STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

SOLVED PAPER

(12th October 2023: Shift-2)

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

General Intelligence & Reasoning

1. 14th Feb 2022 was Monday. What day of the week was on 14th Feb 2020?
1. Wednesday **2.** Thursday **3.** Saturday **4.** Friday

2. A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are sitting around a square table facing the centre of the table.
Some of them are sitting at the corners while some are sitting at the exact centre of the sides. A sits third to the right of C. H sits between B and G. F sits second to the right of C. D does not sit in a corner. G sits third to the right of D. Three people sit between D and C.
Who sits second to the left of B ?
1. E **2.** H **3.** A **4.** D

3. Select the option that is related to the sixth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and the third number is related to the fourth number.
147 : 3 :: 343 : 7 :: ? : 9
1. 388 **2.** 432 **3.** 426 **4.** 441

4. Select the option that is related to the sixth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and the third number is related to the fourth number.
399 : 7 :: 584 : 8 :: ? : 11
1. 1221 **2.** 1583 **3.** 1463 **4.** 110

5. If 'A' stands for '÷', 'B' stands for '×', 'C' stands for '+' and 'D' stands for '−', what will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equation?
13 B 3 D 15 A 3 C 6 = ?
1. 45 **2.** 40 **3.** 30 **4.** 35

6. Nitin departs from his home and walks 45 m towards the east. He then turns left and walks 48 m. He turns left again and walks 27 m. He takes a final left turn and walks 55 m. How far is he from a pole which is exactly 7 m to the south of his home?
(Assume that all the turns are 90° turns only.)
1. 28 m **2.** 16 m **3.** 31 m **4.** 18 m

7. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III.
Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
All apples are pineapples.
Some apples are mangoes.
No mango is a grape.
Conclusions:
I. Some pineapples are not grapes.
II. No pineapple is a grape.
III. Some apples are not grapes.
1. Only conclusions I and III follow
2. Only conclusions II and III follow
3. Only conclusions I and II follow
4. All conclusions follow

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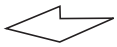
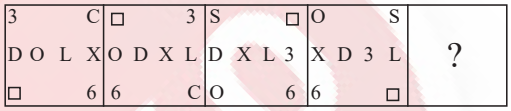
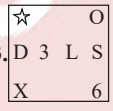


1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

9. Which figure should replace the question mark (?) in the following series to continue the pattern?

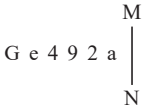


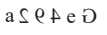
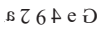
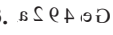
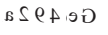
1. **2.** **3.**  **4.**

10. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are 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 /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.)
(18, 39, 60)
(12, 27, 42)
1. (11, 25, 33) **2.** (16, 35, 54)
3. (20, 37, 60) **4.** (8, 19, 33)

11. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
2, 9, 37, 149, ?, 2389
1. 542 **2.** 648 **3.** 646 **4.** 597

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



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

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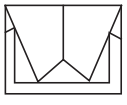
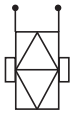
1.  **2.**  **3.** **4.**

14. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
4, 16, 64, 256, ?
1. 768 **2.** 512 **3.** 1024 **4.** 986

15. Which letter-cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?
RWIC, OUFG, ?, IQZO, FOWS
1. LTDJ **2.** LTCK **3.** LTDK **4.** LSCK

16. Select the option that is related to the third word in the same way as the second word is related to the first word.
Harrow : Gardener :: Scalpel : ?
1. Chef **2.** Teacher **3.** Surgeon **4.** Pilot

17. Anurag and Bhavna started driving from the same point. Anurag drove North for 11 km, then turns right and covers 13 km. Bhavna goes West and covers 15 km, then turns right and covers 11 km. How far apart are they from each other in a straight line?
1. 28 km **2.** 26 km **3.** 52 km **4.** 50 km

18. 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 river is a sea.
Some rivers are lakes.
All rivers are ponds.
Conclusions:
I. Some lakes are seas.
II. Some ponds are seas.
III. Some lakes are ponds.
1. All the conclusions follow
2. Only conclusions I and III follow
3. Only conclusions II and III follow
4. Only conclusion III follows

19. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are 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 /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)
(25, 30, 65)
(50, 50, 100)
1. (44, 157, 14) **2.** (25, 132, 18)
3. (45, 40, 75) **4.** (35, 178, 15)

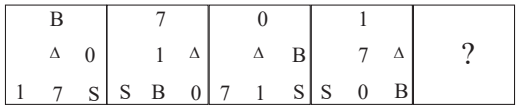
20. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.
CM _ _ LC _ ENL _ ME _ _C _ _NL
1. ENMCNLME **2.** ENMCLNME
3. ENMLNCME **4.** EMNCNLME

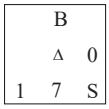
21. A is the daughter-in-law of B. E is the brother of A. B has only one son, C. If D is the son of C, how is D related to A?
1. Son **2.** Son's son **3.** Brother **4.** Son's wife

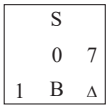
22. How many triangles are there in the given figure?

1. 10 **2.** 9 **3.** 12 **4.** 8

23. Which figure should replace the question mark (?) in the following series to continue the pattern?



1. 

2. 

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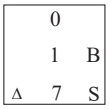
4. 

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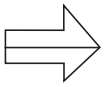


1.
2.
3.
4.

25. Which two numbers (not digits) should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?
$(3 \times 16) \div 8 + 124 \div 2 - 64 \div (2 \times 4) = 84$
1. 2 and 3 **2.** 16 and 64 **3.** 64 and 124 **4.** 8 and 16

26. Three statements are given followed by four conclusions numbered I, II, III and IV.
Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
Some chairs are holders.
Some holders are bottles.
Some bottles are chairs.
Conclusions:
I. All chairs are bottles.
II. All bottles are chairs.
III. All holders are bottles.
IV. All holders are chairs.
1. Both conclusions I and II follow.
2. None of the conclusions follow.
3. Both conclusions II and III follow.
4. Both conclusions III and IV follow.

27. A, B, C, D, E, F and G are of different heights. B is taller than F but shorter than both A and G. A is shorter than only E. C is taller than only D. Who amongst the following is taller than G?
1. E **2.** C **3.** D **4.** F

28. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
576, 288, 144, 72, ?
1. 36 **2.** 34 **3.** 40 **4.** 48

29. Select the option that represents the correct order of the given words as they would appear in an English dictionary.
1. Mitochondria **2.** Miticidal
3. Mitigative **4.** Mitogenic
5. Mitotically **6.** Mitosis
1. 3, 2, 1, 4, 6, 5 **2.** 2, 3, 1, 4, 6, 5
3. 2, 3, 1, 6, 4, 5 **4.** 2, 1, 3, 6, 4, 5

30. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
3360, 4080, ? , 5814
1. 4913 **2.** 4896 **3.** 5090 **4.** 4930

31. 'A + B' means 'A is the son of B'
'A – B' means 'A is the wife of B'
'A × B' means 'A is the father of B'
'A ÷ B' means 'A is the brother of B'

If 'C + M – S × K − P ÷ T', then which of the following statements is NOT correct?

1. C is the son of S.
2. K is the brother's wife of T.
3. K is the brother's daughter of M.
4. K is the daughter of M.

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

VRPL, UQOK, ? , SOMI, RNLH

1. TPNJ **2.** TOMJ **3.** TPMK **4.** TOJN

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

17, 39, 43, 65, ?, 91

1. 69 **2.** 75 **3.** 73 **4.** 67

34. Ten people are sitting in two parallel rows containing 5 people each, in such a way that there is equal distance between adjacent persons.

In Row 1 – A, B, C, D and E are seated and all of them are facing the south.

In Row 2 – P, Q, R, S and T are seated and all of them are facing the north.

Thus, each person is facing another person from the other row.

B is sitting third to the right of A. P is facing an immediate neighbour of A. R is sitting third to the left of P. D is sitting second to the left of the person who is facing T. D is not sitting at any of the extreme ends of the row. C is facing Q.

Who is facing E?

1. T **2.** S **3.** R **4.** P

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

(**Note:** Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding/subtracting/ multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)

(7, 32, 28)

(2, 12, 8)

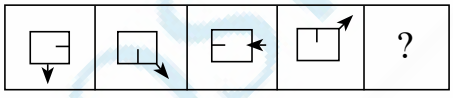
1. (5, 25, 20) **2.** (12, 52, 48) **3.** (8, 45, 40) **4.** (3, 15, 12)

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

191, 534, 318, 443, ?

1. 420 **2.** 413 **3.** 379 **4.** 248

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



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

38. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different.

Pick the odd one out.

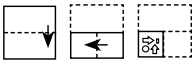
1. XLQ **2.** ZNS **3.** QEJ **4.** WKO

39. If '+' means '÷', '–' means '+', '×' means '–', '÷' means '×' , then what will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equation?

49 + 6 × 4 ÷ 2 – 14 = ?

1. 47 **2.** 33 **3.** 53 **4.** 39

40. The sequence of folding a piece of paper and the manner in which the folded paper has been cut is shown below. Choose a figure which would most closely resemble the unfolded form of the paper.



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

41. If '* ( )' stands for 'bread butter cake', '& ! *' stands for 'cake and cutter', ') (!' stands for 'bread and butter', then '* * *' stands for:

1. Cutter Cutter Cutter **2.** Cake Cake Cake
3. Bread Bread Bread **4.** Butter Butter Butter

42. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different.

Pick the odd one out.

1. XZWB **2.** RTQV **3.** VXTZ **4.** NPMR

43. If "he loves coffee" is coded as 123; "coffee has caffeine" is coded as 245; "he coffee caffeine" is coded as 125 and " caffeine is bad" is coded as 567 then "he" is represented by:

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

44. Select the option that indicates the correct arrangement of the given words in a logical and meaningful order.

1. Pulp **2.** Paper **3.** Notebook **4.** Tree
5. Stationery shop

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

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

9 B 14 D 16 C 40 A 10 = ?

1. 112 **2.** 116 **3.** 114 **4.** 118

46. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?

286 ÷ 13 × 2 + 50 - 6 = 0

1. + and – **2.** + and × **3.** – and × **4.** ÷ and ×

47. Given below is a statement followed by two conclusions I and II. Study the statement carefully and decide which Conclusion/s is/are definitely true.

Statement: $A \geq B \geq C = D < E$; $F \leq C > G$

Conclusion I: $A \geq F$

Conclusion II: $D > G$

1. Only Conclusion II is true.
2. Only Conclusion I is true.
3. Neither Conclusion I nor II is true.
4. Both Conclusions I and II are true.

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

Riders : Cavalcade :: Termites : ?

1. Colony **2.** Country **3.** People **4.** Band

49. 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 black is white.

Some white is grey.

Conclusions:

I. Some grey is black.

II. Some white is black.

1. Only conclusion I follows

2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

3. Only conclusion II follows

4. Both conclusions I and II follow

50. If '+' means '× ', '−' means '÷', '÷' means '+', '×' means '−', then what is the value of the following expression?

19 + 72 – 3 × 56 ÷ 65 =?

1. 465 **2.** 401 **3.** 425 **4.** 397

General Awareness

51. Which of the following dynasties succeeded the Palas of Bengal?

1. Gaudas **2.** Devas **3.** Maukharis **4.** Senas

52. Which of the following is the correct formula for calculating Net Indirect Taxes?

1. Direct Taxes - Subsidies

2. Indirect Taxes – Subsidies

3. Indirect Taxes + Subsidies

4. Direct Taxes + Subsidies

53. Due to World War I and II the Olympic Games were NOT held in which years?

1. 1916, 1936, 1940 **2.** 1924, 1940, 1944

3. 1916, 1940, 1944 **4.** 1920, 1944, 1948

54. Srinivas Varadhan was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the year 2023 for exceptional and distinguished service in which field?

1. Art **2.** Public Affairs

3. Architecture **4.** Science and Engineering

55. Trishulganga is a stream of the river:

1. Beas **2.** Godavari **3.** Gandak **4.** Ghaghara

56. Which of the following represents a visible biological hazard in food?

1. Yeasts **2.** Viruses

3. Protozoa **4.** Caterpillars

57. Which team won the UEFA Euro Cup 2020 football title?

1. Germany **2.** France **3.** England **4.** Italy

58. According to the India State of Forest Report 2021, _____ group covers 4,992 km^2 of the total geographical area.

1. Thorn **2.** Montane **3.** Alpine **4.** Mangroves

59. Manas, Ranthambore, Kanha and Sunderbans are:

1. gene banks **2.** zoos

3. bird sanctuaries **4.** national parks

60. Who had Sialkot as his capital?

1. Menander **2.** Pushyamitra

3. Demetrios **4.** Eukratides

61. Who among the following is the author of the novel 'Maila Anchal'?

1. Phanishwar Nath 'Renu' **2.** Kamleshwar

3. Harishankar Parsai **4.** Kashinath Singh

62. Indian National Congress celebrated the first Independence Day in Colonial India on _____.

1. 29th December 1929 **2.** 26th January 1930

3. 2nd October 1929 **4.** 15th August 1930

63. Select the correct alternative on the basis of the given statements on the cities of Harappan civilisation.

Statement I: Most of the Harappan cities were divided into two parts: Higher Town and Lower Town.

Statement II: The archaeologists describe the lower part of the towns as Citadel.

1. Neither Statement I nor Statement II is true.

2. Only Statement I is true.

3. Only Statement II is true.

4. Both Statement I and Statement II are true.

64. The Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) which was launched in 2014-15 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has been revamped as _____ in 2023.

1. Swadesh Darshan 1.0 (SD1.0)

2. Swadesh Darshan 3.0 (SD3.0)

3. Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)

4. Swadesh Darshan 4.0 (SD4.0)

65. 'Let Ball', 'Stroke Ball' and 'No Let' are part of which game?

1. Rugby **2.** Squash **3.** Handball **4.** Polo

66. In which of the following cities has India's first underwater train project been launched?

1. Patna **2.** Haridwar **3.** Allahabad **4.** Kolkata

67. What happens when old aged people get cataract?

1. Pupil becomes dull

2. Iris becomes cloudy

3. Crystalline lens of people in old age becomes clear and shiny

4. Crystalline lens of people in old age becomes milky and cloudy

68. The drainage basin of the Godavari river is present in which of the following states of India?

1. Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Odisha

2. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu

3. Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha

4. Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu

69. Before the launch of which Five-Year Plan did India introduce structural adjustment policies?

1. Seventh Five-Year Plan **2.** Ninth Five-Year Plan

3. Sixth Five-Year Plan **4.** Eighth Five-Year Plan

70. An electric generator and an electric motor work in the principle of:

1. Fleming's right-hand rule

2. Fleming's left and right-hand rule, respectively

3. Fleming's left-hand rule

4. Fleming's right and left-hand rule, respectively

71. According to the Planning Commission of India (2011-12), which group of states has the lowest percentage of population below the poverty line?

1. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

2. Gujarat and Haryana

3. Kerala and Himachal Pradesh

4. Bihar and Odisha

72. In March 2023, the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry inked a pact with which organisation, wherein the latter's leaders and supporters will take forward the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA), a central flagship programme?

1. Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar

2. Art of Living, Bengaluru

3. Shri Tulsi Peeth Seva Nyas, Chitrakoot

4. Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mount Abu

73. Sonal Mansingh is a prominent dancer of _____.
1. Manipuri dance **2.** Bharatanatyam
3. Kathak **4.** Sattriya

74. As an exponent of Khayal, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi belonged to which music Gharana?
1. Benaras **2.** Kirana **3.** Gwalior **4.** Agra

75. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi was an exponent of which form of Hindustani classical music?
1. Tappa **2.** Khayal **3.** Dhrupad **4.** Thumri

76. Which of the following novels is written by RK Narayan and also adapted into a Hindi film by the same name?
1. Devdas **2.** The Guide **3.** Hello **4.** 3 Idiots

77. The term physical geology was coined by _____.
1. William Hopkins **2.** Aziz Ab'Saber
3. Georgius Agricola **4.** Louis Agassiz

78. By which of the following writs the Supreme Court and the High Courts may call for the record of a case from a lower court on an allegation of an excess of jurisdiction?
1. Habeas Corpus **2.** Prohibition
3. Mandamus **4.** Certiorari

79. Radio broadcasting started in India in _____ by the Radio Club of Bombay (Mumbai).
1. 1923 **2.** 1938 **3.** 1929 **4.** 1934

80. In table tennis, the period during which a ball is in play is called _____.
1. point **2.** obstruction
3. rally **4.** let

81. At which of the following sites of the Indus Valley Civilization was The Great Bath discovered?
1. Dhaulavira **2.** Kalibangan
3. Mohenjo-daro **4.** Lothal

82. When was Bharatanatyam banned by the British colonial government?
1. 1910 **2.** 1885 **3.** 1927 **4.** 1897

83. Which of the following states has the lowest population density as per the 2011 population census of India
1. Tamil Nadu **2.** Uttar Pradesh
3. Arunachal Pradesh **4.** Bihar

84. Who is known as the 'Father of Bangladesh' from the following options?
1. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
2. Ataur Rahman Khan
3. Muhammad Habibur Rahman
4. Sheikh Hasina

85. Mohiniyattam is a famous dance form popular in which of these states?
1. Punjab **2.** Gujarat
3. Kerala **4.** Uttar Pradesh

86. The sport name 'Jallikattu' is associated with which state ?
1. Kerala **2.** Odisha
3. Tamil Nadu **4.** Delhi

87. Who is the Union Minister of Corporate Affairs, as of March 2023?
1. Nirmala Sitharaman **2.** Ashwini Vaishnav
3. Piyush Goyal **4.** Smriti Irani

88. Most centrioles have a _____ structure of triple microtubules, which are present in pairs and arranged orthogonally after duplication.
1. 9 + 0 **2.** 8 + 0 **3.** 9 + 3 **4.** 6 + 1

89. Chembeti Sridharalu Naidu was a social reformer and was associated with which of the following organisations?
1. Paramahansa Mandali **2.** Brahmo Samaj
3. Veda Samaj **4.** Arya Samaj

90. Which of the following is the only vertically-integrated, primary copper producer in India?
1. Jhagadia Copper Limited
2. Hindalco Industries (Birla Copper)
3. Hindustan Copper Limited
4. Sterlite Industries

91. Doul Utsav is majorly celebrated in which of the following states?
1. Chhattisgarh **2.** Bihar
3. Maharashtra **4.** Assam

92. Which of the following is a eukaryotic, multicellular and autotrophic organism?
1. Fungus **2.** Plant **3.** Bacteria **4.** Animal

93. Out of the following, identify the process that does NOT involve a chemical reaction.
1. Cloth cleaning using detergent
2. Ripening of mango
3. Cooling effect of nail polish remover
4. Change of colour of turmeric due to soap

94. Which king of Punjab signed a tripartite treaty with Shah Shujah and the English Company?
1. Dileep Singh **2.** Ranjit Singh
3. Lal Singh **4.** Kharak Singh

95. Which state gives the annual award Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra?
1. Odisha **2.** Karnataka
3. Tamil Nadu **4.** Manipur

96. The first hour of a sitting of the House allotted for asking and answering of questions is called as _____.
1. Zero hour **2.** Censure motion
3. Privilege motion **4.** Question hour

97. Which of the following choices is related to the phylum Coelenterata?
1. Spongilla **2.** Sycon **3.** Aurelia **4.** Euspongia

98. Bhagoria is a festival associated with which of the following festivals?
1. Shiv Ratri **2.** Holi **3.** Dusshera **4.** Diwali

99. For providing a non-microfinance loan to a low-income household, there is a limit of _____ on monthly loan repayment obligations of a household as a percentage of monthly household income.
1. 50% **2.** 40% **3.** 25% **4.** 75%

100. Asikni, which was a part of Sapta-Sindhu, is the name of which of the following rivers in present times?
1. Chenab **2.** Ravi **3.** Beas **4.** Jhelum

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101. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.
She wore a <u>whimsical</u> dress adorned with colourful patterns.
1. Fashionable **2.** Tragic **3.** Weird **4.** Sensible

102. 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'.
Swetha seldom waters the plants, <u>isn't it</u>?
1. does she **2.** doesn't it
3. is she **4.** No substitution

103. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
The clerk requested the manager to sanction his leave.
1. The clerk said to the manager, "Sanction leave".
2. The clerk said to the manager, "Please sanction my leave".
3. The clerk informed the manager, "Please sanction my leave".
4. The clerk said to the manager, "Do you sanction leave?"

104. Parts of a sentence/paragraph are given below. While the first and the last parts (A and F) are in the correct order, the parts in between are jumbled up. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent sentence/paragraph.
A. If you complete one of your assignments early
B. do not work on any other assignment
C. go back through that assignment only
D. if you are found working on another assignment
E. this is not permitted
F. Your contract will be terminated .
1. B, C, D, E **2.** C, B, E, D
3. C, D, E, B **4.** E, B, C, D

105. Select the option that changes the form of narration in the following sentence.
My father said, "Change is the only constant in life."
1. My father said that change was the only constant in life.
2. My father advised that change had been the only constant in life.
3. My father had said that change was the only constant in life.
4. My father said that change is the only constant in life.

106. 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.
(1) She hang up (2) the clothes (3) in the closet every day. (4) No error
1. 4 **2.** 2 **3.** 3 **4.** 1

107. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
They asked me my name.
1. My name was asked from me.
2. My name is asked by them.
3. I was asked my name.
4. I was asked by them of my name.

108. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
You will not invited / to any function / by them / if you don't attend the marriage.
1. to any function
2. you will not invited
3. by them
4. if you don't attend the marriage

109. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The police had collected the primary evidence before they arrested the culprit.
1. The primary evidence had been collected by the police before the culprit was arrested.
2. The primary evidence had collected by the police before the culprit was arrested.
3. The primary evidence might have been collected by the police before the culprit was arrested.
4. The primary evidence was collected by the police before the culprit was arrested.

110. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the bracketed word in the following sentence to fill in the blank.
The meadow was a _____ (wild) site, far removed from the main roads and present day habitation.
1. tranquil **2.** strong **3.** enraged **4.** frantic

111. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Hornet's nest
1. Happy and enjoyable moments
2. Difficult and unpleasant situation
3. Filthy and shabby appearance
4. A treasure full of wealth

112. Select the correct direct narration of the given sentence.
Ramu requested her to wait there till he returned.
1. Ramu says to her, "Please wait here till he return".
2. Ramu said to her, "Please wait here till I return".
3. Ramu say to her, "Please wait here till I return".
4. Ramu say to her, "Please wait here till he returns".

113. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
They / was / reading / a notice.
1. a notice **2.** reading **3.** was **4.** they

114. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Alisha posted the picture online.
1. The picture was posted online by Alisha.
2. The picture is posted online by Alisha.
3. The picture is being posted online by Alisha.
4. The picture has been posted online by Alisha.

115. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Turn the lights _____, I want to go to sleep.
1. down **2.** on **3.** up **4.** off

116. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Border
1. Partition **2.** Centre **3.** Boundary **4.** Surface

117. Select the most appropriate idiom to replace the underlined group of words in the given sentence.
It was apparent that she was faking sorrow at the death of her stepdaughter.
1. shedding crocodile tears **2.** biting her own tongue
3. calling a spade, a spade **4.** cutting mustard

118. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Plight
1. Trouble **2.** Benefit **3.** Travel **4.** Land

119. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
How can Sameer do silly mistakes in the office?
1. How can silly mistakes be done by Sameer in the office?
2. How silly mistakes could have done by Sameer in the office?
3. How silly mistakes are done by Sameer in the office?
4. How silly mistakes could be done by Sameer in the office?

120. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.
I couldn't hear your voice as you were too far out from me.
1. I couldn't hear **2.** far out from me
3. your voice as **4.** you were too

121. 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. We are living in the era of information and communication.
A. Though information and knowledge are different, people with much information are considered knowledgeable.
B. So, English language communication skills are indispensable for any job aspirant.
C. To transfer information, the language widely used in today's world is English.
D. Employers are not compromising with English communication skills of the employees.
S6. What is strongly believed to be true is that English skills can be of great help when professionals are dealing with different nationalities.
1. ACBD **2.** CABD **3.** BCDA **4.** ADCB

122. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Nobody knew Ramesh was coming to see us. He arrived suddenly.
1. angrily **2.** unexpectedly
3. happily **4.** safely

123. 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. Before a man could even construct a home for himself or weave clothing to protect his body, he was creative instinctively.
B. Many researchers have done studies to know more about pre historic times.
C. He made use of a sharp stone. Unaware of it, civilisation had started in a unique way.
D. On the cave walls, man penned, or more accurately scratched rudimentary images.
1. CBDA **2.** DBAC **3.** ABCD **4.** BADC

124. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
After working for the entire week we usually go out to eat on Sundays.
1. at Sundays **2.** no substitution required
3. on Sunday **4.** at Sunday

125. 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 corner of the street where my family lived is surround by investigators.
1. where my family live was surrounded by investigators
2. where my family lives is surround by investigators
3. no substitution required
4. where my family lives is surrounded by investigators

126. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error.
Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
He had been improve / his communication skills in order / to shine in his career.
1. to shine in his career
2. he had been improve
3. no error
4. his communication skills in order

127. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Don't let the failure / demotivate you as / failures are the / stepping stones to success.
1. failures are the **2.** don't let the failure
3. stepping stones to success **4.** demotivate you as

128. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Zenith
1. Summit **2.** Heaviness
3. Astonishment **4.** Bottom

129. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.
Mrs. Batra said, "My son wants to study Architecture."
1. Mrs. Batra said that her son went to study Architecture.
2. Mrs. Batra said that her son wanting to study Architecture.
3. Mrs. Batra said that her son want to study Architecture.
4. Mrs. Batra said that her son wanted to study Architecture.

130. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. Donny said, "I can swim fast."
1. Donny said that she will swim fast.
2. Donny said that she could not swim fast.
3. Donny said that she could swim fast.
4. Donny said that she had swum fast.

131. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The soldiers advanced when the bugle came.
1. when the bugle blew **2.** when the bugle died
3. when the bugle ran **4.** when the bugle flew

132. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined words.
It was his love and goodwill to humanity that was recognised by the state government.
1. humanism **2.** affection
3. philanthropy **4.** misanthropy

133. 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. On 13 January 1928, the press was presented with this scientific achievement, which made the front pages of several major national newspapers.
B. These were all in research labs.
C. On 7 September 1927, Philo Farnsworth broadcasted the first 'television' system.
D. Needless to say, a straight line was not mass marketable, therefore there were only a few dozen televisions in the globe by the end of the 1920s.
1. CADB **2.** BCAD **3.** CABD **4.** BDAC

134. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Yoga increases physical and mental vitality, _____ to sickness, and overall wellbeing.
1. resistance **2.** assistance
3. acceptance **4.** competence

135. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
My music teacher said to me, "You sing beautifully."
1. My music teacher told me that I was singing beautifully.
2. My music teacher told me that I had sung beautifully.
3. My music teacher told me that I have sung beautifully.
4. My music teacher told me that I sang beautifully.

136. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
In the blink of an eye
1. Make someone confused
2. Become very confused
3. In an extremely short time
4. Do something dangerous out of excitement

137. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
I have been calling him from many days.
1. for **2.** about **3.** of **4.** since

138. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.
It turned out to be a wild-goose chase for the police.
1. Hastily jump to conclusions **2.** Engage patiently
3. Fruitless pursuit or search **4.** Fruitful pursuit or search

139. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice.
The melody has been composed wonderfully by Kayra.
1. Kayra has composed the melody wonderfully.
2. Kayra has been composing the melody wonderfully.
3. Kayra wonderfully composed the melody.
4. Kayra had composed the melody wonderfully.

140. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Still waters run deep
1. To have passion or great intelligence underneath a calm expression
2. A very serious situation
3. Desperate measures made in order to come out of a difficult situation
4. To be confused or not understand something

141. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
His gold ornaments were stolen by a thief.
1. A thief has stolen his gold ornaments.
2. A thief have stolen his gold ornaments.
3. A thief had stolen his gold ornaments.
4. A thief stole his gold ornaments.

142. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The management promoted four employees.
1. Four employees are promoted by the management.
2. Four employees have promoted by the management.
3. Four employees have been promoted by the management.
4. Four employees were promoted by the management.

143. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
When you will be award for your achievements?
1. will you be awarded **2.** will you award
3. will you be award **4.** you will be awarded

144. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in reported (or indirect) speech.
They said, "We will come home this evening."
1. They said that they would come be coming home that evening.
2. They said that they would come home that evening.
3. They said that they would be coming home this evening.
4. They said that they will come home that evening.

145. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Modest
1. Arrogant **2.** Petty **3.** Lucid **4.** Demure

146. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
In Japan, thousands of people were killed in the tsunami last week.
1. The tsunami has killed thousands of people last week in Japan.
2. The tsunami last week killed thousands of people in Japan.
3. The tsunami had killed thousands of people last week in Japan.
4. The tsunami have killed thousands of people in Japan last week.

147. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Are you sure that / you will be broadcast / the news to everyone / across the country?
1. across the country **2.** are you sure that
3. you will be broadcast **4.** the news to everyone

148. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in reported (or indirect) speech.
"Do you like your school?" asked the boy.
1. The boy asked if he liked your school.
2. The boy asked if he likes his school.
3. The boy asked if I liked my school.
4. The boy told me that he liked my school.

149. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Extraordinary students are controlled thinkers and creators who learn best when their training is dynamic, approachable and project-based.
1. liable thinker and creators
2. subjective thinkers and creator
3. biased thinkers and creator
4. independent thinkers and creators

150. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Katrina repaired the cycle herself.
1. The cycle was repaired by Katrina herself.
2. Katrina was repaired by the cycle herself.
3. Katrina herself was repairing the cycle.
4. The cycle repaired Katrina herself.

151. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.
The professor's lecture was filled with profound insights on the subject matter.
1. Superficial **2.** Accidental **3.** Shallow **4.** Deep

152. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
The teacher said that if we studied hard, we would do well in the exam and that she would be proud of us.
1. "If you studied hard, you would do well on the exam, and I would be proud of you, " said the teacher.
2. "If we studied hard, we would do well on the exam, and the teacher would be proud of us, " said the teacher.
3. "I will be proud of you if you study hard and do well on the exam, " said the teacher.
4. "If you study hard, you will do well in the exam, and I will be proud of you, " said the teacher.

153. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
The teacher _____ everything at the end of the class.
1. deceives **2.** usurps
3. quenches **4.** recapitulates

154. 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. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more.
B. Too many parents these days can't say no.
C. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher.
D. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them.
1. CDBA **2.** BDCA **3.** BDAC **4.** CABD

155. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Bikanervala is a restaurant / chain in India / that is now famous / all ahead the world.
1. all ahead the world. **2.** chain in India
3. that is now famous **4.** Bikanervala is a restaurant

156. 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. The task of feeding the brood is left to the lady birds.
B. The birds arrive and choose their nest after careful inspection.

C. They pick the location and begin weaving their bottle-shaped nests out of coarse grass and paddy leaves.
D. Male birds serve as the principal architects and craftsman in the colony of weaver birds.
1. DCBA **2.** BACD **3.** ABCD **4.** CDAB

157. 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'.
Not only the manager give me a refund, but he also offered me a 50% discount on my next meal.
1. No substitution
2. Not only did the manager gave me a refund,
3. Not only did the manager give me a refund,
4. Not only do the manager give me a refund,

158. 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. The expansion of education in English, the language of modern science, during British rule was extremely beneficial to Indian science.
B. The creation of three universities in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras in 1857 gave the study of science a boost.
C. The first scientific research facility was established in Calcutta in 1876 by a wealthy doctor, Mahendra Lal Sircar. It was called the Indian organisation for the growth of science.
D. It quickly began to dominate scientific endeavours in India before independence.
1. ABDC **2.** ADBC **3.** ACDB **4.** ABCD

159. Select the most appropriate synonym of the bracketed word in the following sentence to fill in the blank.
The new student hails from the _____ societies of the Eastern India. (affluent)
1. clever **2.** wealthy **3.** famous **4.** harmless

160. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Jubilant
1. Despondent **2.** Thrilled **3.** Inflated **4.** Static

161. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
The coach believed that / his team were not / playing to its potential / in the tournament.
1. in the tournament **2.** the coach believed that
3. his team were not **4.** playing to its potential

162. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Commotion
1. Conflict **2.** Bustle **3.** Issue **4.** Absurd

163. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word in the following sentence.
The spirit of the room was very gloomy in his absence.
1. Grim **2.** Cloudy **3.** Cheerful **4.** Lonely

164. Select the most appropriate option to complete the idiom in the given sentence.
I have been _____ over the two options in my head and I think we should go with the first one.
1. seeing **2.** mulling **3.** looking **4.** obsessing

165. 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'.
Unless he has permission from his parents, he wouldn't travel alone.
1. If he had permission from his parents
2. No substitution
3. Unless he had permitted by his parents
4. Unless he had permission from his parents

Comprehension:
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.
A (1)_____ is a type of attack in which an attacker attempts to gain access to a user's sensitive information by posing as a trustworthy entity. Phishing attacks can take many forms, including email, text message, or phone call scams. To protect against phishing attacks, it's important to be (2)_____ of the warning signs, such as requests for personal information or suspicious links. Other strategies include using anti-phishing software and staying up-todate on the latest (3)_____. If you suspect that you've fallen victim to a phishing attack, it's important to take (4)_____ as soon as possible. Despite the risks associated with phishing, many people continue to fall prey to these scams, underscoring the importance of (5)_____ and caution when using the internet.

166. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.
1. firewall **2.** phishing **3.** spam **4.** virus

167. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
1. aware **2.** indifferent
3. negligent **4.** doubtful

168. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
1. bugs **2.** vulnerabilities
3. patches **4.** updates

169. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
1. risks **2.** advantages
3. measures **4.** disadvantages

170. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
1. scepticism **2.** vigilance
3. complacency **4.** curiosity

Comprehension:
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.
A man is not bad (1)_____ birth but circumstances make him bad. He was a kind man and wanted to join a (2)_____ circus. His ambition was not fulfilled (3)_____ his parents did not agree. He held his family and society (4)_____ for the frustration of his dreams. Therefore, he became (5)_____ with everyone.

171. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.
1. from **2.** by **3.** for **4.** at

172. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
1. rescuing **2.** travelling
3. furnishing **4.** tour

173. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
1. while **2.** as **3.** thus **4.** any

174. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
1. abiding **2.** responsible
3. righteous **4.** noteworthy

175. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
1. sociable **2.** aloof **3.** inimical **4.** amiable

Comprehension:
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.
The expansive (1) _____stretched as far as the eye could see, its vastness seeming endless. Majestic mountains towered in

the distance, their peaks (2)_____ by a thin layer of snow. A gentle breeze whispered through the (3)_____ trees, rustling their vibrant leaves. The air (4)_____ the sweet fragrance of the flowers, filling the surroundings with a delightful aroma. As the sun began to set, the sky transformed into a radiant canvas, painted with (5)_____ of orange, pink, and gold.

176. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
1. park **2.** landscape **3.** desert **4.** sea

177. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.
1. covered **2.** filled **3.** piled **4.** spread

178. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
1. withered **2.** shrinking **3.** shrivelled **4.** lustrous

179. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.
1. threw **2.** flung **3.** pushed **4.** carried

180. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.
1. brushes **2.** sheets **3.** tins **4.** hues

Comprehension:

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

The (1)_____ traveller embarked on an exciting (2)_____ through uncharted lands, seeking adventure and discovery. Armed (3)_____ a tattered map and a curious spirit, he ventured into the dense forest, where the air was thick with the (4)_____ of wildlife that echoed through the trees. The path ahead was obscured by overgrown vegetation and tangled roots, challenging his every step. With unwavering (5)_____, he pushed forward, drawn by the allure of the unknown.

181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
1. lazy **2.** worried
3. sleepy **4.** adventurous

182. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.
1. swim **2.** visit **3.** walk **4.** journey

183. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
1. along **2.** with **3.** in **4.** for

184. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.
1. touch **2.** visuals **3.** sounds **4.** smell

185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.
1. determination **2.** protection
3. imagination **4.** realisation

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

Is there a connection between the new spider found and Harry Potter, the popular boy wizard from JK Rowling's books? After spending months observing it in its fragile environment, a group of three Mumbai-based wildlife enthusiasts discovered a new species of spider, their very own Fantastic Beast, in Kamataka's Kans Forest in December 2016. The spider, which bears a striking resemblance to the Sorting Hat from JK Rowling's Harry Potter books, was given the name Enenxia gryffindori by Rajashree Khalap, researcher Javed Ahmed, and wildlife photographer Sumukha Javagal. The name is both a reference to the Harry Potter series and a way to draw more attention to the eight-legged creatures. According to Javed, the spider uses the shape of the magical hat during the day to hide from predators and look like a dried leaf.

In fact, JK Rowling herself tweeted, "I'm truly honoured!" about it. Thank you for discovering yet another Fantastic Beast! Khalap, a conservationist who works for the wildlife non-profit Satpuda Foundation, claims that she identified with the main character of the film, Newt Scamander, and his desire to travel the world studying and protecting creatures. The announcement of the discovery came at the same time that the Harry Potter movie Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them was released. How could they understand that the dreadful little animal they had found had never been archived? It took a long time to observe.

Sometimes they would catch one and release it back into the wild only to discover that it wasn't what they were looking for. They used a microscope to examine the spider and compare it to all of the species that were known to be in the same genus when they thought they had found the right one. In the past two years, Khalap and her naturalist and arachnologist partner Javed have discovered five new species of spiders. The Paraplectana rajashree, which is named after her, is one of these. It is a tiny nocturnal spider with a ladybird-like appearance. Khalap claims that the evolution of spiders fascinates her. Some of them live on leaves and are the same color as the leaves, while others live on tree trunks and completely blend in with the bark; Some, like the flower crab spiders, have evolved to look like their prey, while others, like the flower crab spiders, can even change colour.

186. Based on your reading of the passage, select the correct statement.
1. It looks like a stem.
2. It has eight heads.
3. It was discovered in Kerala.
4. The spider uses the shape of magical hats to hide.

187. Who works for Satpuda Foundation?
1. Sumukha Javagal **2.** Javed Ahmed
3. JK Rowling **4.** Rajashree Khalap

188. Who wrote Harry Potter?
1. JK Rowling **2.** Javed Ahmed
3. Rajashree Khalap **4.** Sumukha Javagal

189. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word 'evolution' in the context of the passage.
1. Reversion **2.** Development
3. Raise **4.** Creation

190. Select the most appropriate title for the passage.
1. The Sorting Hat Spider
2. Spider and Legs
3. The Discovery of a Spider
4. Harry Potter and the Spider

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the question that follows.

A veteran actor and important link with the golden age of Hindi and Marathi cinema, Sulochana Latkar, passed away in Mumbai at 94 from age-related complications.

Hailing from Kolhapur, Sulochana made a name for herself as a leading heroine in Marathi films before moving to Bombay cinema where she essayed various shades of motherly roles in Hindi cinema for almost four decades.

Sulochana started her career with Bhalji Pendharkar's Sasurrvas (1946). A young Sulochana joined his famous Jaiprabha Studios on a monthly salary and learned the intricacies of the craft under the watch of the legendary Marathi filmmaker.

Along with Nirupa Roy, Sulochana will be remembered for epitomising a selfless mother and devoted spouse, which became central to Hindi film narratives in the 1960s and 70s.

191. Sulochana learned the intricacies of the craft under the guidance of:
1. Mahesh Dattani **2.** Bhalji Pendharkar
3. Vijay Tendulkar **4.** Badal Sirkar

192. Sulochana Latkar was an important link between:
1. Hindi and Malayalam cinema
2. Hindi and Marathi cinema
3. Hindi and Telugu cinema
4. Hindi and Bhojpuri cinema

193. Which of the following is an INCORRECT fact with reference to the given passage?
1. She passed away at 94.
2. Her native place was Gurdaspur.
3. She was a contemporary of Nirupa Roy.
4. Sulochana Latkar played a motherly role in most of her films.

194. What was the reason behind Sulochana Latkar's death?
1. Cancer **2.** Road accident
3. Age-related complications **4.** Heart-attack

195. Select the correct order of the given facts based on the life of Sulochana Latkar, the central figure of the passage.
P. She moved to Bombay cinema.
Q. She joined the famous Jaiprabha Studios.
R. She acted in Sasurrvas.
S. She passed away in Mumbai at 94.
1. QRPS **2.** RQSP **3.** PQRS **4.** RQPS

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

In recent years, technology has revolutionised various aspects of our lives, including communication, education, and entertainment. With the rise of smartphones and social media platforms, people can now connect and interact with each other more easily than ever before.

Online learning platforms have also gained popularity, allowing individuals to acquire new skills and knowledge from the comfort of their homes. Additionally, streaming services have transformed the way we consume media, providing a vast array of movies, TV shows, and music accessible at our fingertips. While technology has undoubtedly brought numerous benefits, it is essential to strike a balance and ensure that we maintain real-life connections and limit excessive screen time for a healthy and well-rounded lifestyle.

196. What does the term 'revolutionised' mean in the context of the passage?
1. Disassembled and reassembled
2. Transformed dramatically
3. Disrupted completely
4. Caused a physical upheaval

197. What does the term 'vast array' mean in the context of the passage?
1. A small collection **2.** A wide variety
3. A limited assortment **4.** A narrow selection

198. What has technology revolutionised in recent years?
1. Transportation
2. Agriculture
3. Fashion industry
4. Communication, education, and entertainment

199. How have smartphones and social media platforms impacted people's lives?
1. They have made people more connected and interactive.
2. They have made people less dependent on technology.
3. They have made people more isolated.
4. They have made communication more challenging.

200. What is one advantage of online learning platforms?
1. They are only accessible to a select few.
2. They require physical attendance at a specific location.
3. They provide opportunities to learn from home.
4. They limit individuals' ability to acquire new skills and knowledge.

Answer Key

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

Answers with Explanations

1. Option (4) is correct.

Given that:

14th Feb 2022 was Monday.

The number of odd days in the year 2020 and 2021 are 2 and 1 respectively as 2020 is a leap year.

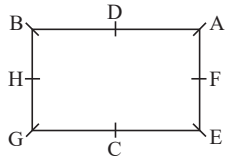
So, upon calculating the weekday 2 year back, we get

Monday – 3 odd days = Friday

Hence, Friday is the correct answer.

2. Option (3) is correct.

As per the question, following sitting arrangement can be made:



Hence, A sits second to the left of B.

3. Option (4) is correct.

Given pairs:

147 : 3 :: 343 : 7 :: ? : 9

The pattern followed here is:

2^{nd} term × 49 = 1^{st} term

So,

3 × 49 = 147

And,

7 × 49 = 343

Similarly,

9 × 49 = 441

Hence, 441 is the correct answer.

4. Option (3) is correct.

Given pairs:

399 : 7 :: 584 : 8 :: ? : 11

The pattern followed here is:

[(2^{nd} term)2 + (2^{nd} term + 1)] × 2^{nd} term

So, for 399 : 7

$[(7)^2 + (7 + 1)] \times 7$

$\Rightarrow [49 + 8] \times 7$

$\Rightarrow 57 \times 7 = 399$

And, for 584 : 8

$\Rightarrow [(8)^2 + (8 + 1)] \times 8$

$\Rightarrow [64 + 9] \times 8$

$\Rightarrow 73 \times 8 = 584$

Similarly,

$[(11)^2 + (11 + 1)] \times 11$

$\Rightarrow [121 + 12] \times 11$

$\Rightarrow 133 \times 11 = 1463$

Hence, 1463 is the correct answer.

5. Option (2) is correct.

Given equation:

13 B 3 D 15 A 3 C 6 = ?

After putting the signs as per question; we get

13 × 3 – 15 ÷ 3 + 6 = ?

According to BODMAS rule,

$\Rightarrow$ 13 × 3 – 5 + 6

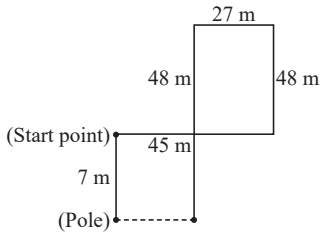
$\Rightarrow$ 39 – 5 + 6

$\Rightarrow$ 45 – 5 = 40

Hence, 40 is the correct answer.

6. Option (4) is correct.

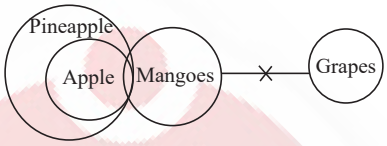
According to question, following direction chart can be made:



So, the distance between the pole and the end point is 45 m – 27 m = 18 m.

7. Option (1) is correct.

According to question, following Venn diagram can be made:



Conclusion I- Some pineapples are not grapes → True.

Conclusion II- No pineapple is a grape - It can be possible but cannot say. So, false.

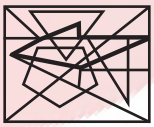
Conclusion III- Some apples are not grapes → True.

Hence, only conclusions I and III follows.

8. Option (4) is correct.

Given figure:

The above given figure is embedded in option 4 as highlighted below:



9. Option (3) is correct.

Given figure:

3 C D O L X □ 6	□ 3 O D X L 6 C	S □ D X L 3 O 6	O S X D 3 L 6 □

?

As per the pattern followed and the symmetry, following answer figure is correct:

☆ O D 3 L S X 6	

10. Option (2) is correct.

Given sets:

(18, 39, 60)

(12, 27, 42)

The pattern followed here is:

(1^{st} term × 2) + 3 = 2^{nd} term and (1^{st} term × 3) + 6 = 3^{rd} term

So, for (18, 39, 60)

(18 × 2) + 3

$\Rightarrow$ 36 + 3 = 39 and

(18 × 3) + 6

$\Rightarrow$ 54 + 6 = 60

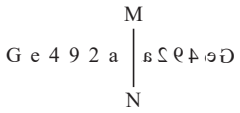
And, for (12, 27, 42)

(12 × 2) + 3

$\Rightarrow 24 + 3 = 27$ and
$(12 \times 3) + 6$
$\Rightarrow 36 + 6 = 42$
Similarly, upon checking option 2, we get $(16 \times 2) + 3$
$\Rightarrow 32 + 3 = 35$ and
$(16 \times 3) + 6$
$\Rightarrow 48 + 6 = 54$
Hence, (16, 35, 54) is the correct answer.

11. Option (4) is correct.
Given series:
2, 9, 37, 149, ?, 2389
The pattern followed here is:
$2 \times 4 + 1 = 9$
$9 \times 4 + 1 = 37$
$37 \times 4 + 1 = 149$
$149 \times 4 + 1 = 597$
$597 \times 4 + 1 = 2389$

12. Option (3) is correct.
Given image:



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

13. Option (3) is correct.
Given figure:

The above figure is embedded in option 3 as highlighted below.

14. Option (3) is correct.
Given series:
4, 16, 64, 256, ?
The pattern followed here is:
$4 \times 4 = 16$
$16 \times 4 = 64$
$64 \times 4 = 256$
$256 \times 4 = 1024$
Hence, 1024 is the correct answer.

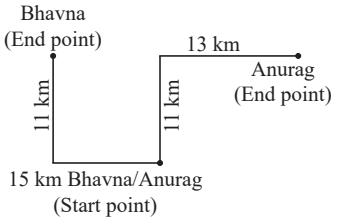
15. Option (4) is correct.
Given series:
RWIC, OUFG, ?, IQZO, FOWS

R	W	I	C
–3	–2	–3	+4
O	U	F	G
–3	–2	–3	+4
L	S	C	K
–3	–2	–3	+4
I	Q	Z	O
–3	–2	–3	+4
F	O	W	S

Hence, LSCK is the correct answer.

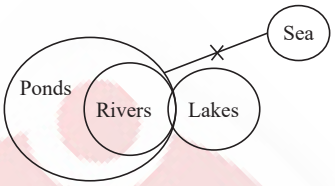
16. Option (3) is correct.
Given that:
Harrow : Gardener :: Scalpel : ?
In this analogy, a harrow is a tool used by a gardener to prepare soil for agriculture.
Similarly, scalpel is a tool used by surgeons in medical procedures.
Hence, surgeons is the correct answer.

17. Option (1) is correct.
According to question, following direction chart can be made:



Clearly, distance between both the end points is 15 km + 13 km = 28 km
Hence, 28 km is the correct answer.

18. Option (4) is correct.
According to question, the following Venn diagram can be made:

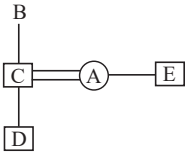


Conclusion I- Some lakes are seas → False, as no direct relation is given.
Conclusion II- Some ponds are seas → False, as no direct relation is given.
Conclusion III- Some lakes are ponds → True.
Hence, only conclusions III follows.

19. Option (3) is correct.
Given sets:
(25, 30, 65)
(50, 50, 100)
The pattern followed here is:
For (25, 30, 65)
$(25 \times 1) + 5 = 30$ and
$(30 \times 2) + 5 = 65$
And, for (50, 50, 100)
$(50 \times 1) + 0 = 50$ and
$(50 \times 2) + 0 = 100$
Similarly, upon checking option 3, we get
$(45 \times 1) - 5 = 40$ and
$(40 \times 2) - 5 = 75$
Hence, (45, 50, 75) is the correct answer.

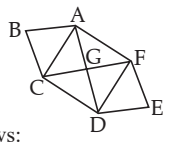
20. Option (3) is correct.
Given series:
CM _ _ LC _ ENL _ ME _ _C _ _NL
Upon checking option 1, we get
C M E N L C M E N L C M E N L C M E N L
Here, it is forming a letter cluster of CMENL continuously.
Hence, it forms a logical series.

21. Option (1) is correct.
According to question, following family tree can be made:



Hence, D is the son of A.

22. Option (1) is correct.
Given figure:



The triangles formed are as follows:
ABC, ACG, AFG, CDG, ACD, AFD, DFG, EFD, CFD, CAF
Hence, there are total 10 triangles.

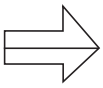
23. Option (1) is correct.
Given figure:

	B			7			0			1		
	Δ	0		1	Δ		Δ	B		7	Δ	?
1	7	S	S	B	0	7	1	S	S	0	B	

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

	B	
	Δ	0
1	7	S

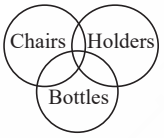
24. Option (3) is correct.
Given figure:



The above given figure is embedded in option 3 as shown highlighted below:

25. Option (2) is correct.
Given equation:
$(3 \times 16) \div 8 + 124 \div 2 - 64 \div (2 \times 4) = 84$
Upon checking option 2 and interchanging 16 and 64, we get
$(3 \times 64) \div 8 + 124 \div 2 - 16 \div (2 \times 4) = 84$
According to BODMAS rule,
$192 \div 8 + 124 \div 2 - 16 \div 8 = 84$
$\Rightarrow 24 + 62 - 2 = 84$
$\Rightarrow 86 - 2 = 84$
$\Rightarrow 84 = 84$
LHS = RHS

26. Option (2) is correct.
According to question, following Venn diagram can be made:



None of the conclusions follows because each of them can be possible but it is not definite.

27. Option (1) is correct.
According to question, following arrangement can be made:
E → Tallest
A
G
B
F
C
D → Shortest
Hence, E is the taller than G.

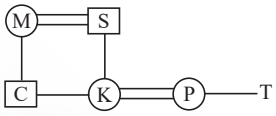
28. Option (1) is correct.
Given series:
576, 288, 144, 72, ?
The pattern followed here is:
$576 \div 2 = 288$
$288 \div 2 = 144$
$144 \div 2 = 72$
$72 \div 2 = 36$
Hence, 36 is the missing number.

29. Option (2) is correct.
The correct order of the given words is:

2. Miticidal
3. Mitigative
1. Mitochondria
4. Mitogenic
6. Mitosis
5. Mitotically

30. Option (2) is correct.
Given series:
3360, 4080, ?, 5814
The pattern followed here is:
$3 + 3 + 6 + 0 = 12 \times 60 = 720$
$\Rightarrow 3360 + 720 = 4080$
$4 + 0 + 8 + 0 = 12 \times 68 = 816$
$\Rightarrow 4080 + 816 = 4896$
$4 + 8 + 9 + 6 = 27 \times 34 = 918$
$\Rightarrow 4896 + 918 = 5814$
Hence, 4896 is the correct answer.

31. Option (3) is correct.
Given expression:
$C + M - S \times K - P \div T$
According to question, following family tree can be made:



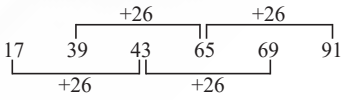
So,
Option-1: True
Option-2: True
Option-3: False
Option-4: True

32. Option (1) is correct.
Given series:
VRPL, UQOK, ?, SQMI, RNLH
The pattern followed here is:

V	R	P	L
–1	–1	–1	–1
U	Q	O	K
–1	–1	–1	–1
T	P	N	J
–1	–1	–1	–1
S	O	M	I
–1	–1	–1	–1
R	N	L	H

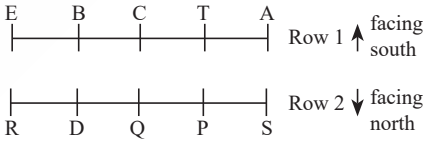
Hence, TPNJ is the correct answer.

33. Option (1) is correct.
Given series:
17, 39, 43, 65, ?, 91
The pattern followed here is:



Hence, the missing number is 69.

34. Option (3) is correct.
According to question, following sitting arrangement can be made:



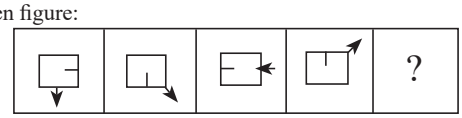
Hence, R is facing E.

35. Option (2) is correct.
Given sets:
(7, 32, 28)
(2, 12, 8)
The pattern followed here is:
1st term × 4 = 3rd term and,
3rd term + 4 = 2nd term
So, for (7, 32, 28)
$7 \times 4 = 28$ and
$28 + 4 = 32$
And, for (2, 12, 8)

$2 \times 4 = 8$ and
$8 + 14 = 12$
Similarly, upon checking option (2), we get
$12 \times 4 = 48$
$48 + 4 = 52$

36. Option (3) is correct.
Given series:
191, 534, 318, 443, ?
The pattern followed here is:
$191 + (7)^3 = 534$
$534 - (6)^3 = 318$
$318 + (5)^3 = 443$
$443 - (4)^3 = 379$
Hence, 379 is the correct answer.

37. Option (2) is correct.
Given figure:

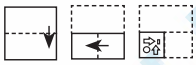


As per the pattern followed and symmetry, the required answer figure is:

38. Option (4) is correct.
The pattern followed here is:
Option 1: X $\xrightarrow{-12}$ L $\xrightarrow{+5}$ Q
Option 2: Z $\xrightarrow{-12}$ N $\xrightarrow{+5}$ S
Option 3: Q $\xrightarrow{-12}$ E $\xrightarrow{+5}$ J
Option 4: W $\xrightarrow{-12}$ K $\xrightarrow{+4}$ O
Hence, WKO is the odd one out.

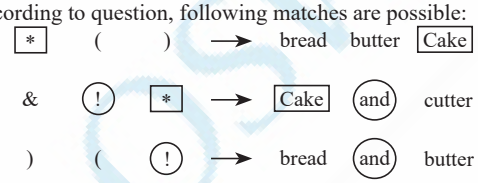
39. Option (1) is correct.
Given equation:
$49 - 6 \div 4 + 2 \times 14 = ?$
After interchanging the signs as per question, we get
$49 + 6 \times 4 \div 2 - 14 = ?$
According to BODMAS rule,
$\Rightarrow 49 + 6 \times 2 - 14$
$\Rightarrow 49 + 12 - 14$
$\Rightarrow 61 - 14 = 47$
Hence, 47 is the correct answer.

40. Option (1) is correct.
Given sheet:



After unfolding the given sheet, the following figure will appear:

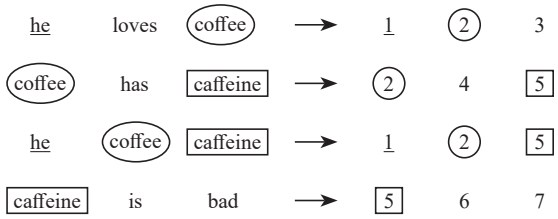
41. Option (2) is correct.
According to question, following matches are possible:



So, '*' stands for cake.
Hence, cake cake cake is the correct answer.

42. Option (3) is correct.
The pattern followed here is;
Option 1: X $\xrightarrow{+2}$ Z $\xrightarrow{-3}$ W $\xrightarrow{+5}$ B
Option 2: R $\xrightarrow{+2}$ T $\xrightarrow{-3}$ Q $\xrightarrow{+5}$ V
Option 3: V $\xrightarrow{+2}$ X $\xrightarrow{-4}$ T $\xrightarrow{+6}$ Z
Option 4: N $\xrightarrow{+2}$ P $\xrightarrow{-3}$ M $\xrightarrow{+5}$ R
Hence, VXTZ is the odd one out.

43. Option (4) is correct.
According to question, following matches are possible;



Hence, 'he' is represented by 1.

44. Option (1) is correct.
The correct arrangement of the words will be according to the process of production and distribution of paper and notebooks. Starting with a tree, pulp is extracted and converted into a paper, which is a final product. Then, notebooks are made from paper. And, then notebooks are sold at a stationary shop.
So, the correct arrangement is:
Tree : Pulp : Paper : Notebook : Stationary shop
Hence, 41235 is the correct answer.

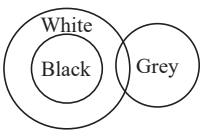
45. Option (3) is correct.
Given expression:
9 B 14 D 16 C 40 A 10 = ?
After putting signs as per question, we get
$9 \times 14 - 16 + 40 \div 10 = ?$
On solving,
$\Rightarrow 9 \times 14 - 16 + 4$
$\Rightarrow 126 - 16 + 4$
$\Rightarrow 130 - 16 = 114$
Hence, 114 is the correct answer.

46. Option (1) is correct.
Given equation:
$286 \div 13 \times 2 + 50 - 6 = 0$
Upon checking option (1), we get
$286 \div 13 \times 2 - 50 + 6 = 0$
On solving,
$\Rightarrow 22 \times 2 - 50 + 6 = 0$
$\Rightarrow 44 - 50 + 6 = 0$
$\Rightarrow 50 - 50 = 0$
$\Rightarrow 0 = 0$
LHS = RHS

47. Option (4) is correct.
Given statement:
$A \geq B \geq C = D < E$
$F \leq C > G$
Upon merging both the equations, we get
$A \geq B \geq C \geq F$ ...(i)
and $E > D = C > G$ ...(ii)
Now, from equation (i), we can conclude that $A \geq F$
So, conclusion I follows.
And, from equation (ii), we can conclude that $D > G$
So, conclusion II also follows.
Hence, both conclusions I and II are true.

48. Option (1) is correct.
Given words:
Riders : Cavalcade :: Termites : ?
As we know, a group of riders is referred to as a cavalcade.
Similarly, a group of termites is referred to as a 'colony'.
Hence, Colony is the correct answer.

49. Option (3) is correct.
According to question, the following Venn diagram can be made:



Conclusion I- Some grey is black.
It is possible but not definite. So, this conclusion doesn't follow.
Conclusion II- Some white is black.
As given, all black is white, it implies some white is black is true. So, this conclusion follows.
Hence, only conclusions II follows.

50. Option (1) is correct.
Given equation:
$19 + 72 - 3 \times 56 \div 65 = ?$
After interchanging the signs according to question, we get
$19 \times 72 \div 3 - 56 + 65 = ?$
On solving,
$\Rightarrow 19 \times 24 - 56 + 65$
$\Rightarrow 456 - 56 + 65$
$\Rightarrow 521 - 56 = 465$
Hence, 465 is the correct answer.

51. Option (4) is correct.
The Sena dynasty, which emerged in the 11th century, followed the Palas of Bengal as rulers in the eastern realms of the Indian subcontinent, notably in Bengal. Over the course of the 11th to the 12th century, the Sena dynasty played a significant role in the political and cultural history of the region during that period.

52. Option (2) is correct.
The formula for determining Net Indirect Taxes involves subtracting subsidies from indirect taxes. In other words:
Net Indirect Taxes = Indirect Taxes−Subsidies

53. Option (3) is correct.
The disruptions caused by World War I and World War II led to the cancellation of the Olympic Games in 1916, 1940, and 1944 during those years.

54. Option (4) is correct.
Srinivas Varadhan is a famous mathematician who has done important work in probability. He is especially known for his work on large deviations, which is a part of probability that studies rare events. For his outstanding work, he was given the prestigious Abel Prize in 2007. In 2023, the Indian government gave him the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award, to honor his exceptional and distinguished service in the field of science and engineering.

55. Option (3) is correct.
The Trishulganga is a tributary of the Gandak River, which is in turn a tributary of the Ganges River. The Trishulganga originates in the Himalayas and flows through Nepal and India before joining the Gandak River in Bihar, India. The Trishulganga is a sacred river to Hindus and is known for its beautiful scenery.

56. Option (4) is correct.
Caterpillars pose a visible biological hazard in food, unlike microorganisms such as yeasts, viruses, and protozoa, which are typically invisible to the naked eye. Caterpillars are macroscopic organisms that can be observed in contaminated food. In the realm of food safety, the presence of discernible pests like caterpillars is regarded as a potential biological hazard.

57. Option (4) is correct.
Italy won the UEFA Euro 2020 football title. The tournament took place in 2021, and Italy emerged as the champions by defeating England in the final, which was held at Wembley Stadium in London. The match went to a penalty shootout, and Italy won 3-2 on penalties after the game ended 1-1 in extra time.

58. Option (4) is correct.
As per the India State of Forest Report 2021, the Mangroves group encompasses 4,992 km^2 of the overall geographical area. Found in coastal regions, mangroves form a distinctive ecosystem that plays a vital role in sustaining biodiversity, safeguarding coastlines, and offering diverse ecological services.

59. Option (4) is correct.
Manas, Ranthambore, Kanha, and Sunderbans are designated as national parks in India, serving as havens for a diverse array of flora and fauna. These protected areas, often under government stewardship, welcome visitors for recreational and educational purposes.

60. Option (1) is correct.
Menander, also known as Milinda, had Sialkot as his capital. He was a Greco-Bactrian king who ruled in the northwestern regions of the Indian subcontinent around the 2nd century BCE. Sialkot, located in present-day Pakistan, was an important center during his reign.

61. Option (1) is correct.
Phanishwar Nath 'Renu' is the author of the novel 'Maila Anchal.' 'Maila Anchal' is a Hindi novel that explores the social and cultural life of a village in post-independence India.

62. Option (2) is correct.
The Indian National Congress celebrated the first Independence Day in Colonial India on 26 January 1930. They picked this date because it matched the day when they declared their goal for complete independence from British rule, which happened on the same day during the Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress. This declaration marked the start of the Civil Disobedience Movement against the British rulers. But it is crucial to know that India became independent on 15th August 1947.

63. Option (2) is correct.
Statement I is true because most Harappan cities were indeed divided into two parts: the citadel and the lower town. The citadel was a fortified area located on a high mound, and it housed the ruling class, temples, and other important buildings. The lower town was located below the citadel and was home to the common people.
Statement II is false because archaeologists do not describe the lower part of Harappan cities as the citadel. The citadel is the raised, fortified part of the city, while the lower town is the larger, unwalled area below it.

64. Option (3) is correct.
The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was launched in 2014 to promote tourism in India. It has been renamed Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in 2023 to focus on sustainable and responsible tourism. This new scheme provides financial aid to develop tourism infrastructure and encourages private sector participation. It is expected to create jobs, boost local economies, and attract more tourists to India.
The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism infrastructure at various destinations. The scheme focuses on the following aspects:
Developing thematic circuits: The scheme will focus on developing thematic circuits around specific themes such as beaches, hills, and culture.
Creating responsible tourism destinations: The scheme will promote responsible tourism practices and will encourage

local communities to participate in tourism development.

Enhancing private sector participation: The scheme will encourage private sector participation in tourism development by providing incentives and creating a conducive environment.

The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme is expected to have a significant impact on the tourism sector in India. The scheme will help to create new jobs, boost local economies, and promote India as a tourist destination.

65. Option (2) is correct.

Rugby does not use the terms "Let Ball" or "Stroke Ball."

Handball does not use the term "No Let."

Polo uses the term "Right of Way" instead of "Let Ball."

Squash uses all three terms: "Let Ball," "Stroke Ball," and "No Let"

Therefore, the correct answer is Squash.

66. Option (4) is correct.

India's inaugural underwater train project was launched in Kolkata, West Bengal. The project, known as the Kolkata Metro Line 6, connects the neighboring cities of Howrah and Kolkata through an underwater tunnel beneath the Hooghly River. Completed in 2023, this project marks a groundbreaking achievement in India's transportation infrastructure.

67. Option (4) is correct.

Cataracts occur when the clear lens of the eye becomes cloudy or opaque, obstructing vision. In older individuals, the crystalline lens within the eye can become milky and hazy, causing a gradual decline in vision. This clouding of the lens is the defining feature of cataracts. As cataracts advance, they can produce symptoms such as blurred vision, increased sensitivity to light, and impaired vision in low-light environments.

68. Option (1) is correct.

The Godavari River's drainage basin covers several states in India, including Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Odisha.

69. Option (4) is correct.

Before the initiation of the Eighth Five-Year Plan, India implemented structural adjustment policies as part of its economic reforms. Spanning from 1992 to 1997, the Eighth Five-Year Plan witnessed the execution of these structural adjustments, contributing to broader economic transformations.

70. Option (4) is correct.

Fleming's left and right-hand rules are two handy mnemonics used to determine the directions of force and current in conductors interacting with magnetic fields.

The direction of force acting on a current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field is determined by Fleming's left-hand rule:

- Hold your left hand with your thumb pointing in the direction of the current (conventional current direction), forefinger pointing in the direction of the magnetic field, and middle finger perpendicular to both.
- The force on the conductor will point in the direction of your middle finger.

Fleming's right-hand rule determines the direction of induced current in a conductor moving through a magnetic field:

- Hold your right hand with your thumb pointing in the direction of the conductor's motion, forefinger pointing in the direction of the magnetic field, and middle finger perpendicular to both.
- The induced current will flow in the direction of your middle finger.

71. Option (3) is correct.

Kerala and Himachal Pradesh have historically shown relatively lower levels of poverty compared to some other states in India. The percentage of the population below the poverty line in each state is shaped by diverse factors such as economic development, social policies, and governance.

72. Option (4) is correct.

In March 2023, the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry inked a pact with Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mount Abu. The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) stands as a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, actively running in 372 districts nationwide. Its primary objective is to raise awareness about the detrimental impacts of substance abuse, particularly among the youth. The program places special emphasis on higher education institutes, university campuses, schools, and extends its outreach into the community, aiming to foster community involvement and ownership of the Abhiyaan.

73. Option (2) is correct.

Sonal Mansingh is a celebrated exponent of Bharatanatyam and Odissi, two of India's most revered classical dance forms. Her graceful movements, intricate footwork, and expressive storytelling have captivated audiences worldwide, making her one of the most eminent figures in Indian classical dance.

74. Option (2) is correct.

Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, known for his expertise in Khayal, was affiliated with the Kirana Gharana—a distinctive school of Hindustani classical music celebrated for its unique style, focus on intricate note patterns, and the incorporation of meend (glissando).

75. Option (2) is correct.

Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, celebrated for his vocal prowess, was a master of the Khayal genre in Hindustani classical music. Khayal, a widely appreciated and intricate vocal form, provides a platform for improvisation and artistic expression within a predefined structure.

76. Option (2) is correct.

"The Guide" is a novel written by RK Narayan. It was later adapted into a Hindi film with the same name. The film, released in 1965, was directed by Vijay Anand and starred Dev Anand and Waheeda Rehman in lead roles.

77. Option (1) is correct.

Among the given options, William Hopkins is credited with coining the term "physical geology" in 1833. A distinguished English mathematician, physicist, and geologist, Hopkins made significant contributions to our understanding of the Earth's physical structure and processes. His pioneering work laid the groundwork for modern geology, establishing a foundation upon which subsequent advancements have been built.

While Aziz Ab'Saber, Georgius Agricola, and Louis Agassiz were all renowned figures in their respective fields of geomorphology, mineralogy, and zoology, their contributions did not encompass the specific coinage of the term "physical geology".

Therefore, the correct answer to the question is William Hopkins. His legacy in shaping the field of geology remains firmly established.

78. Option (4) is correct.

The Supreme Court and High Courts employ the writ of Certiorari to summon the case records from a lower court, particularly when there are claims of exceeding jurisdiction. This writ is issued to scrutinize the lower court's decision and verify that it has not overstepped its legal authority.

79. Option (1) is correct.
In 1923, radio broadcasting in India took its first steps with the initiation by the Radio Club of Bombay (now Mumbai), signifying the inception of radio communication and broadcasting in the nation.

80. Option (3) is correct.
In the sport of table tennis, a "rally" refers to the duration in which the ball is actively in play, with players taking turns hitting it back and forth over the net. Within this exchange, players aim to score points by successfully landing the ball on their opponent's side of the table within the designated boundaries of the playing surface.

81. Option (3) is correct.
The archaeological site of Mohenjo-Daro, a significant city of the ancient Indus Valley Civilization, is where The Great Bath was unearthed. This large, rectangular tank, considered to have served ritualistic or religious functions, stands out as one of the noteworthy structures discovered at the Mohenjo-daro site.

82. Option (1) is correct.
In 1910, the British colonial government imposed a ban on Bharatanatyam, a traditional Indian dance form with roots in Tamil Nadu. This decision was rooted in the colonial administration's misperception of the dance as being linked to temple prostitution and social impropriety. The ban dealt a severe blow to the preservation and practice of Bharatanatyam, driving it underground and threatening its very existence.

83. Option (3) is correct.
Arunachal Pradesh, located in the northeastern region of India, boasts a substantial land area with a comparatively smaller population. Consequently, it exhibits a lower population density when contrasted with the other states mentioned. Population density is determined by dividing the population of an area by its total land area.

84. Option (1) is correct.
Sheikh Mujibur Rahman played a crucial role in the independence movement of Bangladesh and is considered a key figure in the country's history. He served as the founding leader and first President of Bangladesh.

85. Option (3) is correct.
Originating in the state of Kerala, India, Mohiniyattam is a classical dance form distinguished by its graceful movements, subtle expressions, and traditional costumes.

86. Option (3) is correct.
Jallikattu, a traditional bull-taming sport, holds a distinctive association with the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is frequently organized as an integral part of the Pongal festival celebrations in the region.

87. Option (1) is correct.
As of March 2023, Nirmala Sitharaman holds the position of Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs. Since assuming this role in May 2014, she has become India's first full-time female Finance Minister.

88. Option (1) is correct.
Centrioles typically have a 9 + 0 structure, meaning they consist of nine sets of triplet microtubules arranged in a circular pattern. There is no central microtubule in this arrangement, represented by the "0." After duplication, the pairs of centrioles are arranged orthogonally to each other, playing a crucial role in various cellular processes, including cell division.

89. Option (3) is correct.
Chembeti Sridharalu Naidu, a notable social reformer, aligned with the Veda Samaj, an organization dedicated to fostering social and religious reform in South India. The Veda Samaj played a pivotal role in advancing rationalism, advocating for social equality, and upholding Vedic principles within the region.

90. Option (3) is correct.
Hindustan Copper Limited stands as India's sole vertically-integrated, primary copper producer, engaging comprehensively in mining, beneficiation, smelting, refining, and the casting of refined copper metal. Its multifaceted involvement across the copper production process positions it as a pivotal contributor to the nation's copper production and supply.

91. Option (4) is correct.
Doul Utsav, also known as Holi or the festival of colors, is a major celebration in the state of Assam. During Doul Utsav, people participate in vibrant and joyous festivities, marking the arrival of spring and celebrating the victory of good over evil.

92. Option (2) is correct.
Plants, as eukaryotic and multicellular entities, exhibit the distinctive capacity for photosynthesis, enabling them to be autotrophic. Their cellular composition includes specialized structures, such as a nucleus, allowing them to harness sunlight and convert it into energy through the intricate process of photosynthesis, thereby sustaining themselves.

93. Option (3) is correct.
The process that does NOT involve a chemical reaction is:
Cooling effect of nail polish remover
While the other options involve chemical reactions:
- Cloth cleaning using detergent typically involves the chemical reactions between detergent molecules and dirt.
- Ripening of mango involves various biochemical and enzymatic reactions.
- Change of color of turmeric due to soap could involve a chemical reaction, such as a reaction between the soap and components of turmeric.

94. Option (2) is correct.
In 1838, Ranjit Singh, the visionary founder and leader of the Sikh Empire in Punjab, entered a significant tripartite treaty with Shah Shujah and the British East India Company. This strategic agreement was crafted with the objective of preserving a delicate balance of power within the region.

95. Option (1) is correct.
The Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award is presented annually in the state of Odisha. This award is named after the legendary Odissi dancer Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and is conferred to honor outstanding contributions in the field of performing arts.

96. Option (4) is correct.
The first hour of a parliamentary session is designated as Question Hour, during which Members of Parliament (MPs) can direct questions to ministers on a variety of subjects. Ministers are responsible for responding to these inquiries either verbally or in writing, depending on the nature of the question.
Zero Hour, on the other hand, is a period allotted to members to raise matters of pressing public importance. A censure motion is a motion that expresses strong disapproval of the government's actions. A privilege motion is a motion that raises an issue of privilege for the House or its members.

97. Option (3) is correct.
Aurelia is a genus of jellyfish, and jellyfish belong to the phylum Coelenterata. Coelenterates are characterized by the presence of a central body cavity (coelenteron) and often exhibit radial symmetry. Spongilla, Sycon, and Euspongia are related to the phylum Porifera (sponges), not Coelenterata.

98. Option (2) is correct.
Bhagoria is a traditional festival observed by the Bhil and Bhilala communities in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. Aligned with the Holi festival and occurring in the month of Phalguna, like Holi, Bhagoria features diverse rituals and festivities. Young men and women actively engage in events such as dance and music, signifying the onset of spring during this vibrant celebration.

99. Option (1) is correct.
According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, there is a limit of 50% on monthly loan repayment obligations of a low-income household as a percentage of monthly household income for providing a non-microfinance loan. This means that a low-income household cannot spend more than 50% of its monthly income on repaying loans.

100. Option (1) is correct.
Asikni, which was a part of Sapta-Sindhu, is the ancient name corresponding to the present-day river Chenab.

101. Option (3) is correct.
She wore a weird dress adorned with colourful patterns. The word 'whimsical' means 'unusual and strange in a way that might be funny'. Thus, the synonym is 'weird'.

102. Option (1) is correct.
Swetha seldom waters the plants, does she? Here, 'isn't it' will be replaced by 'does she'. Some words are negative in meaning. e.g., hardly, seldom, scarcely, rarely, barely etc. They will therefore use the affirmative question tag 'does she'.

103. Option (2) is correct.
The clerk said to the manager, "Please sanction my leave". It is mandatory to put a comma before the statement and the first letter of the statement should be in capital letter. The request will take the form 'please', and the reporting verb changes to 'said to' in direct speech.

104. Option (2) is correct.
The starting sentence is 'If you complete one of your assignments early go back through that assignment only; do not work on any other assignment. This is not permitted. If you are found working on another assignment your contract will be terminated. EDF is a mandatory link because one lets off the warning. The next one starts with a conditional clause, while F completes it.

105. Option (4) is correct.
My father said that change is the only constant in life. In indirect speech, 'that' is added after the reporting verb (in assertive sentences); but the clause 'change is the only constant in life' retains its form because this is fact, so verb forms will not change.

106. Option (4) is correct.
She hung up the clothes in the closet every day. 'She hung up' will replace 'She hang up' because the past tense of "hang," as in to hang your clothes, is "hung." Thus, part (1) has the error.

107. Option (3) is correct.
I was asked my name . The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice. The pattern of passive voice in simple past is: object + was/were + V3 + by + Subject. Sometimes the doer of the action is omitted.

108. Option (2) is correct.
You will not be invited to any function by them if you don't attend the marriage. Here, 'You will not be invited' will replace 'You will not invited' because the auxiliary verb 'will' takes 'be' when it has the verb in participle (invited) and is in passive voice. The pattern of passive voice in simple future is: object + will + be + V3 + by + Subject.

109. Option (1) is correct.
The primary evidence had been collected by the police before the culprit was arrested. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice. The pattern of Passive Voice of past perfect tense is: S + had been + V3 + O.

110. Option (1) is correct.
The meadow was a tranquil site, far removed from the main roads and present day. The synonyms of 'wild' are 'frantic' and 'enraged'. While, the antonym is 'tranquil', meaning 'calm'.

111. Option (2) is correct.
'Hornet's nest' means 'is a troublesome or hazardous situation.' Example: The son stirred up a hornet's nest after having performed disastrously in the exam, yet urging the father's permission for a 5 day trip to Mahabaleshwar.

112. Option (2) is correct.
Ramu said to her, "Please wait here till I return." It is mandatory to put a comma before the statement and the first letter of the statement should be in capital letter. The reporting verb 'requested' changes to 'said to' and hence starts with 'please'.

113. Option (3) is correct.
They were reading a notice. As per the subject-verb agreement, a singular subject takes singular verb and a plural subject takes a plural verb. Since , the subject is 'they', the verb will be 'were', not 'was'.

114. Option (1) is correct.
The picture was posted online by Alisha. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice. The pattern of passive voice in simple past is: object + was/were + V3 + by + Subject.

115. Option (4) is correct.
Turn the lights off, I want to go to sleep. The act of turning 'the lights off' imply turning off almost any device or closing it.

116. Option (2) is correct.
Border is a band or narrow line around the edge of something.

117. Option (1) is correct.
The idiom 'faking sorrow' implies shedding crocodile tears. Example: The widow was faking sorrow at the death of her third husband.

118. Option (2) is correct.
'Plight' is 'a bad or difficult state or situation'. 'Benefit' is the antonym.

119. Option (1) is correct.
How can silly mistakes be done by Sameer in the office? In passive voice, the auxiliary verb 'can' will be followed by 'be' + V3.

120. Option (2) is correct.
I couldn't hear your voice as you were too far away from me. The part 'far out from me' will be replaced by 'far away from me'. 'Far away' is the correct phrasal verb.

121. Option (1) is correct.
ACBD. The starting sentence is 'We are living in the era of information and communication'. (A) connects to S1 'Though information and knowledge are different, people with much information are considered knowledgeable.' BC form an affirmative pair- To transfer information, the language widely used in today's world is English. So, English language communication skills are indispensable for any job aspirant. This is why Employers are not compromising with English communication skills of the employees.

122. Option (2) is correct.
Nobody knew Ramesh was coming to see us. He arrived unexpectedly. Here, 'suddenly' will be replaced by 'unexpectedly', as they are synonyms.

123. Option (4) is correct.
BADC. Many researchers have done studies to know more about pre historic times. Before a man could even construct a home for himself or weave clothing to protect, on the cave walls, man penned, or more accurately scratched rudimentary images. He made use of a sharp stone. Unaware of it, civilisation had started in a unique way. (B) is the starting statement as it initiates the topic- studies to know more about pre historic times. (A) commences this idea and continues in (D). (C) concludes the logic of AD.

124. Option (2) is correct.
After working for the entire week we usually go out to eat on Sundays. No substitution required.

125. Option (4) is correct.
The corner of the street where my family lives is surrounded by investigators. The part 'where my family lives is surrounded by investigators' will substitute 'where my family lived is surround by investigators' because the sentence is in present tense (lives). Moreover, the auxiliary 'is' will take 'be' after it.

126. Option (2) is correct.
He had been improving his communication skills in order to shine in his career. 'He had been improve' will be replaced by 'He had been improving', because the past perfect continuous tense always acquires the structure: had + been + verb-ing.

127. Option (2) is correct.
Don't let failure demotivate you as failures are the stepping stones to success. 'Don't let the failure' will be replaced by 'Don't let failure' because there is no need of applying the definite article 'the' as it is only used before a specific noun. 'Failure' is used in a general way.

128. Option (4) is correct.
'Zenith' means 'peak'. Thus, the antonym is 'bottom'.

129. Option (4) is correct.
Mrs. Batra said that her son wanted to study Architecture. In indirect speech, 'that' is added after the reporting verb (in assertive sentences); and simple present tense changes to simple past tense.

130. Option (3) is correct.
Donny said that she could swim fast. In indirect speech, 'that' is added after the reporting verb (in assertive sentences); and 'can' changes to 'could'.

131. Option (1) is correct.
The soldiers advanced when the bugle blew. 'Bugle' is a wind instrument sounded by the vibration of the lips against a cup mouthpiece. Thus, it has to be 'blown' to use it.

132. Option (3) is correct.
It was his love and goodwill to humanity that was recognised by the state government. Love and goodwill to humanity means 'philanthropy'. Philanthropy is the practice of helping the poor and those in need, especially by giving money. Humanism affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. Misanthropy involves a negative evaluative attitude toward humanity.

133. Option (1) is correct.
CADB. (C) starts with the subject- broadcasting of the first 'television' system. This scientific achievement , which made the front pages of several major national newspapers was presented(A). But, a straight line was not mass marketable therefore there were only a few dozen televisions in the globe by the end of the 1920s. (D).

134. Option (1) is correct.
Yoga increases physical and mental vitality, resistance to sickness, and overall wellbeing. 'Resistance' means the act of fighting against something that is attacking you. Thus, the ability to resist sickness increases with yoga.

135. Option (4) is correct.
My music teacher told me that I sang beautifully. In indirect speech, 'that' is added after the reporting verb (in assertive sentences); and simple present tense changes to simple past tense.

136. Option (3) is correct.
'In the blink of an eye' means 'very quickly.' Example: The mother was surprised when the daughter completed her homework in the blink of an eye, just because she had plans for a movie night with her friends.

137. Option (1) is correct.
I have been calling him for many days. The word 'from' will be replaced by 'for'.The word 'for' is used to show a period of time, in the past, present or future. The word 'since' is used to refer to a time.

138. Option (3) is correct.
The idiom 'a wild-goose chase' is a complicated or lengthy and usually fruitless pursuit or search.

139. Option (1) is correct.
Kayra has composed the melody wonderfully. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice and vice versa. The pattern of Active Voice of present perfect tense is: S + has/have + V3 + O.

140. Option (1) is correct.
The correct answer is : To have passion or great intelligence underneath a calm expression. 'Still waters run deep' means. Example: Don't go by her appearance and personality, still waters run deep. She is a great thinker and philosopher.

141. Option (4) is correct.
A thief stole his gold ornaments. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice and vice versa. The pattern of active voice in simple past is: Subject + V1 + object.

142. Option (4) is correct.
Four employees were promoted by the management. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice. The pattern of passive voice in simple past is: object + was/were + V3 + by + Subject.

143. Option (1) is correct.
When will you be awarded for your achievements? The part 'you will be award' is incorrect, hence it must be replaced by 'will you be awarded'. The structure of a sentence in interrogative sentence is: question word + auxiliary verb + pronoun/noun + main verb + object.

144. Option (2) is correct.
They said that they would come home that evening. In indirect speech, 'that' is added after the reporting verb (in assertive sentences); 'will' changes to 'would' and 'this' changes to 'that'.

145. Option (4) is correct.
'Modest' means having or showing a moderate or humble estimate of one's merits. Therefore, the synonym is 'demure' (reserved).

146. Option (2) is correct.
The tsunami last week killed thousands of people in Japan. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice and vice versa. The pattern of active voice in simple past is: Subject + V1 + object.

147. Option (3) is correct.
Are you sure that you will be broadcasting the news to everyone across the country? The part 'you will be broadcasting the news' shall replace 'you will be broadcast the news'. The sentence will be in future continuous tense (will + be + verb-ing) to represent an event or action that is happening at a certain point in time in the future.

148. Option (3) is correct.
The boy asked if I liked my school. The reporting verbs such as 'said/ said to' (if present) changes to enquired, asked. Simple present changes to past tense, the structure is: asked/ enquired + if + noun/pronoun + verb + object.

149. Option (4) is correct.
Extraordinary students are independent thinkers and creators who learn best when their training is dynamic, approachable and project-based. Here, 'controlled thinkers and creators' will be replaced by 'independent thinkers and creators'.

150. Option (1) is correct.
The cycle was repaired by Katrina herself. The object of the verb in the Active Voice becomes the subject of the verb in the passive voice. The pattern of passive voice in simple past is: object + was/were + V3 + by + Subject.

151. Option (4) is correct.
'Profound' means showing a clear and deep understanding of serious matters. Thus, 'deep' is the appropriate synonym. (1) and (3) are antonyms.

152. Option (4) is correct.
"If you study hard, you will do well in the exam, and I will be proud of you, " said the teacher. To change indirect speech to direct, we use the reporting verb such as (say, said to) in its correct tense, and 'would' changes to 'will'.

153. Option (4) is correct.
The teacher recapitulates everything at the end of the class. Recapitulate means to summarise and state again the main points. 'Usurp' means 'take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.' 'Quenches' means 'satisfy (one's thirst) by drinking.'

154. Option (3) is correct.
BDAC. The connective 'As a result' in (D) is the consequence of (B). Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising children who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. (A) states an additional point of view- Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. (C) serves as the conclusion- The struggle to set limits has never been tougher—and the stakes have never been higher.

155. Option (1) is correct.
Bikanervala is a restaurant chain in India that is now famous all over the world. The part 'all ahead the world' will be replaced by 'all over the world.' 'Over' is the correct preposition.

156. Option (1) is correct.
DCBA. The passage is about Male birds. So, (D) is the starting sentence by introducing Male birds as the principal architects and craftsman in the colony of weaver birds. This is elucidated in (C)- They pick the location and begin weaving their bottle-shaped nests out of coarse grass and paddy leaves. This continues in (B)- The birds arrive and choose their nest after careful inspection, after arriving and choosing their nest after careful inspection, the task of feeding the brood is left to the lady birds (A).

157. Option (3) is correct.
Not only did the manager give me a refund, but he also offered me a 50% discount on my next meal. 'Not only the manager give me a refund' will be replaced by 'Not only did the manager give me a refund'. It is a rule that, the verb 'do/ did' always takes the base form of verb, not past tense.

158. Option (4) is correct.
ABCD. (A) starts the paragraph - The expansion of education in English, the language of modern science, during British rule was extremely beneficial to Indian science. This is established in the next sentence in (B) 'The creation of three universities in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras in 1857 gave the study of science a boost.' Out of these, the one in Calcutta had the first scientific research facility called the Indian organisation for the growth of science (C). It quickly began to dominate scientific endeavours in India before independence (D).

159. Option (2) is correct.
The new student hails from the wealthy societies of the Eastern India. The word 'affluent' means 'rich/wealthy'.

160. Option (1) is correct.
'Jubilant' means 'feeling or expressing great happiness'. So, 'despondent' (disappointed) is the correct antonym.

161. Option (3) is correct.
The coach believed that his team was not playing to its potential in the tournament. The part 'his team was not' will replace 'team were not' because the team is a collective noun representing a single unit, hence a singular verb 'was' is to be used.

162. Option (2) is correct.
'Commotion' is a state of confused and noisy disturbance. Thus, 'bustle' (movement) is the correct synonym.

163. Option (3) is correct.
The spirit of the room was very cheerful in his absence. Gloomy means 'low-spirited', thus the antonym is 'cheerful'.

164. Option (2) is correct.
I have been mulling over the two options in my head and I think we should go with the first one. The phrase 'mulling over' implies ' to give serious and careful thought to mull over the idea for a while'. Here, the two options were being carefully contemplated.

165. Option (4) is correct.
Unless he had permission from his parents, he wouldn't travel alone. 'Unless he had permission from his parents' will replace 'Unless he has permission from his parents'. The sentence is in past tense as indicated by 'he wouldn't travel alone', hence past perfect tense. Permission is taken 'from' his parents.

166. Option (2) is correct.
A phishing is a type of attack in which an attacker attempts to gain access to a user's sensitive information by posing as a trustworthy entity. The passage is about 'Phishing attacks' and what it entails.

167. Option (1) is correct.
To protect against phishing attacks, it's important to be aware of the warning signs, such as requests for personal information or suspicious links. Being 'aware of' the warning signs can enable one to protect oneself against phishing attacks.

168. Option (4) is correct.
Other strategies include using anti-phishing software and staying up-to date on the latest updates. Since the sentence speaks of 'staying up-to date', it will be 'updates'.

169. Option (3) is correct.
If you suspect that you've fallen victim to a phishing attack, it's important to take measures as soon as possible. Whenever a person senses danger, he is expected to take measures (actions) as soon as possible.

170. Option (2) is correct.
Despite the risks associated with phishing, many people continue to fall prey to these scams, underscoring the importance of vigilance and caution when using the internet. Vigilance means 'more careful attention, especially in order to notice possible danger'.

171. Option (2) is correct.
A man is not bad by birth but circumstances make him bad. 'By birth' is the correct phrase.

172. Option (2) is correct.
He was a kind man and wanted to join a travelling circus. A travelling circus refers to a travelling company of entertainers.

173. Option (2) is correct.
His ambition was not fulfilled as his parents did not agree. 'As' is the correct conjunction to focus more on the result than the reason.

174. Option (2) is correct.
He held his family and society responsible for the frustration of his dreams. 'Holding someone responsible' (accountable) is the correct expression.

175. Option (2) is correct.
Therefore, he became aloof with everyone. 'Aloof' means 'distant'.

176. Option (2) is correct.
The expansive landscape stretched as far as the eye could see, its vastness seeming endless. Landscape refers to a picture representing a view of natural inland scenery.

177. Option (1) is correct.
Majestic mountains towered in the distance, their peaks covered by a thin layer of snow. Peaks are roofed by a thin layer of snow.

178. Option (4) is correct.
A gentle breeze whispered through the lustrous trees, rustling their vibrant leaves. Lustrous means 'having a sheen or glow'. Withered , shrinking and shrivelled mean the same.

179. Option (4) is correct.
The air carried the sweet fragrance of the flowers, filling the surroundings with a delightful aroma. The sweet fragrance of the flowers is carried through the air.

180. Option (4) is correct.
As the sun began to set, the sky transformed into a radiant canvas, painted with hues of orange, pink, and gold. Hues imply 'a colour or shade'.

181. Option (4) is correct.
The adventurous traveller embarked on a journey through uncharted lands, seeking adventure and discovery. All these acts prove that the journey was adventurous.

182. Option (4) is correct.
The adventurous traveller embarked on a journey through uncharted lands. The voyage through uncharted lands, seeking adventure and discovery can be termed as a journey.

183. Option (2) is correct.
Armed with a tattered map and a curious spirit, he ventured into the dense forest. The use of 'with' suggests 'having or carrying something /using something'.

184. Option (3) is correct.
Armed with a tattered map and a curious spirit, he ventured into the dense forest where the air was thick with the sounds of wildlife that echoed through the trees. It is evident that 'sound' can be echoed through the trees.

185. Option (1) is correct.
With unwavering determination, he pushed forward, drawn by the allure of the unknown. The word 'unwavering' (steadfast) confirms that 'resolve' fits the context.

186. Option (4) is correct.
As per the passage, 'According to Javed, the spider uses the shape of the magical hat during the day to hide from predators and look like a dried leaf.' Thus, it is correct that the spider uses the shape of magical hats to hide.

187. Option (4) is correct.
It is stated that Rajashree Khalap, a conservationist works for the wildlife non-profit Satpuda Foundation.

188. Option (1) is correct.
The very first statement 'Is there a connection between the new spider found and Harry Potter, the popular boy wizard from JK Rowling's books' affirms the appropriateness of the answer.

189. Option (2) is correct.
Evolution is 'a process of change in a certain direction'. Thus, the synonym is 'development'.

190. Option (1) is correct.
The spider, bears a striking resemblance to the Sorting Hat from JK Rowling's Harry Potter books. The name is both a reference to the Harry Potter series and a way to draw more attention to the eight-legged creatures. The spider uses the shape of the magical hat during the day to hide from predators and look like a dried leaf. The passage is about this species of spider, so any general title is not justified. Therefore, the most appropriate title is: The Sorting Hat Spider.

191. Option (2) is correct.
Sulochana learned the intricacies of the craft under the guidance of Bhalji Pendharkar.

192. Option (2) is correct.
The very first line reaffirms that Sulochana Latkar was an important link between Hindi and Marathi cinema.

193. Option (2) is correct.
Option (1) is confirmed in 'Sulochana Latkar, passed away in Mumbai at 94 from age-related complications.' The fact that she was a contemporary of Nirupa Roy is explicitly stated in the passage. Sulochana Latkar played a motherly role in most of her films is also mentioned in the passage. Her native place was Kolhapur, not Gurdaspur.

194. Option (3) is correct.
Sulochana Latkar, passed away in Mumbai at 94 from age-related complications.

195. Option (4) is correct.
RQPS. Sulochana Latkar acted in Sasurrvas. She joined the famous Jaiprabha Studios. She moved to Bombay cinema. She passed away in Mumbai at 94.

196. Option (2) is correct.
In the sentence, 'In recent years, technology has revolutionised various aspects of our lives, including communication, education, and entertainment', 'revolutionised' means to change drastically. These changes are established in the next lines of the passage.

197. Option (2) is correct.
The part 'providing a vast array of movies', imply 'a wide variety of movies'.

198. Option (4) is correct.
It is explicitly stated in the passage that technology has revolutionised communication, education, and entertainment.

199. Option (1) is correct.
The sentence, 'With the rise of smartphones and social media platforms, people can now connect and interact with each other more easily than ever before' smartphones and social media platforms have made people more connected and interactive.

200. Option (3) is correct.
The statement 'Online learning platforms have also gained popularity, allowing individuals to acquire new skills and knowledge from the comfort of their homes clarifies that one advantage of online learning platforms is that they provide opportunities to learn from home.