles in both mainstream and independent films. His autobiography, 'And Then One Day: A Memoir,' gives readers a glimpse into his private life, a career in movies, and acting experiences. It gives readers a look inside his career, influences, and difficulties he overcame.

72. Option (4) is correct.
Thiamine (vitamin B1) deficiency is mostly linked to beriberi. Lack of thiamine, an essential component involved in the metabolism of carbohydrates, can cause several symptoms, such as fatigue, loss of appetite, nerve damage, muscular atrophy, and cardiovascular issues.

73. Option (4) is correct.
An important religious procession known as the Palkhi festival is held every year in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is connected to the veneration of Sant Dnyaneshwar and Sant Tukaram, two illustrious saints and poet-philosophers of the Maharashtrian Bhakti movement. During the festival, worshippers go by foot from their home towns to Pandharpur, where the Vithoba temple is located, carrying the palanquin (palkhi) with the paduka (footprints) of the saints. Devotional singing, dancing, and displays of adoration for the saints characterise the Palkhi celebration.

74. Option (1) is correct.
Mathematician and professor Nikhil Srivastava along with Adam Marcus and Daniel Spielman, who have connections to many branches of mathematics and engineering, solved the age-old Kadison-Singer issue in December 2021. The mathematical community paid them a great deal of attention and recognised their achievement in tackling this challenge.

75. Option (1) is correct.
The distribution of information or messages to a large audience via numerous media channels is referred to as mass communication. Door-to-door campaigns entail outreach to individuals or households and interpersonal communication, but they do not qualify as mass communication. The other options (television, movies, and radio) are examples of mass communication since they use electronic media to spread messages to a large audience.

76. Option (4) is correct.
The Supreme Court of India rendered a historic decision in the Kesavananda Bharati case in 1973. The court rendered a decision regarding the breadth and reach of the Parliament's amending power as well as the existence of any restrictions. The Preamble to the Constitution is a part of the Constitution and can be subject to some limited revisions under Article 368 in this situation, but the fundamental structure of the Constitution cannot be changed. This ruling established the basic structure theory, which protects the Constitution's core ideals and principles.

77. Option (3) is correct.
Indian immigrants established the revolutionary Gadar Party in the United States in 1913. Its goal was to free India from British colonial control. Yugantar Ashram, the Gadar Party's headquarters, was situated in San Francisco, California. Indians in the US and other nations were effectively organised and mobilised by the party for the cause of Indian independence.

78. Option (1) is correct.
The Dhamek Stupa is located in Sarnath, an Indian city close to Varanasi. As the location of Gautama Buddha's first sermon after achieving enlightenment, Sarnath is a significant Buddhist pilgrimage destination. Located in Sarnath, the Dhamek Stupa is a prominent Buddhist structure and a well-liked tourist destination. It is a historically and religiously significant structure in Buddhism.

79. Option (3) is correct.
The principal aim of the National Forest Policy, of 1988 is to ensure environmental stability and maintenance of ecological balance including atmospheric equilibrium which is vital for the sustenance of all life forms, human, animal and plant.

80. Option (4) is correct.
Kerala is where PT Usha, the 1984 recipient of the coveted Arjuna Award, is from. As the 'Payyoli Express,' P.T. Usha is a well-known Indian track and field athlete. She has competed in numerous international sports competitions with notable success and has competed for India at numerous Olympics and Asian Games. PT Usha received various honours for her exceptional athletic accomplishments, including the Arjuna Award, which is granted by the Indian government to honour sports prowess.

81. Option (2) is correct.
An illustration of a rabi crop is wheat. The Indian subcontinent generally uses the rabi cropping system, which consists of winter-sown and spring-harvested crops. These plants need a fair quantity of water. Wheat, chickpeas, mustard, and linseed are a few examples of rabi crops.

82. Option (2) is correct.
According to the 2011 census, the northeastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh had the lowest population density of any state. The state has a comparatively low population density as compared to other states in India because of its extensive forested areas and mountainous topography.

83. Option (2) is correct.
Viruses are not regarded as cells. Viruses are acellular, non-living infectious agents. They are unable to perform necessary life processes on their own because they lack cellular structures. While viruses do not have cells and are categorised independently, bacteria, fungi, and algae are cellular creatures with distinctive cell structures.

84. Option (1) is correct.
One of the most notable kings of the Gupta Empire in ancient India, Samudragupta, had Harisena as one of his ministers. Samudragupta was also a well-known poet. The Prayaga Prashasti, commonly known as the famous Allahabad pillar inscription by Harisena, is a significant historical inscription that sheds essential light on Samudragupta's accomplishments and conquests. A major literary and historical achievement from the Gupta dynasty, the inscription is carved on a pillar at Allahabad (Prayaga), Uttar Pradesh.

85. Option (3) is correct.
The Harrod Domar Model served as the foundation for India's first five-year plan. Under Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership, India's first Five Year Plan was implemented from 1951 to 1956. With a few alterations, it was based on the Harrod-Domar model. Its primary

focus was on the country's agricultural development. This plan was a success, with a growth rate of 3.6% (more than the aim of 2.1%). By the end of this plan, the country had five IITs.

86. Option (1) is correct.

Published in 1982, 'The Colour Purple' was written by Alice Walker. Celie, a young African-American lady living in the South around the turn of the 20th century, is the subject of the story. The book examines issues of race, gender, sexuality, and identity; it has won a lot of notice and acclaim for its engaging characters and strong storytelling. The American writer and activist Alice Walker won the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for 'The Colour Purple.'

87. Option (4) is correct.

The Karnataka government has decided to grant transgender people 1% of the available police department positions. Following a directive from the Karnataka High Court in July 2021, Karnataka is the first state to reserve jobs in public employment for transgender people. It has invited applications for the position of special reserve sub-inspector in the Karnataka Police and Indian Reserve Battalion (IRB).

88. Option (3) is correct.

Convectional rainfall is when water vapour rises with hot air from the earth's surface and condenses when it reaches a higher height. In the summer or at the hottest time of the day, this type of rain is typical. It occurs frequently, especially in the northern hemisphere, in the interior of the continents and the equatorial areas.

89. Option (4) is correct.

India has categorized its wetlands into eight categories: Human-made wetlands, Lakes, River floodplains, Ox-bow lakes, Marshes, Estuaries, Swamps and Deltas.

These categories are based on the physical and biological characteristics of the wetlands. The categories are also used to identify the different types of wetlands that are found in India.

Human-made wetlands are created by humans, such as reservoirs, tanks, and canals.

Lakes are bodies of water that are surrounded by land.

River floodplains are areas of land that are periodically flooded by rivers.

Oxbow lakes are crescent-shaped lakes that are formed when a river meanders and cuts off a bend.

Marshes are areas of land that are covered with water for most of the year.

Estuaries are areas where freshwater meets saltwater.

Swamps are areas of land that are covered with water and vegetation.

Deltas are areas of land that are formed at the mouth of a river.

90. Option (3) is correct.

The 'period of stagnant phase' of India's population growth is referred to as the years 1901 to 1921. India's population growth rates were comparatively slow throughout this time. The population grew more slowly during this time due to several factors, including high birth rates, high mortality rates from diseases and famines, a lack of healthcare services, and general socioeconomic conditions. In the decades that followed, there was a large population increase phase.

91. Option (3) is correct.

The majority of the rain that falls on the Coromandel Coast, which is situated on the eastern part of the Indian Peninsula, occurs in the winter. This is because winds carrying moisture from the Bay of Bengal towards the coast are brought by the Northeast monsoon, also known as the winter monsoon. However, the Eastern Ghats mountain range blocks these winds, allowing the air to rise and chill, which causes moisture to condense and produce rain along the Coromandel Coast.

92. Option (3) is correct.

In India, the Buddhist community largely observes the Ullambana festival.

Ullambana, commonly referred to as Obon or the Ghost Festival, is a prominent Buddhist holiday celebrated to pay respect to and express gratitude to departed family members. It is thought that around this time, ancestors' spirits re-enter the world of the living, and prayers and offerings are made to aid them in finding freedom and peace. The event includes several ceremonies, including food offerings, lantern lightings, and good deeds. While the holiday is observed in many nations with Buddhist populations, it is especially significant to Buddhists in India and other Asian nations.

93. Option (1) is correct.

The All England Open Badminton Championships, usually referred to as the All England Championship, were first played in 1899. It is among the most renowned and illustrious badminton competitions in the world. Top badminton players from across the world compete in a variety of categories in this yearly competition. The All-England Championship has a long history and has had a significant impact on how badminton is played around the world.

94. Option (2) is correct.

Pandit Nehru made this statement in the introduction to the Third Five-Year Plan. The Third Five-Year Plan was launched in 1961 and ended in 1966. It was the first five-year plan to be implemented after India's independence from British rule. The plan focused on economic development and social welfare. Nehru's statement about planning as a continuous movement towards desired goals reflects the idea that planning is not a one-time event, but rather an ongoing process. Planning is about setting goals and then taking steps to achieve those goals. It is also about being flexible and adaptable, as plans may need to be changed in response to changing circumstances.

95. Option (2) is correct.

Venkataswamy Dwaram Previously, Naidu was a violinist. He was arguably the first to demonstrate that traditional instruments like the Veena and Carnatic music can both be played on the violin. He is possibly the main architect of solo violin concerts, not merely another one of the 20th century's outstanding violinists and musicians. In the past, Naidu would perform works by well-known German composers like Mendelssohn and Johann Sebastian Bach.

96. Option (1) is correct.

The Assamese town of Digboi, which is part of the Tinsukia area, is well-known for its past contributions to the petroleum sector. The oldest oil refinery in India is located there; it was founded in 1901. The Digboi Oil fields have contributed significantly to India's oil industry and have been a substantial source of petroleum products in the area.

97. Option (2) is correct.

Commercial banks are financial institutions that provide a variety of services to businesses and individuals, including accepting deposits, making loans, and offering investment products. One of the most important functions of commercial banks is to create credit. When a bank makes a loan, it is essentially creating new money. This is because the bank is able to lend out more money than it has in deposits. This process of credit creation is one of the ways that banks help to stimulate economic growth.

The money supply is the total amount of money in circulation in an economy. It is made up of currency, demand deposits, and other liquid assets. The money supply is controlled by the central bank, which can increase or decrease the money supply by buying or selling government bonds.

Commercial banks do not have a direct impact on the money supply. They can only lend out money that they have already received in deposits. Therefore, the function of a commercial bank is not to create the money supply

98. Option (2) is correct.

The BCCI formally named former captain and legendary batter Rahul Dravid as the next head coach of the Indian cricket team. Rahul Dravid assumed the new position and started serving as India's head coach full-time. In 2019, Rahul Dravid was named as the head of the National Cricket Academy; he will quit this role before becoming the head coach of India. Before that, from 2016 to 2019, he was the India Under-19 and India A teams' Head Coach. India's under-19 cricket team competed under his guidance and finished second in the 2016 and 2018 u-19 Cricket World Cups. Dravid is widely recognised as one of the best batsmen in cricket history. He is known as "The Wall" and Dependable.

99. Option (3) is correct.

According to Robert Hooke's law, which was established in 1660, for relatively minor deformations of an item, the displacement or size of the deformation is inversely proportional to the load or force that caused it. In other words, the force exerted on an elastic material is directly proportional to its extension or compression. In physics and engineering, Hooke's law is frequently used to explain how elastic materials respond to stress or deformation.

100. Option (4) is correct.

As of 10th April 2022, the senior most minister in terms of age among the council of ministers is Som Parkash. He was born on 15th February 1946, making him 76 years old. He is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and has been a member of the Rajya Sabha since 2009.

101. Option (1) is correct.

He enjoys watching a good game of baseball on television. 'Look' means to direct your eyes in a particular direction. While 'watch' means to look at (someone or something) for an amount of time and pay attention to what is happening. Thus, 'he enjoys looking' will be replaced by 'he enjoys watching'.

102. Option (1) is correct.

The idiom 'bite the bullet' means to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult. The estranged couple decided to bite the bullet and give their marriage a chance for their child. The correct answer is: to get something over with because it is inevitable.

103. Option (2) is correct.

Our neighbour always tells us funny jokes and stories. The sentence is an example of habitual action, emphasized with the adverb 'always'. So simple present tense will be used.

104. Option (4) is correct.

Our locality has a common space for observing various national days and for coordinating festivals. Organizing means making arrangements or preparations for (an event or activity).

105. Option (1) is correct.

By this time tomorrow, you will have played the violin for 48 hours. This is a sentence in the future perfect. We use the future perfect simple (will/won't have + past participle) to talk about something that will be completed before a specific time in the future.

106. Option (1) is correct.

He appealed to the court to change its decision. Here, 'appealed to the court' will replace 'appealed for the court'. The verb 'appeal' is always followed by 'to'.

107. Option (2) is correct.

To change into passive voice, we change the active sentence's subject into the passive sentence's direct object and add the auxiliary verbs. Active form: is + first form of the verb + ing. Passive form: is + being + past participle form of the verb. So 'is making' will change to 'are being made'. The correct sentence is: All the reservations and arrangements are being made by the wedding planner in advance.

108. Option (3) is correct.

Give me the book that is on the table. The part 'a book' will be replaced by 'the book'. Because the definite article (the) is used to refer to something specific like the book on the table.

109. Option (3) is correct.

In the sentence, 'He gave a large amount of donation for flood victims and everyone appreciated his magnanimous act', 'magnanimous' implies 'generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person.' 'Chivalrous' means 'courteous and gallant'; 'Vindictive' means 'Malicious'. 'Chimerical' implies 'imaginary, fanciful'. 'Cherubic' means 'having the innocence or plump prettiness of a young child.'

110. Option (4) is correct.

ABCD. S1 defines a library as a collection of informational resources; the pronoun 'these' resources refer to S1. (A) suggests how these resources are made accessible for reference or borrowing. This is continued in (B)- how it gives two types of access to the users and (C) emphasizes on the advantages of the access. D precedes S6 because the latter speaks of the size of the library, and (C) introduces it.

111. Option (2) is correct.

Abandon means 'to give up to the control or influence of another person or agent'. In other words 'relinquish' (surrender) is correct.

112. Option (2) is correct.

BCAD. The sentence starts with 'Under normal conditions', this must be followed by a subject (noun/pronoun) he would welcome us with a smile. This leads to a trail of verbs (welcome, crack a joke, talk of nothing in particular). Therefore, the BCA link is convincing.

113. Option (4) is correct.

Mahendra told her, "I will be waiting for you at the theatre." In direct speech, 'would be waiting' changes to 'will be waiting'.

114. Option (2) is correct.

Henry playfully asked the kids how they could split that paper further into pieces. The reported speech takes the past tense of the verb. So 'can' changes to 'could'. The structure of interrogative sentences in reported speech is: question word + pronoun/noun + verb + object.

115. Option (3) is correct.

While driving, Satheesh always switches off his mobile and keeps it in the dashboard. The part 'and kept it in the dashboard' will be replaced by 'and keeps it in the dashboard'. The adverb 'always' explains that this is a habit of Satheesh, so simple present tense is appropriate. Moreover, the first verb 'switches' is in its correct form, so to maintain parallel structure, the second verb will also be in simple present.

116. Option (1) is correct.

A sycophant is someone who praises powerful or rich people in a way that is not sincere, usually in order to get some advantage from them. Therefore, 'flatterer' is the correct synonym.

117. Option (2) is correct.
Hopefully, our team will win the match. To change into active voice, we change the passive sentence's subject into the active sentence's direct object slot and remove the auxiliary verb be.

118. Option (3) is correct.
The old king exclaimed with sorrow that he was ruined. Exclamatory sentences display emotions. So, to change them into indirect speech some specific words such as exclaimed with joy, exclaimed with sorrow can be used depending upon the sentences. Here, 'Good Heavens' will change to 'exclaimed with sorrow', this is followed by 'that'.

119. Option (3) is correct.
He reached quickly because five miles was not a long distance for a young man like him." 'Five miles' denotes a unit. So, the sentence requires the singular verb 'was' and not 'were.'

120. Option (3) is correct.
'Gregarious' means '(of a person) fond of company; sociable.' Therefore, 'sociable' is the correct synonym.

121. Option (1) is correct.
She was a special education teacher for dyslexic children at an elementary school in Kenya. "At" is used for a specific address; at a general location; and at a point. Whereas 'by' refers to refer to 'an agent'.

122. Option (3) is correct.
'Utmost' means 'most, or extreme'. Therefore, 'greatest' is the correct synonym.

123. Option (1) is correct.
By next year, we will have been living in Bengaluru for eight years. The future perfect continuous, also sometimes called the future perfect progressive, is a verb tense that describes actions that will continue up until a point in the future. It means we have lived for eight years and we are still living here, not leaving the place.

124. Option (2) is correct.
His son did the painting. To change into active voice, we change the passive sentence's subject into the active sentence's direct object slot. The structure of passive voice in the simple past tense is: subject + was/were + participle + by + agent. In active voice, it will become 'did'/past form of the verb.

125. Option (4) is correct.
The manager said, "I will be on leave tomorrow". In direct speech, 'the next day' changes to 'tomorrow' and 'would' changes to 'will'.

126. Option (4) is correct.
He said that those dresses were cheap. In direct speech, 'those' changes to 'these' and 'are' changes to 'were'.

127. Option (1) is correct.
The word 'denounce' means 'publicly declare to be wrong or evil.' In other words, 'decry' is a synonym, and the antonym is 'defended'.

128. Option (1) is correct.
Jimmy danced his way to glory, laughing all the way to the bank after winning the trophy. The phrase 'after winning the trophy' is correct. No substitution required.

129. Option (1) is correct.
Molly and her family were rescued by a lifeguard. The places of subject and object are interchanged i.e. the object shifts to the place of subject and subject shifts to the place of object in passive voice. The structure of passive voice in the simple past tense is: subject + was/were + participle + by + agent.

130. Option (4) is correct.
The idiom 'apple of someone's eye' means a person or thing that someone loves very much. The correct answer is: a person of whom her mother is extremely fond and proud.

131. Option (2) is correct.
The village had been devastated beyond imagination by the earthquake. The places of subject and object are interchanged i.e. the object shifts to the place of subject and subject shifts to the place of object in passive voice. The past perfect tense in active voice changes to had + been + past participle form of the verb in passive voice.

132. Option (2) is correct.
People recognise me for my contribution to the academic world. The places of subject and object are interchanged i.e. the object shifts to the place of subject and subject shifts to the place of object in active voice. In the simple present tense, (active voice) the verb will be in its base form.

133. Option (4) is correct.
'Abide' means 'to put up with'. So, the antonym is 'reject'.

134. Option (1) is correct.
Rohan received his birthday present at dusk. Twilight is the period between sunset and dusk. During twilight, there is still light in the sky. Another word for 'got' is 'received'; 'dawn' refers to the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise. While 'genesis' means 'the origin or mode of formation of something.'

135. Option (1) is correct.
The idiom 'by the skin of your teeth' means 'by a very narrow margin'. The correct answer is: to just barely get by or make it.

136. Option (3) is correct.
The cake for the party was being brought by Sara. The places of the subject and object are interchanged i.e. the object shifts to the place of the subject and the subject shifts to the place of the object in voice change. Active form: was + first form of the verb + ing. Passive form: was + being + past participle form of the verb.

137. Option (2) is correct.
CDBA. The starting sentence is 'It is said that health is wealth'. This is justified in C- how a healthy person can do his work well. Firstly, he reads about medical columns, secondly he doesn't talk about his health. Lastly, he uses his health for work. Therefore, C has to be the first sentence after (1). Only option (2) adheres to this pattern.

138. Option (2) is correct.
I said, "When it stops drizzling we must start digging again." In direct speech, the verb in the past will change to present tense, and 'would have to' will change to 'must'.

139. Option (3) is correct.
'Primeval' means 'of the earliest time in history.' Therefore, the antonym is 'recent'.

140. Option (4) is correct.
'Infinite' means 'limitless or endless in space, extent, or size.' All options, except (4) are synonymous to the given word. The antonym is 'evanescent'.

141. Option (3) is correct.
The news that the examination had been cancelled upset all our plans. Here, 'were been' will be replaced by 'had been'. "Had been" is used to mean that something happened in the past and has already ended.

142. Option (1) is correct.
Sneha told me that she was doing her homework. In indirect speech, 'said to' will change to 'told'. The present tense 'am doing' will change to 'was doing'.

143. Option (3) is correct.
He is going to wash the dishes. 'Be wash' will give way to 'wash'. The auxiliary verb 'be' does not agree with the base form of the verb.

144. Option (3) is correct.
Stephen was verbally insulted by Rohan in front of his parents. To change into passive voice, we change the active sentence's subject into the passive sentence's direct object slot and add the auxiliary verb be. Simple past tense changes to was/were + past participle form of verb.

145. Option (3) is correct.
Mr. Ramesh and his friends never come here. The part 'have never come' will be eliminated and it will be replaced by 'never comes'. The simple present tense is appropriate because it refers to a habitual action, as emphasized by the use of 'never'.

146. Option (1) is correct.
It's a little late to go back to where we started from. Here 'lately' is the wrong usage, 'late' must be used instead. The question arises, it is a little what? The answer is late, not lately. 'Lately' is an adverb; it means 'recently'.

147. Option (1) is correct.
Let the importance of renewable energy be emphasised by the experts. An imperative sentence in passive voice takes the format: let + object + be + past participle. The imperative sentence in passive voice mostly starts with 'let'.

148. Option (1) is correct.
The open discussion with the media yesterday on the new policies of the government was an excellent one. This is the grammatically correct sentence because (2) makes the error of 'a open discussion', as this hints at a particular discussion with the media. (3) commits the error of referring to media with an indefinite article 'a'. (4) makes the error of applying 'a' before 'new policies', as the policies are plural. Therefore, only statement (1) meets the criteria.

149. Option (3) is correct.
The idiom 'eat a horse' is used to illustrate that someone is very hungry.

150. Option (3) is correct.
Sourabh exclaimed with sorrow that they had been cheated. An exclamatory sentence has a sign of exclamation after it which changes into a full stop in the indirect speech. In indirect speech, the exclamatory phrase or word is replaced by 'exclaimed with joy, sorrow, regret, surprise, contempt etc' depending on the emotion. Here, 'have been cheated' will change to 'had been cheated'.

151. Option (1) is correct.
The phrase 'a drop in the ocean' means 'a very small amount compared with what is needed or expected.' The idiom 'a fish out of water' implies a person who feels awkward or unhappy because they are in a situation that is not familiar.

152. Option (3) is correct.
'Solicit' means to ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone. Therefore, 'request' is the synonym.

153. Option (3) is correct.
Since the sentence states that the visitors of the restaurant were fascinated by the tune played by the pianist; it is apparent that the sound must be harmonious and sweet. 'Dulcet' means '(especially of sound) sweet and soothing.' The correct substitution is 'sweet and soothing'.

154. Option (4) is correct.
The famous actor, along with his close family members, was attending the annual day function at his son's school. When two subjects are joined by 'along with', then the verb agrees with the number of the first subject. Here, the famous actor is the subject that will determine the verb. Therefore, 'were attending' will be replaced by 'was attending'.

155. Option (4) is correct.
She told me that she had been thinking of going out for dinner but changed her mind later on. In indirect speech, 'said to' always changes to 'told'; past continuous changes past perfect continuous- 'was thinking' changes to 'had been thinking'.

156. Option (2) is correct.
I did not get much sleep last night as my sister was running a high fever. The phrase 'much sleep' will replace 'many sleep'. It is to be noted that many is used for countable and plural nouns, whereas much is used for uncountable and singular nouns. Since 'sleep' is an uncountable noun, 'much' will be used.

157. Option (3) is correct.
'Yield' means 'to give way to someone or something that one can no longer resist'. In other words, 'produce' is the correct synonym.

158. Option (3) is correct.
Lemon is sour when it is tasted. To change into passive voice, we change the passive sentence's subject into the active sentence's direct object slot. The passive format is + V3 should be used. The sentence will not change into a perfect tense, as given in (1) and (4). It will retain the simple present form.

159. Option (3) is correct.
What information did the inspection team share with the school authority? The format of passive voice is 'question word + helping verb + doer + main verb + object? 'share with' is the correct usage.

160. Option (2) is correct.
After travelling for 2 days straight, Reema was too knackered. 'Knackered' means 'exhausted'. The word 'adjured' implies 'ordered' and 'deferred' means 'delayed'.

161. Option (1) is correct.
The poor people in your parish are to be helped by you. To change into passive voice, we change the passive sentence's subject into the active sentence's direct object slot.' It is your duty' will change to 'are to be'.

162. Option (2) is correct.
The boy told the teacher that he was weak in Maths and sought his advice. In indirect speech, 'said to' will change to 'told'. The simple present tense (seek) will change into the simple past tense (sought).

163. Option (1) is correct.
He gathered all the autumn leaves. Other verbs: garnished (decorated), smothered (suffocated), and withered (wasted) do not make sense.

164. Option (3) is correct.
Gracious means 'courteous, kind, and pleasant'. So the antonym is 'rude'.

165. Option (2) is correct.
The logical sequence is: ADBC. The first sentence is 'Inviting quotations for purchase of goods is a good practice' as this introduces the topic. 'By doing this' in (D) refers to 'inviting quotations for

purchase of goods'. This achieves two things- a competitive rate can be finalised and corruption can also be checked (B). (C) is the conclusion serving to end the logic of the preceding statements.

166. Option (4) is correct.
The team dwelt on their performance in the last quarter. The phrase 'dwelt with' will be replaced with 'dwelt on'. 'Dwell on/upon' something means to think or talk a lot about something.

167. Option (4) is correct.
The word 'dissipated' means to break up and drive off/disappeared. In the given sentence 'As the effect of anaesthesia dissipated the patient regained consciousness', it is apparent that the patient regained consciousness after the effect of anaesthesia disappeared.

168. Option (2) is correct.
No sooner was he brought to the hospital than he began panting heavily. When 'no sooner… than' is used at the beginning of the sentences then the auxiliary verb goes before the subject. No sooner always introduces the event that occurred first. Thus, 'no sooner was he' will replace 'No sooner he was'.

169. Option (4) is correct.
John said that he could not come with me. In indirect speech, 'cannot' will change to 'could not' and ' you' will change to 'me'.

170. Option (2) is correct.
He fought the lion bravely. The adjective 'brave' will be replaced by the adverb 'bravely' to describe the manner of fighting.

171. Option (4) is correct.
The passage talks of the dominance of Western systems and Western influences on the world and especially the Middle East. The invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in August 1990 created an opportunity for the United States to exercise its hegemonic power in the Middle East, here, 'hegemonic power' refers to the supremacy.

172. Option (4) is correct.
The sentence 'the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in August 1990 and the following Gulf Crisis, in a way, created an opportunity for the United States to exercise its hegemonic power in the Middle East' confirms option (4) as correct.

173. Option (3) is correct.
The new allies that used to be part of the Soviet Union, are Azerbaijan, Ukraine, and Georgia. So, 'Iraq' is not an ally.

174. Option (4) is correct.
The argument 'Western systems and Western influences, in general, started to dominate the whole world' is explicitly stated. Option (1) can be negated on the basis of the statement 'the United States has visibly enhanced its influence in the Middle East and in the Caucasus since the end of the Cold War.' The sentence 'although Russia certainly did not want the United States presence in the region, its ability to prevent it has remained limited' refutes that Russia certainly wanted the United States presence in the Caucasus region. Statement (3) can be countered on the basis of 'the West has become the victor of the East-West ideological rivalry'.

175. Option (2) is correct.
The passage starts with how the West has become the victor of the East-West ideological rivalry, highlighting that the Western systems and Western influences had started to dominate the whole world. This is demonstrated well in the next few lines, and how the United States was able to exercise its hegemonic power in the Middle East and the region of Caucasus where the U.S. had perpetuated its dominance. Therefore, most deservedly the title of the passage is based on the theme 'Western domination'.

176. Option (3) is correct.
The sentences 'since prehistoric times, animals have been highly useful to us in providing food, clothing and source of income' and ' in medicine, development of new drugs and treatments are largely dependent on wildlife and wildlife habitat' confirm that wildlife has helped humans in all aspects like clothing, Development of new medicines, providing food, except education.

177. Option (1) is correct.
The sentence 'studies indicate that woodpeckers are capable of destroying 90% of codling moth larvae residing under the bark of trees' imply that Woodpeckers are capable of destroying 90% of codling moth larvae residing under the bark of trees.

178. Option (4) is correct.
It is explicitly mentioned that 'Biodiversity is the different variety of living beings within an ecosystem or in our planet'.

179. Option (4) is correct.
It is apparent from the statement 'apart from a bird feeder in the backyard, we can also take up other active pastimes, such as hiking, hunting, canoeing or wildlife photographing to relieve our parched nerves' that it is writing that cannot be taken up as a pastime related to wildlife.

180. Option (1) is correct.
The claim that wildlife habitat plays no role in preserving genetic diversity is completely contradictory; the opposite of 'Since prehistoric times, animals have been not been useful to us' is proved in the passage. The fact that biodiversity is a measurement of the health of ecosystems, proves the last option incorrect. The assertion 'most medicinal remedies contain at least one ingredient derived from a wild plant or animal' proves option (1) correct.

181. Option (2) is correct.
On the occasions when Aunt is calling Aunt like mastodons bellowing primeval swamps 'Bellowing' means emitting a deep loud roar, typically in pain or anger. 'Bellowing' is followed by 'across'.

182. Option (1) is correct.
Uncle James's letter about Cousin Mabel's peculiar behaviour is being shot round the family circle. 'Shot at' means ; to make an attempt at.' While 'shot round' means to encircle/revolve.

183. Option (1) is correct.
The clan has a tendency to ignore me. The verb 'tendency' is followed by 'to'.

184. Option (3) is correct.
It's one of the advantages I get from being a bachelor. 'Being a bachelor' is the right expression, not 'not being/removing/becoming a bachelor'.

185. Option (4) is correct.
According to my nearest and dearest, practically a half-witted bachelor at that. Here, 'bachelor at' is used for 'referring to a specific age'.

186. Option (2) is correct.
He hadn't eaten since last night. The word 'since' is used to refer to a time (an action that began in the past and is still continuing).

187. Option (3) is correct.
He used all his money for a ticket, boarded the train, as he had done many times. The word 'boarded' means to get onto or allow people to get onto a boat, train, or aircraft.

188. Option (4) is correct.
He coolly chatted with the conductor, to whom Dill was a familiar sight. Who should be used to refer to the subject of a sentence.

Whom should be used to refer to the object of a verb or preposition. The object of preposition is the conductor, hence, 'whom' is the correct usage.

189. Option (4) is correct.
If you've lost your money the conductor will lend you enough for dinner. 'Lend' means to give something to someone to be used for a period of time and then returned. In the given context, the probability of a person losing his money is discussed, and on that occasion, the conductor will grant some money. This act is lending.

190. Option (1) is correct.
Your father will pay him back at the end of the line. When the son borrows money from the conductor, in case he loses it, the father will pay it back.

191. Option (2) is correct.
The grammar concepts are graded systematically and explained with examples. The passage needs to be in the present tense, as this is about a book review, as exemplified in 'the listening and speaking sections have activities…' Moreover the auxiliary verb 'are' agrees with the past participle.

192. Option (1) is correct.
The grammar concepts are graded systematically and explained with examples followed by exercises. The sentence needs to be understood in a sequence- first the grammar concepts are graded systematically, then explained with examples, later followed by exercises.

193. Option (2) is correct.
The writing section provides abundant practice in functional and imaginative writing. The blank again requires a verb in the simple present tense.

194. Option (1) is correct.
The writing section provides abundant practice in functional and imaginative writing with necessary scaffolding to help learners. 'Assist' would have made sense, but not the past form of the verb. While 'formulate', 'discourage' do not make sense. So 'help' is the appropriate verb.

195. Option (3) is correct.
The listening and speaking sections have activities embedded in meaningful contexts that will encourage learners to interact confidently in English. It is stated that the practice of functional and imaginative writing with necessary scaffolding to enable learners. So, it is easy to conclude that the listening and speaking sections will encourage learners to interact confidently.

196. Option (2) is correct.
To my utter astonishment, the little dark boy was striding.

197. Option (1) is correct.
The little dark boy was striding imperiously (arrogantly) up and down the lawn. This act of superiority and arrogance astonished the speaker. Other options do not justify the context.

198. Option (1) is correct.
The white youngster walked abjectly (wretchedly) behind him. Blank 2 and blank 3 need negative words to justify the speaker's astonishment upon seeing the boys.

199. Option (1) is correct.
The little boy ran into the house. The act of moving from one place to another implies the preposition 'into'.

200. Option (3) is correct.
The little boy ran into the house and reappeared shortly. The adverb 'shortly' suggests that the boy returned quickly after running inside the house.

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