STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION

SOLVED PAPER

(13th October 2023: Shift-1)

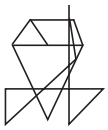
Time Allotted- 2 hours **Max marks-** 200

General Intelligence & Reasoning

1. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different.
1. JPKM **2.** FUGI **3.** DWEG **4.** KPLN

2. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.
B _ V _ _ T _ G B T _ G _ _ V G
1. T G B V V B T **2.** T G G B V B G
3. G T B V V B G **4.** T G B V G V B

3. Select the option in which the given figure is embedded (rotation is NOT allowed).

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

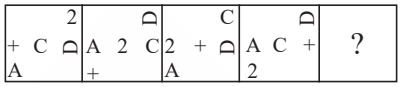
4. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
131, 133, 181, ?, 239
1. 183 **2.** 193 **3.** 229 **4.** 185

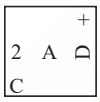
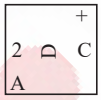
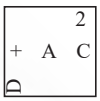
5. Select the word-pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the pair of words given below. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word.)
CD : Computer
1. Pen : Paper **2.** Engine : Scooter
3. Card : Greeting **4.** Pin : Safety

6. 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 keys are locks.
All locks are handles.
Conclusions:
I. All locks are keys.
II. All handles are keys.
1. Only conclusion I follows
2. Only conclusion II follows
3. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
4. Both conclusions I and II follow

7. Which letter-cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series?
SWBM, OSXI, ?, GKPA, CGLW
1. KOTD **2.** KOTF **3.** KOTE **4.** KOUE

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



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

9. Six colleagues - J, K, L, M, N and O - are sitting in two rows, 3 people in each row, which are in front of each other. There is equal distance between adjacent persons. Each person in a row faces another person from the other row. M is the immediate neighbour of L. J is sitting second to the left of L. N is not sitting at any end of the row. O, who is the immediate neighbour of N, is sitting diagonally opposite to J.
Who among the following is sitting in front of M?
1. J **2.** N **3.** L **4.** O

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

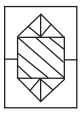
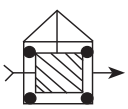
1. **2.** **3.** **4.**

11. If × means ÷, ÷ means +, − means ×, + means –, then what will be the correct answer of the following equation?
175 × 25 – 5 ÷ 20 + 3 – 10 = ?
1. 30 **2.** 25 **3.** 20 **4.** 35

12. 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?
34 B 4 D 16 C 30 A 2 = ?
1. 135 **2.** 137 **3.** 138 **4.** 136

13. In a group of seven friends Mysha, Myra, Heer, Tia, Yash, Sia and Aarav each has a different height. Sia is third tallest among her friends. Mysha is third shortest among the friends. Aarav is taller than Yash and Sia. Heer and Tia are shorter than Myra. Aarav is not the tallest in the group. Who is the tallest of them all?
1. Heer **2.** Yash **3.** Myra **4.** Tia

14. Select the option in which the given figure is embedded (rotation is NOT allowed).

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

15. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.
B _ _ CM_ NDC _ BN _ _ M _ _ DCM

1. NDBMCDNB **2.** NDBMDCBN
3. DNBMDCBN **4.** NDBMCDBN

16. 'E + F' means 'E is the father of F'
'E – F' means 'E is the sister of F'
'E × F' means 'E is the brother of F'
'E ÷ F' means 'E is the son of F'
If 'B – C + Z × G + Q', how is C related to Q?
1. Son **2.** Son's Son
3. Father's Father **4.** Brother

17. Point A is 35 m to the north of Point B. Point C is 28 m to the west of Point B. Point D is 25 m to the south of Point C. Point E is 14 m to the west of Point D. Point F is 40 m to the north of Point E. In which direction is Point B with respect to Point F?
1. West **2.** North-east **3.** North **4.** South-east

18. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
28, 39, 61, 94, 138, ?
1. 204 **2.** 195 **3.** 193 **4.** 182

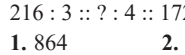
19. If F = C < B = E and D < C = A < E, then which of the following options is NOT correct?
1. A < B **2.** E > D **3.** A = F **4.** A > E

20. 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 copies are pillows.
Some pillows are laptops.
Some laptops are pens.
Conclusions:
I. Some copies are laptops.
II. Some pillows are pens.
III. Some pens are laptops.
IV. Some pens are pillows.
1. Only conclusion IV follows.
2. Only conclusion I follows.
3. Only conclusion II follows.
4. Only conclusion III follows.

21. Select the option that represents the correct order of the given words as they would appear in an English dictionary.
1. Logwood **2.** Logarithm **3.** Logically **4.** Logophile
5. Logistic **6.** Logotype
1. 2, 3, 5, 1, 4, 6 **2.** 2, 5, 3, 4, 6, 1
3. 2, 3, 5, 4, 6, 1 **4.** 2, 5, 3, 6, 1, 4

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

M
h A 2 9 d q
N

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

23. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?
112, 103, 94, 85, 76, ?
1. 63 **2.** 77 **3.** 67 **4.** 72

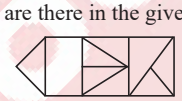
24. Select the option that is related to the fourth number in the same way as the first number is related to the second number and the fifth number is related to the sixth number.
216 : 3 :: ? : 4 :: 1728 : 6
1. 864 **2.** 728 **3.** 946 **4.** 512

25. Pointing to a boy, Megha said, "He is the only son of my grandfather's only child."
How is the boy related to Megha?
1. Daughter's son **2.** Father's brother
3. Brother **4.** Son

26. Select the option that indicates the correct arrangement of the given words in the order in which they appear in an English dictionary.
1. Languish **2.** Larder **3.** Lantern **4.** Languid
5. Lapse
1. 14523 **2.** 15432 **3.** 34521 **4.** 41352

27. Two statements are given followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
Some windows are doors.
No window is a cupboard.
Conclusions:
I. No cupboard is a door.
II. Some doors are definitely not cupboard.
1. Both conclusions I and II follow
2. Only conclusion I follows
3. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
4. Only conclusion II follows

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



1. 11 **2.** 8 **3.** 10 **4.** 9

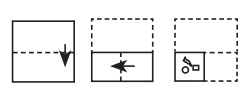
29. Select the option that is related to the fifth number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number and the fourth number is related to the third number.
14 : 21 :: 12 : 18 :: 50 : ?
1. 125 **2.** 155 **3.** 75 **4.** 100

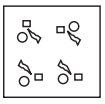
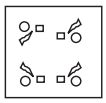
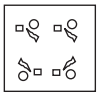
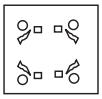
30. 8 friends – Jake, Ken, Lily, Dev, Mini, Nancy, Om and Polly are sitting around a square table such that four of them are sitting at the corners of the table and the other four are sitting in the middle of each of the four sides. All are sitting facing the centre. Neither Jake nor Om is an immediate neighbour of Mini. Lily is sitting fourth to the left of Om. Nancy is not sitting in the middle of any of the sides. Om is sitting second to the right of Jake. Jake is not sitting in the middle of any of the sides. Mini is sitting in the middle of one of the sides. Only one person is sitting between Ken and Mini. Polly is not an immediate neighbour of Om.
Who is sitting fourth to the right of Jake?
1. Lily **2.** Nancy **3.** Mini **4.** Om

31. Sonu was born on June 15, 1992, on what day of the week was he born?
1. Sunday **2.** Wednesday **3.** Monday **4.** Tuesday

32. Shalini drives 5 km North, then she turns East and drives 12 km. After this, she turns North and drives 4 km. Again she turns East and drives 5 km. What is the total distance covered by Shalini?
1. 22 km **2.** 9 km **3.** 12 km **4.** 26 km

33. 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.** 

34. Select the option that is related to the fifth number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number and the fourth number is related to the third number.
35 : 1225 :: 55 : 3025 :: 75 : ?
1. 5525 **2.** 6656 **3.** 8725 **4.** 5625

35. Three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and one is different.
Pick the odd one out.
1. TVGE **2.** RTIG **3.** PRKJ **4.** HJSQ

36. Select the option that is related to the fifth number in the same way as the second number is related to the first number and the fourth number is related to the third number.
9 : 84 :: 25 : 630 :: 16 : ?
1. 525 **2.** 625 **3.** 290 **4.** 260

37. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
39, 51, 75, 111, ?
1. 159 **2.** 163 **3.** 145 **4.** 153

38. 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 /Substract /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.)
(4, 8, 35)
(3, 5, 23)
1. (5, 11, 46) **2.** (6, 14, 59)
3. (7, 17, 75) **4.** (10, 34, 139)

39. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements:
(1) Some trousers are pants.
(2) All pants are jeans.
(3) All jeans are coats.
Conclusions:
I. All pants are coats.
II. At least some trousers are jeans
1. Both conclusions I and II follow
2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows
3. Only conclusion II follows
4. Only conclusion I follows

40. Select the option that is related to the third word in the same way as the second word is related to the first word.
(The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word.)
Taj Mahal : India :: Statue of Liberty : ?
1. Africa **2.** United States of America
3. England **4.** Australia

41. If '−' means '÷', '×' means '+', '÷' means '×' and '+' means '−' what will be the value of the following expression?
(15 + 9 × (4 × 5)) - (3 ÷ 1) ÷ 2
1. 15 **2.** 10 **3.** 5 **4.** 20

42. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series.
S _ _ K B _ F H _ B S F _ K _ S F _ _ B
1. F H S K H B H K **2.** F H S K H K H K
3. F H S H K B H K **4.** F H S K B H H K

43. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series.
18, 21, 27, 36, ?
1. 48 **2.** 54 **3.** 51 **4.** 45

44. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are written on different faces of a dice. Three different positions of the same dice are shown below. Find the number on the face opposite to the one showing '2'.

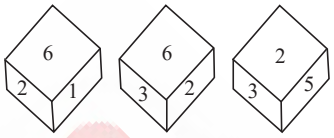


Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3

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

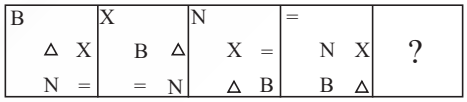
45. If A denotes '÷', B denotes '×', C denotes '−', and D denotes '+', then what will be the value of the following expression?
60 D 4 B 330 A 3 C 100 = ?
1. 408 **2.** 400 **3.** 404 **4.** 402

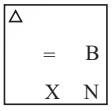
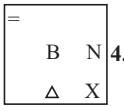
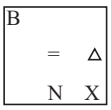
46. If '+' means '−', '−' means '×', '×' means '÷' and '÷' means '+', what will come in place of '?' in the following equation?
62 ÷ 12 × 3 – 8 + 5 = ?
1. 89 **2.** 94 **3.** 87 **4.** 99

47. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to replace "A" which balances the following equation.
48 A 12 A 24 A 3 A 8 A 5 A 4
1. −, +, ×, =, ÷, + **2.** −, +, ÷, =, ×, +
3. −, +, ÷, ×, =, + **4.** +,−, ÷, ×, =, +

48. In a certain code language, 'STORM' is written as '12694' and 'TREND' is written as '29554'. How will 'WATER' be written in that language?
1. 43216 **2.** 23564 **3.** 23968 **4.** 51259

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



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

50. 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.
124 : 4 :: 217 : 7 :: ? : 9
1. 315 **2.** 279 **3.** 330 **4.** 216

General Awareness

51. Which of the following is NOT a part of the infrastructure sector?
1. Power **2.** Agriculture **3.** Dams **4.** Highways

52. Junagadh inscription of Kathiawar is related to which of the following kings?
1. Kanishka **2.** Narasimhavarman
3. Rudradaman I **4.** Gautamiputra Satakarni

53. Who among the following is the author of the book 'India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy'?
1. Anuja Chauhan **2.** Sandhya Menon
3. Ravinder Singh **4.** Ramchandra Guha

54. The paintings in the Bagh caves belong to which of the following periods?
1. Maurya **2.** Maukhari **3.** Chola **4.** Gupta

55. As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index Progress Report 2023, which of the following states registered the steepest decline in the number of MPI poor?
1. Uttarakhand **2.** Himachal Pradesh
3. Assam **4.** Uttar Pradesh

56. Which article of the Constitution of India mentions that "there shall be a Public Service Commission for the Union and a Public Service Commission for each State"?
1. 315 (4) **2.** 315 (1) **3.** 315 (2) **4.** 315 (3)

57. Which subdivision of ecology is sometimes defined as 'species ecology' and is also associated with physiological ecology?
1. Synecology **2.** Autecology
3. Palaeontology **4.** Ornithology

58. Who among the following was an exponent of classical Carnatic music?
1. Abdul Karim Khan **2.** Dr. Balamuralikrishna
3. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi **4.** Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali

59. Who among the following musicians is given credit for collaborating with the famous band 'The Beatles'?
1. Pandit Ravi Shankar
2. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
3. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
4. Pandit Kumar Gandharva

60. Which chemical compound is present in hard plastic such as drinking water bottles and many household items?
1. Heptachlor **2.** Trifluralin
3. Chrome alum **4.** Bisphenol A

61. Where was the headquarters of the Dev Samaj located?
1. Calcutta **2.** Bombay **3.** Poona **4.** Lahore

62. In March 2023, Jan Aushadhi Train was flagged off by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw at which of the following places?
1. Chennai **2.** Kolkata **3.** New Delhi **4.** Mumbai

63. The Garo, Khasi and Jaintia hills are a subdivision of:
1. Barak basin **2.** Meghalaya plateau
3. Surma basin **4.** Assam valley

64. Potato chips manufacturers usually flush bags of chips with gas such as nitrogen primarily to:
1. prevent the chips from getting oxidised
2. prevent the chips from getting broken during transport
3. make the packets look bigger for commercial advantages
4. prevent decomposition of the chips by bacteria action

65. The first South Asian Federation Games was held in _____ in _____.
1. 1951, New Delhi **2.** 1983, Dhaka
3. 1984, Kathmandu **4.** 1981, New Delhi

66. Who has been awarded the title 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking, an international economic research journal?
1. Urjit Patel **2.** Raghuram Rajan
3. Shaktikanta Das **4.** Gita Gopinath

67. Which of the following are common sedimentary rocks?
1. Limestone, bauxite and Non-foliated rocks
2. Non-foliated rocks, granite and shale
3. Sandstone, limestone, and shale
4. Sandstone, bauxite and foliated rocks

68. In which year was the Men's cricket world cup started?
1. 1985 **2.** 1970 **3.** 1980 **4.** 1975

69. A concave spherical mirror has radius of curvature of 30 cm. An object was placed 15 cm away of the pole in front of the mirror on the principal axis. Choose the correct option for the position, size and nature of the image formed, respectively.
1. At the focus, highly diminished point-sized, real and inverted
2. At infinity, highly enlarged, real and inverted
3. Behind the mirror, enlarged, virtual and erect
4. Between Focus and Centre, diminished, real and inverted

70. According to the Planning Commission of India (2011-12). Match the following states with the percentage of the population below the poverty line.

States	% of the Population below poverty line
1. Mizoram	a. 20.40
2. Nagaland	b. 18.88
3. Odisha	c. 32.59

1. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c **2.** 1-b, 2-a, 3-c
3. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a **4.** 1-a, 2-c, 3-b

71. In which year was the football world cup started?
1. 1928 **2.** 1934 **3.** 1930 **4.** 1932

72. Which of the following was enacted in 1860 in British India?
1. Indian Evidence Act
2. Indian Penal Code
3. The Permanent Settlement of Bengal
4. Hindu Widow's Remarriage Act

73. Which of the following performance categories belongs to Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra and Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Yuva Prativa Sunman?
1. Odissi dance and music
2. Karnataka dance and music
3. Manipuri dance and music
4. Maharashtra dance and music

74. Who is the Union Minister of Power, as of January 2023?
1. Piyush Goyal **2.** Raj Kumar Singh
3. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat **4.** Smriti Irani

75. Which of the following companies had constructed Asia's first cross-country pipeline as a mode of transport for liquids and gases over long distances?
1. Indian Oil Corporation
2. Oil India Limited
3. Bharat Petroleum
4. Oil and Natural Gas Corpoation

76. Which of the following is NOT considered as the reason for the failure of the Third Five-Year Plan in achievement of its targets?
1. Change of government **2.** Chinese aggression
3. Indo-Pak war **4.** Severe drought

77. The maximum limit on microfinance loans for NBFCs other than NBFC-MFIs is _____ .
1. 75% of the total assets **2.** 25% of the total equity
3. 85% of the total loans **4.** 25% of the total assets

78. The rivers Bhagirathi and Alaknanda meet to form river:
1. Ganga **2.** Yamuna **3.** Ravi **4.** Jhelum

79. Which of the following locations is famous for having a hemispherical domestructured monument?
1. Jashpur **2.** Kolhapur **3.** Ranchi **4.** Sanchi

80. Athletics Federation of India was formed in _____.
1. 1948 **2.** 1936 **3.** 1950 **4.** 1946

81. Select the correct chronological arrangement of Pandit Birju Maharaj's achievements for his contributions to Indian dance:
(A) He received National Film Award for Best Choreography for the film Vishwaroopam.
(B) He received Padma Vibhushan for his dedication towards Indian dance.
(C) He received Filmfare Award for Best Choreography for the film Bajirao Mastani.
1. (A), (B), (C) **2.** (A), (C), (B)
3. (B), (A), (C) **4.** (C), (B), (A)

82. Who among the following received the Padma Shri 2021 in the field of Art for his/her contribution to Indian dance?
1. Hemant Chauhan **2.** Premjit Baria
3. Radhe Shyam Barle **4.** Vani Jairam

83. After the breakup of Bahmani kingdom how many independent states arose?
1. 5 **2.** 4 **3.** 3 **4.** 6

84. When was the cement industry in India totally decontrolled?
1. 1982 **2.** 1991 **3.** 1989 **4.** 1980

85. What is the most often described as gymnastics and dance on horseback?
1. Barrel racing **2.** Jousting
3. Steeplechase **4.** Equestrian vaulting

86. In 1850, Kashmir was sold under which of the following treaties to the Dogra dynasty of Jammu?
1. Treaty of Sugauli **2.** Treaty of Amritsar
3. Treaty of Allahabad **4.** Treaty of Purandar

87. The stratosphere extend above the tropopause up to:
1. 30 km **2.** 60 km **3.** 50 km **4.** 40 km

88. Which of the following is an invisible biological hazard in food?
1. Molds **2.** Fly **3.** Weevils **4.** Worms

89. Which of the following is the correct sequence of alkaline earth metals, according to atomic number?
1. Ba < Mg < Ca < Sr < Be **2.** Be < Mg < Sr < Ca < Ba
3. Mg < Be < Ca < Sr < Ba **4.** Be < Mg < Ca < Sr < Ba

90. According to the census of India 2011, which group of Union Territories of India has the highest literacy rate?
1. Chandigarh and Daman and Diu
2. Andaman and The Nicobar Islands and Puducherry
3. Lakshadweep and Daman and Diu
4. Daman and Diu and Delhi

91. Which cellular structure controls cell motility, adhesion, and polarity at interphase, and facilitates the organisation of spindle poles during mitosis?
1. Lysosomes **2.** Centrosomes
3. Glyoxysomes **4.** Peroxisomes

92. In which month, as per the Hindu calendar, is the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir Swami celebrated?
1. Chaitra **2.** Kartik **3.** Vaisakha **4.** Magha

93. Which of the following is the oldest dated fort in India?
1. Golconda Fort **2.** Srirangapatna Fort
3. Kangra Fort **4.** Mehrangarh Fort

94. Which of the following is a folk dance from the state of Maharashtra?
1. Garba **2.** Dhangari Gaja
3. Ghoomar **4.** Bhangra

95. Which of the following is NOT related to Food Safety Management Systems?
1. Good Handling Practices (GHP)
2. Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
3. Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP)
4. Risk of injury

96. The first Governor of RBI was _____.
1. Sir CD Deshmukh **2.** Sir Osborne Smith
3. HVR Iyengar **4.** NC Sen Gupta

97. Which of the following articles protects a person from being punished more than once for the same offence?
1. Article 21 **2.** Article 23 **3.** Article 20 **4.** Article 22

98. Chethiyagiri Vihara Festival is organised in which state?
1. Telangana **2.** Madhya Pradesh
3. Himachal Pradesh **4.** Tripura

99. Who is the Chief Minister of Gujarat, as of January 2023?
1. Vijay Rupani **2.** Bhupesh Baghel
3. Bhupendra Patel **4.** Anandi Patel

100. Who among the following wrote the novel 'Kitne Pakistan', which won the Sahitya Akademi Award?
1. Kamleshwar **2.** Rajeshwar Singh
3. Shrilal Shukla **4.** Amrita Pritam

English Comprehension

101. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Exactly
1. Torridly **2.** Costly **3.** Precisely **4.** Privately

102. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Adequate
1. Sufficient **2.** Ancient **3.** Efficient **4.** Competent

103. Select the idiom that best describes the underlined segment.
You shouldn't stress much. <u>This unpleasant situation could be hiding something positive in it</u>.
1. hit the nail on the head
2. over the moon
3. on cloud nine
4. every cloud has a silver lining

104. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error.
Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
She have been spending / all her money on her flat / to make it more decorative.
1. No error **2.** All her money on her flat
3. To make it more decorative **4.** She have been spending

105. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Decadent
1. Enflamed **2.** Virtuous **3.** Muffled **4.** Fluorescent

106. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
She exclaimed delightfully, "What a beautiful sunset!"
1. She exclaimed with delight that it was a beautiful sunset.
2. She exclaimed that it was a beautiful sunset.
3. She exclaimed with delight on seeing the beautiful sunset!
4. She exclaimed delightedly about the sunset.

107. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
As twilight settled / upon the bustling city, / its streets come alive with / a symphony of flickering lights.
1. its streets come alive with
2. a symphony of flickering lights
3. upon the bustling city
4. As twilight settled

108. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The teacher gave the assignments to the students.
1. The teacher was given assignments to the students.
2. The students were given the assignments by the teacher.
3. The students had been given the assignments.
4. The students are given the assignments.

109. 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'.
It is easier to learn English than to learn German.
1. not to learn German **2.** No substitution required
3. than learn German **4.** learning than German

110. 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. Manali Kallat Vainu Bappu is the first Indian astronomer whose name is associated with a comet.
B. He is the first Indian astronomer whose name is associated with an observatory.
C. He has the credit of being the first Indian to preside the International Astronomical Union.
D. He is also associated with an astronomical phenomenon.
1. CDAB **2.** ABCD **3.** DCBA **4.** BCDA

111. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
When the thief sees the sentry at the main gate, he managed to escape from the side gate.
1. seeing the sentry **2.** has seen the sentry
3. saw the sentry **4.** see the sentry

112. 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. Many experts recommend that you exercise for 30 minutes every day, 5-6 days a week.
B. Regular exercise is one of the most effective and simple ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
C. Something as basic as 30 minutes of brisk walking or stretching can add several healthy years to your life.
D. Regular exercise can help you manage your weight, build your bones and muscles, and lower your risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.
1. DBCA **2.** DCBA **3.** ACBD **4.** BDAC

113. Select the most appropriate meaning for the given idiom.
Mincing walk
1. Giant and huge garden **2.** Show and tell arena
3. Big and large house **4.** Small and delicate steps

114. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
I don't think / I can go throughout / the process of raising / two children on my own.
1. Two children on my own **2.** I can go throughout
3. I don't think **4.** The process of raising

115. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
Louise said that it was getting late.
1. Louise said, "It was got late."
2. Louise said, "It got late."
3. Louise said, "It gets late."
4. Louise said, "It is getting late."

116. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice.
Ankur answered all the questions correctly in the interview.
1. All the questions have been answered correctly by Ankur in the interview.
2. In the interview all the questions are answered correctly by Ankur
3. All the questions had been answered correctly by Ankur in the interview.
4. All the questions were answered correctly by Ankur in the interview.

117. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The company is launching a new product next month.
1. A new product is being launched by the company next month.
2. A new product would be launched by the company next month.
3. The company is being launching by a new product next month.
4. The company will be launching a new product next month.

118. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Timorous
1. Muggy **2.** Badgered **3.** Imbecilic **4.** Brazen

119. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech.
He said, "I will go and return quickly."
1. He said that he would go and I will return quickly.
2. He said that I would go and return quickly.
3. He said that he would go and return quickly.
4. He said that he will gone and returned quickly.

120. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Knowing that building the new park in the city centre would be a controversial issue, the mayor's office decided to let the public _____ with their concerns.
1. size up **2.** fill up **3.** weigh in **4.** beat to

121. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Frequent
1. Constant **2.** Rare **3.** Persistent **4.** Recurring

122. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Feeble
1. Rugged **2.** Stout **3.** Wimpy **4.** Stalwart

123. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Glorious
1. Keen **2.** Dull **3.** Splendid **4.** Immense

124. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Nandita was seeking a good research area where she could prepare a good proposal for submission.
1. A good research area was sought by Nandita where a good proposal could have prepared by her for submission.
2. A good research area was being sought by Nandita where a good proposal could be prepared by her for submission.
3. A good research area were sought by Nandita where a good proposal could prepare by her for submission.
4. A good research area had been sought by Nandita where a good proposal could have been prepared by her for submission.

125. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.
They have been living from hand-to-mouth since they lost their property in that case.
1. Deal with a troublesome person
2. Come to nothing
3. Have just enough money to spend on basic needs
4. Awkward situation

126. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
Shalini exclaimed that the painting was enchanting.
1. Shalini exclaimed, "Ahha! Look at the paintings!"
2. "Oh! What a painting!" thought Shalini.
3. "The painting was enchanting," said Shalini.
4. Shalini said, "Such an enchanting painting this is!"

127. 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 use of graphics helps in simplifying complicated concepts in subjects such as mathematics, biophysics, molecular biology and quantum mechanics.
B. Visual materials can also aid in the comprehension and elaboration of a learning segment.
C. Graphic images enhance students' motivation and interest while also speeding up learning.
D. The internet provides students with a range of visual elements and does not limit them to a single individual's interpretation.
1. ACBD **2.** CBDA **3.** DABC **4.** DCBA

128. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
She sat amid a / rocking chair, listening to / some music and / reminiscing about the past.
1. She sat amid a
2. Rocking chair, listening to
3. Reminiscing about the past
4. Some music and

129. 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. Development should include both material and non-material aspects of human existence.
A. But such development depletes renewable resources and adversely affects environment.
B. In the West, development is totally money-oriented.
C. Only the development which meets the needs of the present generation without disabling the future generations can be called sustainable.
D. This kind of development is not sustainable.
S6. Sustainable development is a positive attitude towards socio-economic problems with a wide involvement of the people.
1. ADBC **2.** BADC **3.** BCDA **4.** ACBD

130. Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom.
Irene <u>pulled a face</u> when she heard that John was coming for the meeting.
1. Show that you are kind and empathetic
2. Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression
3. Show that you get on extremely well with someone
4. Show that you are relaxed and in control

131. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The road <u>has been rough</u>, they abandoned their journey further.
1. be rough **2.** being rough
3. was rough **4.** had been rough

132. In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.
The judge was extremely angry at the attitude of the culprit.
1. Throw caution to the wind **2.** Back to the drawing board
3. Make one's blood boil **4.** Play by the ear

133. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.
The old man started to <u>blow his own trumpet</u> at the meeting.
1. Make fun of **2.** Support one's cause
3. Be friendly **4.** Talk boastfully about oneself

134. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice.
These parcels will be delivered later.
1. Later, these parcels will deliver somebody.
2. Somebody will be delivered with these parcels later.
3. Somebody will deliver these parcels later.
4. These parcels will deliver somebody later.

135. 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.'
She <u>is the eldest</u> member of our town.
1. No substitution **2.** is the old
3. is the elder **4.** is the oldest

136. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
Shops are not allowed / to remain open / after 8:00 pm / from the lockdown.
1. from the lockdown. **2.** after 8:00 pm
3. Shops are not allowed **4.** to remain open

137. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
She bakes the cake.
1. The cake is baked by her.
2. The cake has baked by her.
3. The cake had baked by her.
4. The cake will bake her.

138. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
Teena said that the servant might come the next day.
1. Teena said, "The servant will come tomorrow."
2. Teena said, "The servant will be coming tomorrow."
3. Teena said, "The servant may come today."
4. Teena said, "The servant may come tomorrow."

139. Select the option that contains a grammatical error in the underlined portion.
I didn't <u>sleep</u> well last night because the dog is barking.
1. I didn't sleep well last night because the <u>dog is barking</u>.
2. I didn't sleep well last night because the dog is barking.
3. I didn't sleep well <u>last night because</u> the dog is barking.
4. I didn't <u>sleep well</u> last night because the dog is barking.

140. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Frenzy
1. Copious **2.** Harmony **3.** Obscurity **4.** Haste

141. 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. Archaeologists are guys who have been meticulously excavating.
B. These people go through thick layers of dirt to investigate human artefacts, particularly those from the prehistoric era.
C. They have discovered old city ruins, strewn tools, and writing and pottery shards.
D. In an effort to find the solutions to numerous problems, they have attempted to put all these hints together like a huge jigsaw puzzle.
1. CBAD **2.** DCAB **3.** ABCD **4.** BDAC

142. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Principal
1. Flawless **2.** Major **3.** Minor **4.** Believable

143. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
The CEO announced that / the company's profits has / fallen significantly / in the last quarter.
1. The CEO announced that **2.** the company's profits has
3. fallen significantly **4.** in the last quarter

144. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Either my sisters or my brother are coming to the meeting.
1. my brother come **2.** my brothers is coming
3. my brother is coming **4.** my brother do not come

145. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Nominal
1. Identical **2.** Liberal **3.** Adroit **4.** Excessive

146. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.
Sonia said, "I have finished my meal."
1. Sonia said that she has finished her meal.
2. Sonia said that she had finished my meal.
3. Sonia said that she has finished my meal.
4. Sonia said that she had finished her meal.

147. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.
He bought a / pen; a / pen was silver / grey in colour.
1. pen was silver **2.** He bought a
3. grey in colour **4.** pen; a

148. Select the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.
The boy jumped _____ the sofa.
1. on **2.** of **3.** below **4.** in

149. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
My friend borrowed a large sum from me for investment in stocks but so far he hasn't had any considerable _____.
1. profit **2.** fund **3.** money **4.** sum

150. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
Police termed it as of riot on which two of their colleagues were killed and many spectators got injured.
1. as a riot in which two of their
2. as a riot though which two of their
3. as if riot about which two of their
4. as a riot for which two of their

151. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
The guard refused him admittance.
1. He is refused admittance by guard.
2. He was refused admittance by the guard.
3. Admittance wasn't given to him by the guard.
4. Admittance was refused.

152. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
He ordered for four cups of tea and some snacks.
1. order for four cups of tea
2. gave ordered for four cups of tea
3. ordered four cups of tea
4. ordered four for cups of tea

153. Select the option that can be used as a substitute for the underlined group of words.
Kajal has an inclination for history.
1. aptitude **2.** altitude **3.** attitude **4.** adoptive

154. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in direct speech.
Harish says that there is going to be a snowfall.
1. Harish says, "There was going to be a snowfall."
2. Harish says, "There will be going to be a snowfall."
3. Harish says, "There is going to be a snowfall."
4. Harish says, "There may be a snowfall."

155. You are discussing the poor actions of a colleague. Select a synonym for the highlighted word.
She was often oblivious to the potential consequences of her actions.
1. barely **2.** proficient **3.** obvious **4.** unaware

156. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The manager of the hotel requested the boarder to mention his whereabouts in the register.
1. motif of the heinous crime
2. reason of moral degradation
3. aftermath of the offence
4. place of residence

157. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error.
Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.
You must meet / Suyash sometime. / I think you like him.
1. You must meet **2.** Suyash sometime
3. I think you like him **4.** No error

158. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.
As the company's client base grew at an unexpected rate, management was forced to _____ some work until they could hire new staff.
1. man up **2.** dish out **3.** rat out **4.** farm out

159. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.
The old man advised him to always speak the truth.
1. The old man advised, "Truth be told."
2. "I advised you to always speak the truth," the old man said.
3. The old man said to him, "Always speak the truth."
4. "Truth shall always be spoken," advised the old man.

160. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
The knowledge and abilities that students are expected to master as they progress through the four years of high school are referred to as the high school curriculum.
1. deteriorate over **2.** grow with
3. advance through **4.** regress along

161. 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'.
Ravina was very sick today, and we will take her to the hospital as she gets worse.
1. we took her to the hospital now before she gets worse
2. we will take her to the hospital now before she gets worse
3. No substitution
4. we can take her to the hospital now before she get worse

162. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in direct speech.
She told me that she would come to the party.
1. She said, "I will come to the party."
2. She said, "I have to come to the party."
3. She said, "I was coming to the party."
4. She said, "I am coming to the party."

163. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
I await your response.
1. Your response have been awaited.
2. Your response was awaited.
3. Your response is awaited.
4. Your response had been awaited.

164. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
They didn't catch you, <u>are they</u>?
1. had they **2.** wasn't it **3.** did they **4.** didn't they

165. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice.
Do not make noise in the classroom.
1. Noise better not be made by you in the classroom.
2. Noise should not have been made by you in the classroom.
3. Noise cannot be made by you in the classroom.
4. Noise should not be made by you in the classroom.

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 concept of (1)_____ refers to the ability of an organism to change in response to its environment. Adaptation can occur through (2)_____, which involves genetic changes passed down from one generation to the next, or (3)_____ ontogeny, which involves changes in an individual's lifetime. Adaptation is a fundamental concept in biology, and it plays a crucial role in the (4) _____ of species over time. Organisms that are well-adapted (5)_____ their environment are more likely to survive and pass on their genes to future generations.

166. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.
1. genetics **2.** ecology **3.** evolution **4.** adaptation

167. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
1. mutation **2.** learning
3. modification **4.** conditioning

168. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
1. by **2.** since **3.** through **4.** from

169. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
1. classification **2.** management
3. extinction **4.** diversification

170. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
1. to **2.** of **3.** towards **4.** in

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 newspapers are the (1)_____ of day-to-day happenings in the world. They add to our (2)_____ not only about our own country but also about world affairs. The newspapers also express their opinions about social and political problems through their (3)_____. They, mould the readers into their own way of thinking. That is why the newspaper is considered a source of (4)_____. In a democracy, the press is a link between the government and the people. It gives news as to what the government is doing. It reflects public opinion as well. It teaches the citizens their rights and (5)_____.

171. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. location **2.** habitat **3.** warehouse **4.** storehouse

172. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. enjoyment **2.** knowledge **3.** declaration **4.** senses

173. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. design **2.** thoughts **3.** research **4.** editorials

174. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. entertainment **2.** refinement
3. enchantment **4.** power

175. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. remedies **2.** range
3. responsibilities **4.** regulations

Comprehension:
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.
(1)_____ need for school education reform is impossible to deny on countless fronts in India, from the rule of rote that's suboptimal for (2)_____, to pedagogies that instil fear of math (3)_____ students, especially girls. But while ideating reforms, education policymakers should remember what past experiments (4)_____ them. Remember CCE, continuous and comprehensive evaluation, which was ushered in with hosannas in 2009 but unceremoniously kicked out in 2017. All the turmoil and toil it (5)_____ amounted to zilch in the end. Good idea, poor execution, its epitaph reads.

176. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
1. The **2.** In **3.** A **4.** An

177. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.
1. be learnt **2.** learn **3.** learned **4.** learning

178. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
1. among **2.** of **3.** between **4.** on

179. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.
1. will teach **2.** teaches **3.** taught **4.** teaching

180. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.
1. generating **2.** are generate **3.** is generate **4.** generated

Comprehension:
In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.
Let others know ___1___ you are trying to routinely hold crucial conversations.___2___ what you are doing and why. Here it is worth to mention that over half a century ago, Dr. Kurt Lewin, the father of social psychology, ___3___ that when subjects made a public ___4___ to do something, they were more likely to stay the course than if they ___5___ their wishes to themselves. Tell people what your goals are.

181. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.
1. which **2.** that **3.** who **4.** what

182. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
1. Conceal **2.** Dream **3.** Explain **4.** Dramatize

183. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
1. learned **2.** knew **3.** exclaimed **4.** spoke

184. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
1. scene **2.** apology
3. commitment **4.** display

185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
1. flanked **2.** kept **3.** continue **4.** conceal

Comprehension:
Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
When I first moved to the city, I was taken aback by the pace of life. Everything was always moving, always in a rush. Cars honked their horns, people pushed and shoved their way through the crowds, and the noise was constant. At first, I found it exhilarating. I felt like I was part of something bigger than myself. But as the weeks turned into months, I began to feel overwhelmed.
I noticed that I was becoming increasingly anxious. I was having trouble sleeping, and my thoughts were constantly racing. I knew that I needed to do something to slow down and find some peace. That's when I discovered meditation.
At first, I was sceptical. I had always thought of meditation as something only hippies and yogis did. But I was desperate, so I gave it a try. I found a quiet place in my apartment, sat down cross-

legged, and closed my eyes. At first, my mind was still racing, but I focused on my breath and tried to let go of my thoughts. Slowly, I felt my body relax, and my mind grew calmer.

Over the next few weeks, I began to notice the effects of my meditation practice. I felt less anxious and more centred. I was able to sleep better, and I felt more focused during the day. I started to see the world around me with new eyes. The noise and chaos of the city no longer bothered me as much. I felt more in control of my thoughts and emotions.

As I continued to meditate, I started to make other changes in my life. I started to eat healthier, exercise more, and spend more time outside. I found that these small changes had a big impact on my overall sense of well-being. I realised that the frenzied pace of city life had been taking a toll on me, and that I needed to take better care of myself.

Looking back, I can see how my decision to start meditating had a ripple effect on my life. It was the catalyst for a series of changes that have made me a happier and healthier person.

I'm still amazed at how something as simple as sitting down and closing my eyes for a few minutes each day could have such a profound impact.

In conclusion, the fast-paced life of the city had a negative effect on my mental and physical health. But by taking the time to meditate and make other positive changes, I was able to improve my overall well-being. I encourage anyone feeling overwhelmed or stressed to give meditation a try. You never know how it might change your life.

186. How does the author organise the passage?
- **1.** By describing the history of meditation
- **2.** By providing scientific evidence for the benefits of meditation
- **3.** By presenting personal experiences with meditation
- **4.** By listing different types of meditation

187. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the passage?
- **1.** The Best Ways to Improve Your Habits
- **2.** The Benefits of Meditation for a Healthier Life
- **3.** The Benefits of a High-Protein Diet for Muscle Building
- **4.** A Note to My Future Self

188. What is the subject of this passage?
- **1.** The benefits of exercise for mental health.
- **2.** The benefits of meditation for a healthier life.
- **3.** The benefits of eating healthy for physical health.
- **4.** The benefits of socialising for emotional well-being.

189. How did the author feel after meditating for a few weeks?
- **1.** More anxious and overwhelmed
- **2.** More relaxed and calmer
- **3.** More energised and restless
- **4.** Less centred and focused

190. How does the author describe his experiences with meditation?
- **1.** In a detached and analytical manner
- **2.** In a personal and reflective manner
- **3.** In a formal and technical manner
- **4.** In a dismissive and sarcastic manner

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the question that follows.

There are three main groups of oils: animal, vegetable, and mineral. Great quantities of animal oil come from whales, creatures of the sea, which are the largest of the remaining animals in the world. To protect the whales from the cold of the Arctic seas, nature has provided them with a thick covering of fat, called blubber. When the whale is killed, the blubber is stripped off and boiled down. It produces a great quantity of oil which can be made into food for human consumption. A few other creatures yield oil, but none so much as the whale. The livers of cod and halibut, two kinds of fish, yield nourishing oil. Both cod liver oil and halibut oil are given to sick children who need certain vitamins. No household can get by without oil, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes and soaps may be made from the oils of certain flowers.

191. Identify the central theme of the passage.
- **1.** Creatures of the sea
- **2.** Protection of whales
- **3.** Kinds of fish
- **4.** Animal oil

192. How are the whales protected naturally?
- **1.** By having the habitat of the Arctic sea
- **2.** By the presence of a thick fat covering
- **3.** By their oil producing quality
- **4.** By their huge size

193. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word in the context of the passage.

Consumption

1. Depletion **2.** Creation **3.** Elation **4.** Utilisation

194. Which oil is recommended for sick children, and why is it recommended to them?
- **1.** Whale oil, as it contains vitamins
- **2.** Whale oil, as it is from blubber
- **3.** Cod liver oil and halibut oil, as it contains vitamins
- **4.** Vegetable oil, as it is good for health

195. Which of the following does NOT involve the use of oils, according to the passage?
- **1.** Making of shoes
- **2.** Household cooking
- **3.** Making perfumes
- **4.** Making soaps

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

Remote work, the ability to work from home or other locations outside of the traditional office setting, has become increasingly popular in recent years. With the development of new technologies, remote work is now possible for many jobs that previously required employees to be physically present in the office. This shift towards remote work has been driven by a number of factors, including the desire for increased flexibility, reduced overhead costs and improved work-life balance.

One of the primary benefits of remote work is the flexibility it provides. Employees are able to work from wherever they choose, whether that be from the comfort of their own homes, a local coffee shop or even while travelling. This flexibility can allow employees to better balance work and personal responsibilities and can result in higher job satisfaction and retention rates. Employers also benefit from increased flexibility, as remote work can lead to reduced overhead costs, such as rent and utilities for office space.

In addition to flexibility, remote work has also been linked to increased productivity. Many studies have shown that employees who work from home are often more productive than those who work in a traditional office setting. This is due in part to reduced distractions and interruptions, as well as the ability to work during one's most productive hours, rather than adhering to a traditional 9-to-5 schedule. Furthermore, remote work can lead to a more diverse and inclusive workforce, as individuals with disabilities or caregiving responsibilities can more easily participate in the workforce.

Despite the benefits, there are also some drawbacks to consider when it comes to remote work. One of the primary concerns is the lack of social interaction and collaboration. When employees are working remotely, they may miss out on the benefits of in-person collaboration, such as brainstorming sessions and the ability to bounce ideas off of colleagues. Additionally, remote work can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, which can have a negative impact on mental health and job satisfaction.

Another potential drawback of remote work is the potential for blurred boundaries between work and personal life. When employees work from home, it can be difficult to separate work time from personal time, leading to longer work hours and decreased work-life balance.

Additionally, without the structure of a traditional office environment, it can be easy for employees to become distracted or procrastinate, leading to decreased productivity.

Overall, while remote work offers many benefits, it is important for both employees and employers to consider the potential drawbacks and take steps to mitigate them. This may include finding ways to maintain social interaction and collaboration, setting clear boundaries between work and personal time and establishing a structured routine to ensure productivity and work-life balance. As remote work continues to become more prevalent, it is important to balance its benefits with its potential challenges and find ways to create a productive and healthy remote work environment.

196. Which of the following statements best represents a real-world example of 'blurred boundaries' in remote work as described in the passage?
- **1.** A worker who is required to come into the office every day but also frequently works from home due to personal reasons, resulting in reduced social interaction with co-workers.
- **2.** An employee who sets up a dedicated workspace in their home and follows a structured work schedule to maintain a healthy work-life balance.
- **3.** An employee who works from home occasionally responds to work emails after their normal working hours, leading to burnout and decreased productivity.
- **4.** A worker who is easily distracted by personal responsibilities and household chores during their remote work hours, leading to decreased productivity and missed deadlines.

197. What is the central theme of the passage?
- **1.** The potential challenges of creating a productive remote work environment
- **2.** The impact of remote work on mental health and job satisfaction
- **3.** The history and evolution of remote work
- **4.** Identifying the benefits and drawbacks of remote work for both employees and employers

198. How does remote work contribute to a more diverse and inclusive workforce?
- **1.** It creates opportunities for in-person collaboration.
- **2.** It leads to increased productivity.
- **3.** It promotes work-life balance.
- **4.** It allows individuals with disabilities to participate in the workforce.

199. Which of the following is a reason why remote workers are often more productive than those who work in a traditional office setting, according to the passage?
- **1.** Remote workers have more opportunities for in-person collaboration.
- **2.** Remote workers have fewer distractions and interruptions.
- **3.** Remote workers have access to better technology and equipment.
- **4.** Remote workers are given more autonomy and control over their work.

200. What has driven the shift towards remote work?
- **1.** Increased overhead costs
- **2.** Reduced work-life balance
- **3.** New technologies
- **4.** Desire for reduced flexibility

Answer Key

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

Answers with Explanations

1. Option (1) is correct.

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Alphabets	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
Positional value	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14

FUGI

opposite F → U, G → I (+ 2)

Similarly, DWEG, and KPLN follow the same patterns while JPKM is the odd one out.

2. Option (1) is correct.

B _ V _ _ T _ G B T _ G _ _ V G

B T V G/B T V G /B T V G /B T V G

3. Option (1) is correct.

The figure is embedded in option 1 as highlighted below.

4. Option (1) is correct.

131, 133, 181, ?, 239

The pattern followed here is:

$(11 \times 11) + 10 = 131$

$(12 \times 12) - 11 = 133$

$(13 \times 13) + 12 = 181$

$(14 \times 14) - 13 = 183$

$(15 \times 15) + 14 = 239$

5. Option (2) is correct.

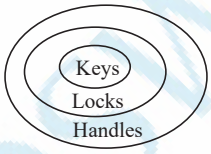
CD: Computer

Logic:

As CD is a part of computer, similarly, engine is a part of scooter.

6. Option (3) is correct.

Logic:



From the Venn diagram, neither conclusion I nor II follows.

7. Option (3) is correct.

SWBM, OSXI, ?, GKPA, CGLW

Logic:

S –4→ O –4→ K –4→ G –4→ C

W –4→ S –4→ O –4→ K –4→ G

B –4→ X –4→ T –4→ P –4→ L

M –4→ I –4→ E –4→ A –4→ W

8. Option (4) is correct.

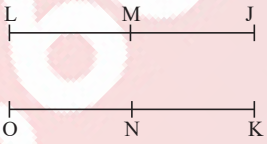
2 + C D A	D A 2 C +	C 2 + D A	D A C + 2	?

9. Option (2) is correct.

Logic:

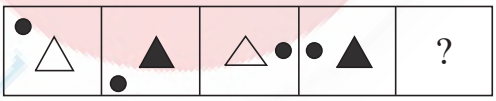
Follow the pattern and the symmetry. Hence,

Logic:



N, is sitting in front of M.

10. Option (3) is correct.



Logic:

Follow the pattern and the symmetry.

11. Option (2) is correct.

$175 \times 25 - 5 \div 20 + 3 - 10 = ?$

Logic:

After interchanging the signs and using BODMAS rule, we get

$175 \div 25 \times 5 + 20 - 3 \times 10$

$7 \times 5 + 20 - 3 \times 10$

$35 + 20 - 30$

$55 - 30 = 25$

12. Option (1) is correct.

34 B 4 D 16 C 30 A 2 = ?

Logic:

$34 \times 4 - 16 + 30 \div 2$

Using BODMAS

$34 \times 4 - 16 + 15$

$136 - 16 + 15$

$120 + 15 = 135$

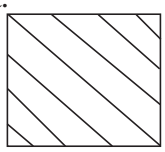
13. Option (3) is correct.

Logic:

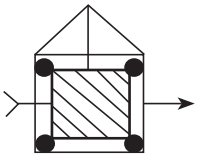
1 Myra
2 Aarav
3 Sia
4 Yash/Heer/Tia
5 Mysha
6 Yash/Heer/Tia
7 Yash/Heer/Tia

Myra is the tallest of them

14. Option (2) is correct.



Logic:



15. Option (2) is correct.

B _ _ C M _ N D C _ B N _ _ M _ _ D C M

Logic:

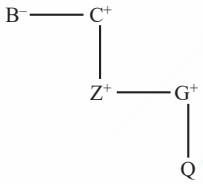
B N D C M / B N D C M/B N D C M/ B N D C M

16. Option (3) is correct.

B – C + Z × G + Q

Logic:

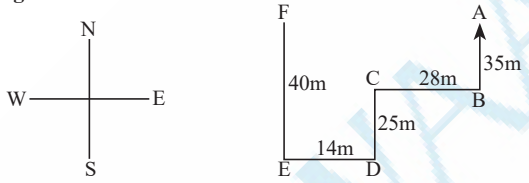
B Sister C Father Z Brother G Father Q



C is father's father of Q.

17. Option (4) is correct.

Logic:



So, B is in South-east direction of F.

18. Option (3) is correct.

28, 39, 61, 94, 138, ?

Logic:

28 + 11 = 39
39 + 22 = 61
61 + 33 = 94
94 + 44 = 138
138 + 55 = 193

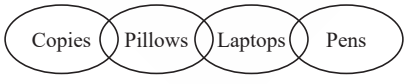
19. Option (4) is correct.

F = C < B = E and D < C = A < E

From given statement A < E.

Hence, A > E is not a correct statement.

20. Option (4) is correct.

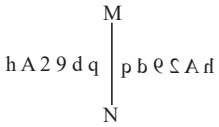


From the Venn diagram, only conclusion III follows.

21. Option (3) is correct.

Logarithm	Logically	Logistic	Logophile	Logotype	Logwood

22. Option (1) is correct.



Logic:

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

23. Option (3) is correct.

112, 103, 94, 85, 76, ?

Logic:

112 – 9 = 103
103 – 9 = 94
94 – 9 = 85
85 – 9 = 76
76 – 9 = 67

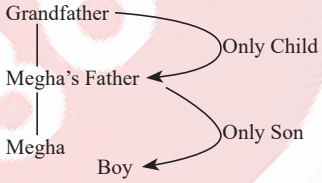
24. Option (4) is correct.

216 : 3 :: ? : 4 :: 1728 :

Logic:

3 × 2 = 6
6^3 = 216
4 × 2 = 8
8^3 = 512
6 × 2 = 12
12^3 = 1728

25. Option (3) is correct.

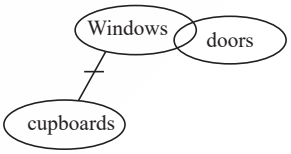


The boy is the brother of Megha.

26. Option (4) is correct.

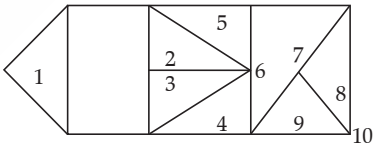
Languid	Languish	Lantern	Lapse	Larder

27. Option (4) is correct.



From Venn diagram only conclusion II follows.

28. Option (3) is correct.



29. Option (3) is correct.

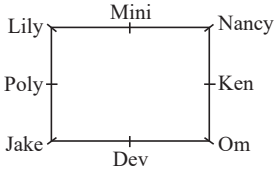
14 : 21 :: 12 : 18 :: 50 : ?

Logic:

14 + 14 ÷ 2 = 21
12 + 12 ÷ 2 = 18
50 + 50 ÷ 2 = 75

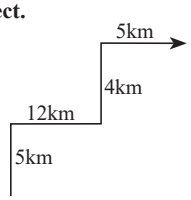
30. Option (2) is correct.

Logic:



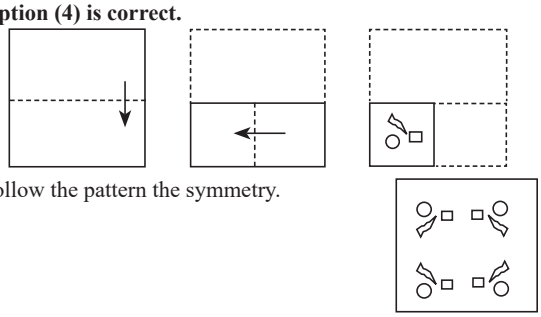
31. Option (3) is correct.
15 June 1992
Last 2 digits of year = 92
Number of leap year = 92 ÷ 4 = 23
Month code = 5
Date = 15
Total odd days = 92 + 23 + 5 + 15
= 135 ÷ 7 = 2
He was born on Monday.

32. Option (4) is correct.



Total distance covered = 5 + 12 + 4 + 5 = 26 km

33. Option (4) is correct.



Follow the pattern the symmetry.

34. Option (4) is correct.
35 : 1225 :: 55 : 3025 :: 75 : ?
Logic:
35 × 35 = 1225
55 × 55 = 3025
75 × 75 = 5625

35. Option (3) is correct.
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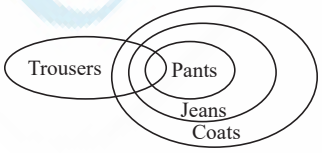
Logic:
T + 2 → V, G – 2 = E
Similarly,
R + 2 → T, I – 2 = G
P + 2 → R, K – 1 = J
H + 2 → J, S – 2 → Q

36. Option (4) is correct.
9 : 84 :: 25 : 630 :: 16 : ?
Logic:
$9^2 + \sqrt{9} = 84$
$25^2 + \sqrt{25} = 630$
$16^2 + \sqrt{16} = 260$

37. Option (1) is correct.
39, 51, 75, 111, ?
Logic:
39 + 12 = 51
51 + 12 × 2 = 75
75 + 12 × 3 = 111
111 + 12 × 4 = 159

38. Option (2) is correct.
(4, 8, 35)
(3, 5, 23)
Logic:
4 + 8 = 12 × 3 – 1 = 35
3 + 5 = 8 × 3 – 1 = 23
Similarly, 6 + 14 = 20 × 3 – 1 = 59

39. Option (1) is correct.



From Venn diagram both conclusion I and II follows.

40. Option (2) is correct.
Logic:
As Taj Mahal is located in India, similarly, statue of liberty is located in The United States of America.

41. Option (2) is correct.
(15 + 9 × (4 × 5)) – (3 ÷ 1) ÷ 2
Logic:
(15 – 9 + (4 + 5)) ÷ (3 × 1) × 2
Using BODMAS
(15 – 9 + 9) ÷ (3) × 2
15 ÷ 3 × 2
5 × 2 = 10

42. Option (1) is correct.
S _ _ K B _ F H _ B S F _ K _ S F _ _ B
Logic:
S F H K B S F H K B S F H K B S F H K B

43. Option (1) is correct.
18, 21, 27, 36, ?
Logic:
18 + 3 = 21
21 + 3 × 2 = 27
27 + 3 × 3 = 36
36 + 3 × 4 = 48

44. Option (3) is correct.

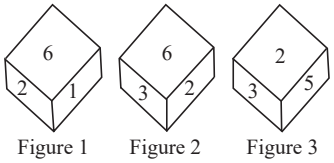


Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3

Logic:
From figure 1 and 3
2—6—1
2—5–3
It implies 1, 3, 5 and 6 are adjacent to 2.
Hence, 4 is opposite to 2.

45. Option (2) is correct.
60 D 4 B 330 A 3 C 100 = ?
Logic:
60 + 4 × 330 ÷ 3 − 100
Using BODMAS
60 + 4 × 110 – 100
60 + 440 – 100 = 400

46. Option (1) is correct.
62 ÷ 12 × 3 – 8 + 5 = ?
Logic:
62 + 4 × 8 – 5
62 + 32 – 5 = 94 – 5 = 89

47. Option (2) is correct.
48 A 12 A 24 A 3 A 8 A 5 A 4
Logic:
Upon checking option (2), we get
48 – 12 + 24 ÷ 3 = 8 × 5 + 4
48 – 12 + 8 = 40 + 4
56 – 12 = 44
44 = 44

48. Option (4) is correct.
'STORM' is written as '12694' and
'TREND' is written as '29554'
Logic:
The code is the sum of digits of letters
Similarly, WATER can be written as

W	A	T	E	R
23 ⇒ (2 + 3 = 5)	1	20 ⇒ (2 + 0 = 2)	5	18 ⇒ (1 + 8 = 9)

Hence, 51259 is correct answer.

49. Option (2) is correct.

B	X	N	=	△
△ X	B △	X =	N X	= B
N =	= N	△ B	B △	X N

Logic:
Follow the pattern and the symmetry.

50. Option (2) is correct.
124 : 4 :: 217 : 7 :: ? : 9
Logic:
4 × 31 = 124 (124 : 4)
7 × 31 = 217 (217 : 7)
9 × 31 = 279 (279 : 9)

51. Option (2) is correct.
The infrastructure sector encompasses fundamental physical and organizational structures essential for societal or enterprise functioning. Examples include power grids, roads, bridges, dams, airports, and railways. on the other hand, agriculture involves the production of food, fiber, and other goods from plants and animals. Although crucial for society, agriculture is not categorized as part of the infrastructure sector.

52. Option (3) is correct.
The Junagadh rock inscription of Rudradaman I is a Sanskrit writing on a rock in Junagadh, Gujarat, India. It is from around 150 CE and was ordered by King Rudradaman I of the Western Satrap kingdom. The writing talks about Rudradaman's win against Satavahana king Gautamiputra Satakarni, fixing a dam at Sudarshana Lake, and supporting the arts and sciences.

53. Option (4) is correct.
Ramchandra Guha is an Indian historian, biographer, environmental historian, and public intellectual. He is the author of numerous books, including 'India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy,' which was published in 2007. The book traces the history of India from the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in 1948 to the present day, and it examines the challenges and opportunities that India has faced as a democracy.

54. Option (4) is correct.
The Bagh Caves are a set of 24 caves carved into rocks in Madhya Pradesh, India. They were made during the Gupta period (320-550 CE) and are known for having some of the best paintings from that time. The paintings use bright colors, show detailed figures, and have intricate patterns. They tell stories from Hindu mythology and show what life was like in the Gupta kingdom.

55. Option (4) is correct.
According to the Multidimensional Poverty Index Progress Report 2023, Uttar Pradesh saw the biggest improvement in reducing poverty. The state's score went down by 18.0 percentage points from 47.14% to 29.14% between 2015-16 and 2019-21. This improvement was faster than the national average of 9.89 percentage points.

56. Option (2) is correct.
Article 315(1) of the Indian Constitution says there are two types of Public Service Commissions (PSCs): the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs). The UPSC hires officers for all-India and central civil services, while SPSCs hire officers for state civil services.
Article 315(2) allows two or more states to form a joint PSC if they agree.
Article 315(3) says Parliament must pass a law if states want a joint PSC.
Article 315(4) allows UPSC to help a state's civil service if the state's leader asks and the President agrees.

57. Option (2) is correct.
Autecology is when scientists study individual organisms and how they relate to their environment. It is like "species ecology" because it looks at one species at a time. Autecology is closely linked with physiological ecology, which studies how organisms adapt to their environment on a physical level.
Other points:
Synecology, or 'community ecology,' looks at groups of organisms and how they relate to their environment.
Paleontology studies fossils and the history of life but is not part of ecology.
Ornithology is the study of birds but is not a branch of ecology.

58. Option (2) is correct.
Born in 1930 in Palakkad, Kerala, Dr. Balamuralikrishna was a highly respected Indian vocalist and composer known for his expertise in Carnatic music. His musical journey began at the age of five, and he went on to become a prominent and influential figure in Carnatic music, earning the title 'Gaana Kala Ratna' for his mastery of the art form.

59. Option (1) is correct.
Pandit Ravi Shankar was a renowned Indian sitar maestro who collaborated with the legendary British rock band, The Beatles. He introduced the band to Indian classical music and inspired them to incorporate Eastern sounds into their own music. Shankar's impact on The Beatles is clear in their album 'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band,' where you can find elements of Indian classical music.

60. Option (4) is correct.
Bisphenol A (BPA) is an industrial chemical commonly found in hard plastic products like water bottles, food containers, and household items. It is also used in the production of

paints, adhesives, and coatings. BPA has been linked to various health concerns, particularly in children and pregnant women, as it can mimic the effects of the hormone estrogen in the body.

61. Option (4) is correct.
The headquarters of the Dev Samaj, a religious and social reform movement founded by Shivdayal Saheb in 1887, was located in Lahore. The Dev Samaj aimed at promoting religious and social harmony, advocating for monotheism, and addressing social issues prevalent during that time.

62. Option (3) is correct.
The Jan Aushadhi Train, flagged off by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi on March 3, 2023, is part of the Jan Aushadhi Diwas celebrations, aiming to promote the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana PMBJP scheme. Traveling to four states for two months, the train raises awareness and sells Jan Aushadhi medicines at stations.

63. Option (2) is correct.
The Garo, Khasi, and Jaintia hills are a subdivision of the Meghalaya plateau, which is a mountainous region in northeastern India. The plateau is known for its high rainfall, unique flora and fauna, and picturesque scenery.

64. Option (1) is correct.
Nitrogen, a non-reactive gas, protects potato chips from going stale by preventing oxidation. When exposed to oxygen, chips can degrade, causing an unpleasant taste and texture. Flushing chip bags with nitrogen displaces oxygen, extending shelf life and maintaining a fresher taste.

65. Option (3) is correct.
The SAF Games are a biennial multi-sport event for South Asian countries, founded in 1981 by the South Asian Sports Council. The inaugural 1984 games in Kathmandu had over 1,000 athletes from seven countries, promoting regional cooperation and understanding.

66. Option (3) is correct.
Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been honored with the title of 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking, an international economic research journal. Recognized for leading India through the COVID-19 pandemic and promoting financial stability, Das, appointed in December 2018, has implemented crucial reforms and advocated for financial inclusion. The award acknowledges his notable achievements, showcasing his expertise and commitment to sound economic management, earning respect globally from economists and policymakers.

67. Option (3) is correct.
Sandstone, limestone, and shale are the three main types of sedimentary rocks. They form when sediments, carried by water, wind, or ice, accumulate over time.
Sandstone consists of sand-sized mineral grains like quartz, feldspar, and mica, held together by minerals like silica or calcite. It's often found in deserts and on beaches.
Limestone, found in marine environments and caves, is composed of calcium carbonate formed from marine animal shells and seawater precipitation.
Shale, common in river valleys and lake beds, is made up of compacted clay minerals.

68. Option (4) is correct.
The inaugural Men's Cricket World Cup took place in 1975 in England, as it was the only country capable of organizing such a significant event then. The initial three tournaments held in England were officially named the Prudential Cup after the sponsors Prudential plc. Matches featured 60 six-ball overs per team, adhering to the traditional format, played in daylight, with players donning cricket whites and using red cricket balls.

69. Option (4) is correct.
Between Focus and Centre, diminished, real and inverted.
Given:
- Radius of curvature (R) = 30 cm
- Object distance (u) = –15 cm (negative sign indicates object is in front of the mirror)

Using the mirror formula:

$$1/f = 1/v + 1/u$$

Where:
- f is the focal length
- v is the image distance

Substituting the given values:

$$1/f = 1/v – 1/15$$

Since the mirror is concave, the focal length (f) is negative.
Solving for f:

$$f = –15 \text{ cm}$$

Now, using the formula for image distance:

$$1/v = 1/f – 1/u$$
$$1/v = 1/\text{-}15 - 1/\text{-}15$$
$$v = –7.5 \text{ cm}$$

Since the image distance (v) is negative, the image is formed behind the mirror.
The magnification (m) is given by:

$$m = –v/u$$
$$m = – (– 7.5 \text{ cm}) / –15 \text{ cm}$$
$$m = 0.5$$

Since the magnification (m) is positive and less than 1, the image is diminished and erect.
Therefore, the position, size, and nature of the image formed are:
- Position: Between the focus and the center of curvature
- Size: Diminished
- Nature: Real and inverted

70. Option (1) is correct.
Mizoram – 20.40
Nagaland – 18.88
Odisha – 32.59

71. Option (3) is correct.
The first FIFA World Cup, the world championship for men's national football teams, took place in Uruguay from 13 to 30 July 1930. FIFA, the global governing body of football, chose Uruguay as the host nation because the country was marking the centenary of its first constitution, and the Uruguay national football team had triumphantly defended their football title at the 1928 Summer Olympics. All matches were played in the Uruguayan capital, Montevideo, the majority at the Estadio Centenario, which was built for the tournament.

72. Option (2) is correct.
Enacted in 1860 under British rule, the Indian Penal Code (IPC) serves as a comprehensive criminal code applicable to both Indian citizens and foreigners within India. Despite several amendments, the IPC retains its status as one of the world's oldest and esteemed penal codes, forming the cornerstone of the Indian criminal justice system.

73. Option (1) is correct.
Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra was a renowned Odissi dance guru and choreographer who played a crucial role in reviving and popularizing this classical Indian dance form. He was also a skilled percussionist and vocalist, making significant contributions to Odissi music. The Guru Kelucharan

Mohapatra Yuva Prativa Sunman award is established in his honor to recognize and encourage young Odissi dancers and musicians.

74. Option (2) is correct.
As of January 2023, Raj Kumar Singh serves as the Union Minister of Power in India, a position he has held since September 5, 2017. An Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the 1975 batch, Singh has contributed to the Government of India in diverse roles, including serving as Home Secretary and Principal Secretary, PWD (Road).

75. Option (2) is correct.
In 1959, Oil India Limited (OIL) built Asia's inaugural cross-country pipeline, spanning 1,157 kilometers from the Naharkatiya oilfield in Assam to the Barauni refinery in Bihar. Over the years, the pipeline has undergone expansions and enhancements to facilitate the transportation of crude oil, refined products, and natural gas.

76. Option (1) is correct.
While the change of government in 1962 did contribute to some delays and disruptions in the implementation of the Third Five-Year Plan, it was not a primary factor in its overall failure. The plan's ambitious targets and the subsequent resource crunch, coupled with the external shocks of the Sino-Indian War and Indo-Pak War, played a much more significant role in its shortcomings.

77. Option (4) is correct.
As of March 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established a maximum limit on microfinance loans for NBFCs, excluding NBFC-MFIs, at 25% of their total assets. This measure aims to encourage financial inclusion and directs NBFCs to prioritize lending to the economically disadvantaged and unbanked populations.

78. Option (1) is correct.
The Bhagirathi River begins at the Gangotri glacier in the Garhwal Himalayas, and the Alaknanda River originates in the Kedarnath glacier in the same region. Converging at Devprayag in Uttarakhand, India, these two rivers unite to create the Ganga River. As India's longest river and a globally significant watercourse, the Ganga holds sacred status in Hinduism and is revered by millions of Hindus worldwide.

79. Option (4) is correct.
Sanchi, located in Madhya Pradesh, India, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its collection of Buddhist monuments constructed between the 3rd century BCE and the 11th century CE. The highlight is the Great Stupa, a hemispherical dome-structured monument, famously built by Emperor Ashoka the Great in the 3rd century BCE. This stupa stands as one of India's oldest surviving stone structures, attracting visitors with its historical significance and architectural brilliance.

80. Option (4) is correct.
Established in 1946, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) serves as the national governing body for athletics in India. Responsible for coordinating national and international athletics events within the country, the AFI also plays a crucial role in the selection and training of the Indian national athletics team for participation in global competitions.

81. Option (3) is correct.
The correct chronological arrangement of Pandit Birju Maharaj's achievements for his contributions to Indian dance is B, A, C.

82. Option (3) is correct.
Radhe Shyam Barle received the Padma Shri 2021 in the field of Art of his/her contribution to Indian Dance.

83. Option (1) is correct.
After the breakup of the Bahmani kingdom in the 16th century, five independent states emerged:
Nizamshahi of Ahmednagar
Qutb Shahi of Golconda (Hyderabad)
Barid Shahi of Bidar
Imad Shahi of Berar
Adil Shahi of Bijapur
These states collectively came to be known as the Deccan Sultanates. They played a significant role in the political and cultural history of medieval India.

84. Option (3) is correct.
In 1989, the Indian government completely deregulated the cement industry by eliminating all price and distribution controls. This move facilitated a free-market environment for the industry, marking a significant reform that contributed to the modernization and enhanced efficiency of the cement sector.

85. Option (4) is correct.
Equestrian vaulting integrates gymnastics, dance, and horse riding, where performers execute acrobatic and artistic maneuvers on a moving horse. Judges assess their technique, artistry, and synchronization with the horse. This physically demanding and visually captivating sport necessitates strength, flexibility, coordination, and balance.

86. Option (2) is correct.
Kashmir was sold to the Dogra dynasty of Jammu under the Treaty of Amritsar in 1850.

87. Option (3) is correct.
The stratosphere, Earth's second atmospheric layer, spans approximately 10 km to 50 km above the surface. Recognized for its relatively consistent temperature profile, this layer is distinguished by the existence of the ozone layer. The ozone layer serves as a shield, safeguarding life on Earth by absorbing harmful ultraviolet radiation emitted by the sun.

88. Option (1) is correct.
Molds, tiny fungi, have the potential to develop on food and release toxins that may cause illness. As these toxins are not visible to the naked eye, it is crucial to handle and store food appropriately to prevent the growth of mold.

89. Option (4) is correct.
The alkaline earth metals, a group comprising Beryllium (Be), Magnesium (Mg), Calcium (Ca), Strontium (Sr), Barium (Ba), and Radium (Ra), share a uniform electron configuration in their outermost valence shell, leading to similar chemical properties. The atomic number, representing the number of protons in an element's nucleus, ascends from left to right on the periodic table. Consequently, the sequence of alkaline earth metals by atomic number is Be < Mg < Ca < Sr < Ba.

90. Option (3) is correct.
According to the census of India 2011, the Union Territory of India with the highest literacy rate is 3. Lakshadweep. The literacy rate in Lakshadweep in 2011 was 92.28%.

91. Option (2) is correct.
Centrosomes are small parts inside animal cells that help the cell divide, move, and stick to other cells. They do this by organizing and holding onto tiny tubes called microtubules.
In the resting phase (interphase), centrosomes keep the cell's shape and direction by holding onto microtubules reaching towards the cell's edge. They also help the cell move by coordinating the movement of these microtubules, allowing the cell to travel.
When the cell divides (mitosis), centrosomes make copies and move to opposite ends of the cell, creating spindle poles. These

spindle poles, made of microtubules, connect to chromosomes and pull them apart during cell division, making sure the cell's genetic material goes to the new cells.

92. Option (1) is correct.
Lord Mahavir Swami, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism, was born on the 13th day of the bright half of the moon in the month of Chaitra, corresponding to March-April in the Gregorian calendar.

93. Option (3) is correct.
Kangra Fort is the oldest dated fort in India, with its construction dating back to the 4th century BC. It is located in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fort has been extensively modified and rebuilt over the centuries, but its core structure remains from the 4th century BC.

94. Option (2) is correct.
Dhangari Gaja is a folk dance from the state of Maharashtra, India. It is performed by the Dhangar community, a nomadic tribe that traditionally herded sheep and goats. The dance is characterized by its energetic movements and rhythmic beats. The dancers wear colorful costumes and often carry sticks or cymbals. Dhangari Gaja is performed on special occasions, such as weddings and festivals.

95. Option (4) is correct.
While the other choices pertain to Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS), the risk of injury is not directly associated with food safety. FSMS primarily aims to prevent foodborne illnesses, whereas the concern about the risk of injury is centered on averting workplace accidents.

96. Option (2) is correct.
Sir Osborne Smith was the first Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), serving from 1935 to 1937. He was a British banker who had previously served as the Managing Governor of the Imperial Bank of India. Sir Osborne Smith played a key role in establishing the RBI and laying the foundations for the Indian banking system.

97. Option (3) is correct.
In the Indian Constitution, Article 20 safeguards individuals from facing prosecution and punishment for the same offense on multiple occasions, a principle referred to as double jeopardy. This fundamental right ensures that no one can be subjected to multiple punishments for the same crime.

98. Option (2) is correct.
The Chethiyagiri Vihara Festival is a Buddhist festival held in Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh, India. It is celebrated in November and commemorates the discovery of the relics of two of Buddha's disciples, Sariputra and Mahamoggallana, in Stupa 3 at Sanchi. The festival features religious ceremonies, cultural performances, and fairs.

99. Option (3) is correct.
As of January 2023, the Chief Minister of Gujarat is Bhupendra Patel. He was sworn in on December 12, 2022, following the resignation of Vijay Rupani. Bhupendra Patel is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

100. Option (1) is correct.
The novel 'Kitne Pakistan' (How Many Pakistans?) was written by Kamleshwar, a renowned Indian writer who was a pioneer of the Nayi Kahani ('New Story') movement of the 1950s. This novel, published in 2000, was awarded the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in 2001, recognizing its significant contribution to Hindi literature.

101. Option (3) is correct.
Precisely closely reflects the meaning of Exactly, implying an exact match or accuracy. Torridly means passionately or intensely. Costly relates to high expenses. Privately refers to something done in private, thus making all of them incorrect choices.

102. Option (1) is correct.
Sufficient closely conveys the meaning of Adequate, indicating that there is enough or an ample amount of something. Ancient refers to something old or from the distant past. Efficient suggests the capability to produce results with minimal waste. Competent implies having the necessary skills but does not directly denote sufficiency, thus making all of them incorrect choices.

103. Option (4) is correct.
The correct idiom is, every cloud has a silver lining. This idiom perfectly encapsulates the idea that, in a seemingly negative or unpleasant situation, there may be a hidden positive aspect. In the given statement, the speaker is advising against stressing too much, implying that there could be something good or beneficial concealed within the adverse circumstances. Hit the nail on the head means getting something exactly right, while over the moon and "on cloud nine" both express extreme happiness or excitement, making all of them incorrect answers.

104. Option (4) is correct.
The error is in part 4, She have been spending. The subject, she requires the singular form of the auxiliary verb, which is has in this case, making it, she has been spending. This correction ensures subject-verb agreement and maintains proper tense consistency in the sentence.

105. Option (2) is correct.
Decadent implies a state of moral decline and excessive indulgence, while Virtuous signifies moral uprightness and adherence to ethical standards, making it the suitable opposite. Enflamed relates to a state of inflammation, Muffled pertains to something being silenced or muted, and Fluorescent relates to a type of lighting. None of these words represent the opposite of Decadent.

106. Option (1) is correct.
In indirect speech, the exclamation is replaced with exclaimed with delight, and the original statement is rephrased as that it was a beautiful sunset. This maintains the meaning while adhering to the conventions of indirect speech, where the reporting verb is often used to describe how the statement was made. The other options either omit the expression of delight or deviate from the structure needed for indirect speech.

107. Option (1) is correct.
The error here is that the verb tense doesn't match the tense used in the previous part of the sentence. "As twilight settled" is in the past tense, so the correct form of the verb should be "came alive with" to maintain tense consistency. Therefore, it should be "As twilight settled upon the bustling city, its streets came alive with a symphony of flickering lights."

108. Option (2) is correct.
In this sentence, the active voice "The teacher gave the assignments to the students" is converted into passive voice, where the subject becomes "The students," and the agent performing the action is introduced using "by the teacher." This adheres to the structure of passive voice, where the receiver of the action is emphasized, making all other options incorrect.

109. Option (2) is correct.
The sentence compares the ease of learning English to the ease of learning German, and no change is needed. It is grammatically and structurally sound. It effectively conveys the intended comparison between learning English and learning German.

110. Option (2) is correct.
This sequence provides a logical and coherent flow in the paragraph. It begins by introducing Manali Kallat Vainu Bappu as the first Indian astronomer associated with a comet, then mentions his association with an observatory, goes on to highlight his significant achievement of presiding over the International Astronomical Union, and finally, it mentions his association with an astronomical phenomenon.

111. Option (3) is correct.
The verb "sees" is in the present tense, while "managed" is in the past tense. To make the sentence grammatically correct and maintain tense consistency, we need to use the past tense for both actions. Therefore, the correct option is "saw the sentry," resulting in the sentence, "When the thief saw the sentry at the main gate, he managed to escape from the side gate." This revision ensures that both actions occurred in the past, creating a coherent and grammatically accurate sentence.

112. Option (4) is correct.
The correct sequence, "BDAC," forms a meaningful and coherent paragraph by logically presenting information about the benefits of regular exercise for a healthy lifestyle. It begins with sentence B, which introduces the idea that regular exercise is a fundamental aspect of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Sentence D then elaborates on the advantages of regular exercise, including weight management and the reduction of various health risks. Sentence A follows, providing expert recommendations for exercise frequency and duration, offering a practical guideline. Finally, sentence C concludes the paragraph by emphasising the simplicity of achieving health benefits through a basic activity like brisk walking or stretching. This order ensures a logical progression of information and makes for a well-structured and grammatically sound paragraph.

113. Option (4) is correct.
A mincing walk uses small, delicate steps in a way that does not look natural. This type of walk is characterised by careful and precise movements, often with an element of daintiness or affectation. Thus option (4) is the correct choice.

114. Option (2) is correct.
The error is in segment 2. The word throughout is not the appropriate choice in this context. Instead, the correct phrase is, I can go through. Throughout suggests continuous or extended action over a period, which doesn't fit the intended meaning of navigating or enduring a process, as indicated by the phrase, raising two children on my own. The correct sentence should read, "I don't think I can go through the process of raising two children on my own." This correction ensures proper usage of the preposition "through" in the context of the sentence, conveying the idea of successfully completing or enduring a challenging process.

115. Option (4) is correct.
In direct speech, you quote a person's words exactly as they were spoken. In this case, Louise's statement is reproduced verbatim, and the verb tense remains the same. The original sentence, "Louise said that it was getting late," is transformed into the direct speech form while retaining the original wording and verb tense, making option (4) grammatically correct.

116. Option (4) is correct.
In an active voice sentence, the subject (Ankur, in this case) performs the action (answering the questions), which is then followed by the object (the questions). This construction highlights who or what is performing the action and typically results in a more direct and clearer sentence structure.

117. Option (1) is correct.
In passive voice construction, the focus is on the action or the receiver of the action rather than the entity performing the action. In this case, "A new product" (the receiver) is the subject of the sentence, and the action "is being launched" is emphasised. The agent (the company) responsible for the action is mentioned after the action. This is typical of passive voice, where the subject undergoes the action rather than initiating it, resulting in a more indirect and objective tone.

118. Option (4) is correct.
Timorous means lacking courage and being shy. Brazen reflects boldness and confidence, making it an apt opposite. Muggy relates to the weather being unpleasantly warm and humid. Badgered means to harass or annoy. Imbecilic meaning lacking intelligence or foolishness. All of these are not related to timorous.

119. Option (3) is correct.
Reported speech is used to report what someone else has said, and it typically involves changing the tense and pronouns to reflect the original statement in the past. In this case, "will" in the direct speech becomes "would" in reported speech, and the pronoun "I" is changed to "he" to match the original speaker.

120. Option (3) is correct.
Weigh in means to offer one's opinion or input on a particular matter. In the context of the sentence, the mayor's office is allowing the public to share their concerns and viewpoints regarding the controversial issue of building a new park in the city center. Size up means to evaluate or assess something's dimensions or characteristics and does not convey the idea of providing input or opinions. Fill up means to make something full, such as a container, and is not appropriate for expressing public participation in a discussion or decision. Beat to means to do something before someone else does it.

121. Option (2) is correct.
Frequent signifies something that happens often, while rare denotes infrequency or something that occurs with low frequency, making it an appropriate opposite. Constant implies continuous and unchanging occurrences. Persistent means determined and unceasing, rather than infrequent. Recurring is synonymous with happening repeatedly, not opposing Frequent.

122. Option (3) is correct.
Wimpy and Feeble both denote weakness or lack of strength. Rugged means sturdy and tough. Stout means strong or sturdy. Stalwart implies strength and determination. All of these serve as antonyms to feeble hence the answer.

123. Option (3) is correct.
Both Glorious and Splendid convey a sense of beauty and excellence, suggesting something outstanding or magnificent. Keen means sharp or eager. Dull signifies something lacking in brightness or excitement. Immense means extremely large. All of these are not synonymous to splendid hence the answer.

124. Option (2) is correct.
In passive voice construction, the focus shifts from the doer of the action to the action itself. In this case, the original sentence's active voice, where Nandita is seeking a research area, is transformed into passive voice by making "A good research area" the subject of the sentence, with "was being sought" indicating the passive action. This construction appropriately reflects the process of seeking a research area and allows for the subsequent preparation of a proposal.

125. Option (3) is correct.
Living from hand-to-mouth in this context is to have just enough money to spend on basic needs. This idiom signifies

a financial situation where individuals can barely cover their essential expenses, such as food, shelter, and basic necessities, and they don't have the means for savings or luxuries. All other interpretations are unrelated to the idiom's standard meaning and do not fit the context provided.

126. Option (4) is correct.
Direct speech is used to quote someone's words exactly as they were spoken. In this case, Shalini's statement is reported verbatim, with her words enclosed in quotation marks. The sentence structure, including the subject, verb, and quotation, is appropriate for direct speech, making it a grammatically sound choice.

127. Option (4) is correct.
This sequence provides a logical progression in the paragraph, starting with the advantages of using the internet for visual elements, the impact of graphic images on motivation and learning speed, and the role of visual materials in comprehension and simplification of complex concepts.

128. Option (1) is correct.
The appropriate preposition to use in this sentence is in, not amid. In indicates the location where she sat, which is a rocking chair. The corrected sentence should be: She sat in a rocking chair, listening to some music and reminiscing about the past.

129. Option (2) is correct.
This sequence logically introduces the concept of development encompassing material and non-material aspects, discusses the adverse effects of money-oriented development, emphasises the importance of sustainable development, and concludes with the idea of sustainable development being a positive approach involving people.

130. Option (2) is correct.
Pulled a face refers to show a feeling such as dislike or disgust by twisting your face into an ugly expression, or by sticking out your tongue making option (2) the most appropriate choice.

131. Option (4) is correct.
This choice maintains the correct tense and clarity in the sentence, indicating that the rough condition of the road was a previous condition that led to their decision to abandon the journey.

132. Option (3) is correct.
Make one's blood boil refers to make someone extremely angry, here conveying the judge's extreme anger due to the culprit's attitude. Throw caution to the wind means taking a risk, not expressing anger. Back to the drawing board suggests starting over or rethinking something, but it doesn't convey the idea of anger. Play by the ear means making decisions as situations arise, unrelated to expressing anger.

133. Option (4) is correct.
Talk boastfully about oneself fits the context in which the old man is portrayed as boasting about his own accomplishments during the meeting. This idiom implies self-promotion. Make fun of refers to tease or laugh mockingly at someone. Support one's cause means to agree with or approve of a cause, person or like of someone. Be friendly is to be kind and caring to people.

134. Option (3) is correct.
In active voice construction, the subject (Somebody) performs the action (delivering the parcels). This is the standard structure for expressing actions where the doer of the action is emphasised.

135. Option (4) is correct.
This option correctly conveys the idea that she holds the highest age position among the town's members. The eldest is more commonly employed in the context of birth order or hierarchy within a family.

136. Option (1) is correct.
The segment "from the lockdown" contains a grammatical error because the correct preposition in this context should be "in" instead of "from." When referring to a situation like a lockdown, we typically use "in" to specify that something is happening within that period of restriction. Therefore, the corrected sentence should read, "Shops are not allowed to remain open after 8:00 pm in the lockdown."

137. Option (1) is correct.
In passive voice construction, the focus shifts from the doer of the action to the action itself. In this option, the subject ("the cake") receives the action, and the agent of the action ("her") is mentioned. This is the standard structure of a passive voice sentence.

138. Option (4) is correct.
Direct speech is used to quote someone's words exactly as they were spoken. In this case, Teena's statement is reported verbatim, with her words enclosed in quotation marks. The sentence structure, including the reporting verb "said," the comma before the opening quotation mark, and the direct quote itself, is appropriate for direct speech. This construction accurately reflects what Teena said about the servant potentially coming the next day.

139. Option (1) is correct.
The correct tense agreement will be to use was instead of is to match the past tense of "didn't sleep well." The correct sentence will be, "I didn't sleep well last night because the dog was barking."

140. Option (2) is correct.
Frenzy represents a state of wild and uncontrolled activity or behaviour, often characterised by chaos and confusion. Harmony is the opposite, signifying a state of peace, agreement, and a pleasing arrangement of elements. Copious means abundant or in large quantities. Obscurity refers to the state of being unknown, not well-understood, or hidden from view. Haste means speed in doing something, often implying a sense of urgency.

141. Option (3) is correct.
This order introduces archaeologists and their meticulous excavations, explains their work in investigating artifacts from the prehistoric era, describes the discoveries they've made, and finally, mentions their efforts to piece together historical clues like a jigsaw puzzle. It provides a logical progression of information in the paragraph.

142. Option (2) is correct.
Principal and Major share the same meaning in the context of being the primary or most important. Flawless means without any imperfections or defects. Minor means something of lesser importance or significance. Believable means something that is credible or easy to believe.

143. Option (2) is correct.
The error here is subject-verb agreement. Profits is a plural noun, so the verb should also be in plural form. It should be the company's profits have instead of the company's profits has. The correct sentence will be: "The CEO announced that the company's profits have fallen significantly in the last quarter."

144. Option (3) is correct.
The original sentence is grammatically incorrect because it has a subject-verb agreement error. When using either...or to

connect two subjects, you should match the verb to the subject closest to it, which is my brother in this case. My brother is a singular subject, so it should be followed by the singular verb is coming. Hence the answer.

145. Option (4) is correct.
Nominal typically means something in name only, very small, or minimal in amount. Excessive means something that is overly abundant or more than what is considered reasonable or necessary, making it the opposite of Nominal. Identical means exactly the same or very similar, which is not the opposite of Nominal. Liberal relates to being open-minded or generous, and it is not an antonym for Nominal. Nominal suggests something small or minimal in amount. Adroit means skillful or clever, which is also unrelated to the concept of Nominal.

146. Option (4) is correct.
In indirect speech, we typically shift the tense of the reported verb back one step, and we also change the pronouns to match the perspective of the reporting speaker. So, "have" changes to "had," and "my" changes to "her" to correctly report Sonia's statement.

147. Option (4) is correct.
The correct sentence will be: He bought a pen; The pen was silver and grey in colour. Use of the makes it clear that the sentence is referring to the specific pen that was previously mentioned (the one that he bought). This helps create a more coherent and complete sentence because it provides continuity and connects the two clauses.

148. Option (1) is correct.
On is the appropriate preposition when you want to indicate that someone or something is physically above and in contact with a surface, in this case, the sofa. When the boy jumps on the sofa, it means he leaped onto and is in contact with the surface of the sofa.

149. Option (1) is correct.
In the context of investment in stocks, profit refers to the financial gain or earnings one makes, and it makes sense in the sentence to convey that the friend has not had any significant return on the investment. Fund refers to the money set aside for a particular purpose, but it doesn't convey the outcome of the investment. Money and sum are too general and don't specifically describe the result of the investment.

150. Option (1) is correct.
This option provides a clear and grammatically correct way to express that the police described the situation as a riot in which certain events occurred. The other options introduce awkward or incorrect phrasing.

151. Option (2) is correct.
In passive voice construction, the subject of the active sentence ("He") becomes the recipient of the action, and the agent performing the action ("the guard") is included with the preposition "by." This construction maintains the same meaning as the active sentence but shifts the focus to the recipient of the action.

152. Option (3) is correct.
The original sentence is grammatically incorrect due to the unnecessary use of 'for' after ordered. In standard English, you simply "order" something, such as "He ordered four cups of tea." The other options introduce errors or awkward phrasing.

153. Option (1) is correct.
In the given context, aptitude conveys the idea of a natural skill, talent, or tendency toward a particular subject or field, which aligns with the meaning of "inclination" in the original sentence. The other options do not carry the same meaning and are not suitable substitutes in this context.

154. Option (3) is correct.
In this form, Harish's statement is quoted exactly as he said it, without any changes to the tense or meaning. The other options introduce changes to the statement's tense, making them inaccurate representations of what Harish said. In direct speech, the reported statement is enclosed in quotation marks, and the tense and wording remain consistent with the original statement.

155. Option (4) is correct.
In the context of the sentence, oblivious means not being aware or conscious of something, and unaware also means lacking knowledge or awareness of something. Barely means only just, hardly, or almost not at all. It indicates a small degree or a very close margin. Proficient refers to having a high degree of skill or competence in a particular field, task, or activity. It implies expertise or capability. Obvious means something that is easily seen, recognised, or understood, often because it is clear or plain and does not require much thought to perceive.

156. Option (4) is correct.
In the original sentence, the context suggests that the manager is asking the boarder to provide information about where he is staying or living, which is accurately represented by the phrase "place of residence." The other options do not fit the context and introduce unrelated phrases.

157. Option (3) is correct.
If the intention is to express the speaker's belief that the listener will develop a liking for Suyash after meeting him, the use of will in "I think you will like him" makes this expectation clear. It emphasises that the liking is anticipated in the future, after the meeting takes place, providing a more accurate and precise expression of the speaker's belief.

158. Option (4) is correct.
In this context, farm out means to subcontract or delegate some work to external individuals or companies. This is a suitable expression to indicate that the company had to distribute or outsource work temporarily due to the rapid growth in their client base. The other options do not convey the intended meaning in this context.

159. Option (3) is correct.
This option represents the original sentence in direct speech. In direct speech, we directly quote what someone has said. The speaker (the old man) is attributed as the source of the advice, and the statement is enclosed in quotation marks. The other options introduce changes in wording or structure that deviate from the original sentence's direct speech format.

160. Option (3) is correct.
In the original sentence, advance through conveys the idea that students are expected to develop and progress in their knowledge and abilities over the four years of high school. The other options do not fit the context and introduce unrelated or incorrect meanings.

161. Option (2) is correct.
This option conveys the intended future action of taking Ravina to the hospital as a precaution before her condition worsens. The use of "will" in "we will take her" indicates a future action, aligning with the context. The other options introduce changes in tense or structure that do not accurately represent the intended meaning.

162. Option (1) is correct.
In reported speech, when we convert a statement like "she would come" to direct speech, we use "will" to maintain the future tense. The other options either change the tense or wording, which doesn't accurately reflect the original

statement. For example, option 2 introduces the idea of necessity ("have to"), and option 3 and 4 change the tense to past or present, which is not consistent with the original future intention expressed in the reported speech.

163. Option (3) is correct.
This option accurately transforms the active voice sentence "I await your response" into passive voice. It conveys the same meaning with the subject ("your response") as the focus of the sentence, indicating that it is awaited. The other options either use incorrect tenses or change the sentence structure inappropriately.

164. Option (3) is correct.
In English, when forming a question tag, it's important to follow the grammatical structure of the main statement. Did they is the appropriate question tag to confirm whether someone was caught or not.

165. Option (4) is correct.
In passive voice, the emphasis is on the action (in this case, making noise) and the object (noise), rather than on the person performing the action. The sentence conveys the same meaning as the original, stating that making noise is not allowed. The other options introduce changes in tense, structure, or meaning that do not align with the intended message or fail to maintain the passive voice construction required by the original sentence.

166. Option (4) is correct.
Adaptation is the most appropriate option for blank 1 because the passage discusses the concept of adaptation, which refers to an organism's ability to change in response to its environment.

167. Option (1) is correct.
Mutation is the best choice for blank 2 because the passage talks about adaptation occurring through genetic changes, and a mutation is a genetic change that can lead to adaptation.

168. Option (3) is correct.
Through is the suitable word for blank 3 because it indicates the process by which adaptation can occur, either through genetic changes or ontogeny.

169. Option (4) is correct.
Diversification is the correct option for blank 4 because the passage mentions adaptation playing a crucial role in the diversification of species over time.

170. Option (1) is correct.
To is the most appropriate option for blank 5 because it indicates the purpose or direction of well-adapted organisms, which is to thrive in their environment.

171. Option (4) is correct.
Storehouse is the most suitable word in the context because newspapers are often considered a repository or storehouse of information about day-to-day happenings in the world.

172. Option (2) is correct.
Newspapers add to our knowledge about our own country and world affairs. Knowledge is the appropriate word in this context.

173. Option (4) is correct.
Newspapers express their opinions through their editorials. Editorials are pieces in newspapers where opinions on social and political issues are presented.

174. Option (4) is correct.
Newspapers are considered a source of power because they influence public opinion and can shape the way people think and perceive various issues.

175. Option (3) is correct.
Newspapers teach citizens their rights and responsibilities. In a democratic context, it is important to educate citizens about their roles and duties, making responsibilities the appropriate choice for this context.

176. Option (1) is correct.
By using before need, the sentence is referring to a specific and well-known need that is commonly recognised or discussed. It implies that the need for school education reform is a well-established and widely acknowledged issue.

177. Option (4) is correct.
The context suggests that the reform should address pedagogies that instill fear of math in students, and learning fits this context.

178. Option (1) is correct.
The sentence is discussing the fear of math among students, especially girls, so among is the correct preposition to use.

179. Option (3) is correct.
The sentence is referring to past experiments, and taught fits the context by indicating what these experiments did in the past.

180. Option (4) is correct.
The sentence is discussing the outcome of the turmoil and toil, and generated indicates the result of these efforts.

181. Option (2) is correct.
The sentence is advising the reader to let others know something specific, which makes it the right choice to introduce the clause that follows.

182. Option (3) is correct.
The sentence is instructing the reader to communicate with others about why they are trying to routinely hold crucial conversations. Explain fits the context as it suggests providing reasons or information about one's actions.

183. Option (1) is correct.
The sentence mentions Dr. Kurt Lewin, who is being quoted for a past action. Learned is the appropriate word as it indicates that Dr. Kurt Lewin discovered or understood something over half a century ago.

184. Option (4) is correct.
The sentence is discussing making a public statement, and a commitment is a public declaration to do something. It fits the context as it emphasises the importance of stating one's intentions publicly.

185. Option (2) is correct.
The sentence contrasts making a public commitment with keeping wishes to oneself. Kept indicates the action of holding something privately, which is the opposite of making a public commitment.

186. Option (3) is correct.
The author organises the passage by presenting personal experiences with meditation. They start by describing the fast-paced city life and its effects on their mental and physical health. Then, they introduce their skepticism about meditation, followed by their decision to give it a try and the positive changes it brought.

187. Option (2) is correct.
The Benefits of Meditation for a Healthier Life" is the most suitable title because the passage predominantly discusses the positive impact of meditation on the author's well-being. It focuses on the benefits of meditation in improving mental and physical health, making it the most appropriate title to encapsulate the passage's core theme.

188. Option (2) is correct.
The subject of the passage is "the benefits of meditation for a healthier life." It delves into how the author's practice of meditation resulted in improved mental and physical well-being. The passage emphasises the positive effects of meditation and its role in enhancing the quality of life, which aligns with the subject.

189. Option (2) is correct.
After meditating for a few weeks, the author felt "more relaxed and calmer." The passage describes how their initial anxiety and racing thoughts were replaced by a sense of calm and relaxation, highlighting the positive emotional and mental impact of meditation.

190. Option (2) is correct.
The author describes their experiences with meditation "in a personal and reflective manner." They share their journey from initial skepticism to the positive changes they observed in their life. The tone is personal, and the narrative reflects their thoughts and emotions, making it a personal and reflective account of their experiences with meditation.

191. Option (4) is correct.
The central theme of the passage is animal oil. It discusses the different types of animal oils, with a particular focus on whale oil, its source, and its uses.

192. Option (2) is correct.
Whales are protected naturally by the presence of a thick fat covering called blubber. This layer of blubber protects them from the cold of the Arctic seas, as mentioned in the passage.

193. Option (2) is correct.
Creation is an appropriate antonym for consumption because it suggests the idea of replenishing or producing more of something, in contrast to using it up. Consumption and depletion function the same as something being used or being reduced in this text.

194. Option (3) is correct.
Cod liver oil and halibut oil are recommended for sick children because they contain certain vitamins that are beneficial for their health, as mentioned in the passage.

195. Option (1) is correct.
The passage does not mention the making of shoes as an activity involving the use of oils. It primarily discusses the uses of animal and vegetable oils in cooking, making food, and producing perfumes and soaps.

196. Option (3) is correct.
This statement reflects the concept of "blurred boundaries" in remote work where an employee, although working remotely, extends their work hours into their personal time by responding to work emails after normal working hours. This practice can lead to burnout and decreased productivity, exemplifying the challenge of separating work and personal life in remote work situations.

197. Option (4) is correct.
The central theme of the passage is to identify and discuss both the benefits and drawbacks of remote work for both employees and employers. The passage presents a balanced perspective, exploring the advantages and disadvantages of remote work in detail.

198. Option (4) is correct.
Remote work contributes to a more diverse and inclusive workforce by making it easier for individuals with disabilities or caregiving responsibilities to participate in the workforce. It removes some of the physical barriers that might prevent them from working in a traditional office setting.

199. Option (2) is correct.
According to the passage, remote workers are often more productive than those in traditional office settings because they have fewer distractions and interruptions. This increased focus and reduced workplace distractions contribute to their higher productivity.

200. Option (3) is correct.
The passage states that the shift towards remote work has been driven by various factors, including new technologies. These technologies enable remote work by allowing employees to perform their jobs outside the traditional office setting, contributing to the increasing popularity of remote work.