

**STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**STENOGRAPHER GRADE C & D EXAMINATION**  
**SOLVED PAPER**

(7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 : Shift 1)

**Time Allotted:** 2 hours

**Max Marks:** 200

**General Intelligence & Reasoning**

1. In the following question, a specific relationship is given between two words. Identify the word that shares a similar semantic relationship with the given pair. Choose the most appropriate option from the four choices given below.

**Echo : Sound :: Reflection : ?**

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| 1. Mirror | 2. Refraction |
| 3. Light  | 4. Image      |

2. Read the following statements carefully and identify the conclusion that follows.

Statements:

All roses are flowers.

Some flowers are red.

Conclusions:

I. Some roses are red.

II. All red things are flowers.

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| 1. Only Conclusion I follows  |
| 2. Only Conclusion II follows |
| 3. Both I and II follow       |
| 4. Neither I nor II follow    |

3. Six friends A, B, C, D, E and F are sitting in a circle facing the centre. A is sitting to the immediate left of D. D is second to the left of E. B is sitting between A and F. F is not sitting next to D. Who is sitting opposite to D.

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| 1. A | 2. B | 3. E | 4. F |
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4. Input: 93 box 27 pink 46 green 18

Step 1: box 93 27 pink 46 green 18

Step 2: box 93 green 27 pink 46 18

Step 3: box 93 green 46 27 pink 18

Step 4: box 93 green 46 pink 27 18

What will be step 5?

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| 1. Box green 93 46 pink 27, 18                       |
| 2. Box 93 green 46 pink 18, 27                       |
| 3. Box 93 green 46 pink 27, 18                       |
| 4. There will not be step 5 as step 4 is final step. |

5. Input: 8 cake 12 bag 5 apple

Step 1: 5 apple 8 cake 12 bag

Step 2: 5 apple 8 bag 12 cake

What is the logic applied?

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| 1. Numbers in ascending order; words in reverse alphabetical order |
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2. Numbers and words are paired and sorted

3. Numbers in descending order; words in reverse order

4. Numbers in ascending order; words in alphabetical order

6. In the following question, two numbers are given which follow a certain logical or arithmetic relationship. Identify the same pattern and apply it to find the missing numbers in the second pair. Choose the correct option from the given alternatives.

**58214 : 70436 :: 73928 : ?**

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| 1. 86140 | 2. 85130 | 3. 95140 | 4. 95130 |
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7. In the following question, which one set of letters/ numbers when sequentially placed at gaps in the given letter series shall complete it? **d \_ e \_ f \_ 12g \_ 16h \_ 20i \_ 24**

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| 1. ef8ghj | 2. gh8ijj | 3. fg8hij | 4. de8fgj |
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8. If + means -, ÷ means +, - means × and × means ÷ then, what is  $28 - 4 \div 8 + 16$ ?

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| 1. 104 | 2. 112 | 3. 108 | 4. 100 |
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9. Read the following statements carefully and identify the conclusion that follows.

Statements: All chairs are furniture. Some furniture are tables.

Conclusions:

I. Some tables are chairs.

II. All chairs are tables.

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| 1. Neither I nor II follows | 2. Both I and II follow |
| 3. Only I follows           | 4. Only II follows      |

10. In a class of 30 students, Priya is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> from the top. What is rank from the bottom?

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| 1. 17 | 2. 19 | 3. 18 | 4. 16 |
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11. Kiran walks 7 km south, then turns to her right and walks 4 km. She again turns to her right and walks 7 km. How far is she from her starting point?

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| 1. 0 km | 2. 11 km | 3. 7 km | 4. 4 km |
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12. X is to U as N is to:

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| 1. K | 2. J | 3. L | 4. M |
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13. Rohan walks 10 meters towards the North. Then he turns right and walks 5 meters. Again, he turns right and walks 10 meters.

In which direction is he now from his starting point?

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| 1. North | 2. South | 3. East | 4. West |
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14. Complete the series: 6, 11, 21, 36, 56, ?  
1. 80      2. 76      3. 75      4. 81
15. If 6 workers complete a job in 15 days. How many days will 9 workers take assuming the same work rate?  
1. 10 days    2. 11 days    3. 9 days    4. 12 days
16. A train 150 m long passes a pole in 10 seconds. What is its speed in km/h?  
1. 60 km/h      2. 54 km/h  
3. 48 km/h      4. 45 km/h
17. A word-and-number arrangement machine rearranges a given input following a specific rule in each step. The rule involves moving the alphabetically smallest word to the leftmost side and the numerically largest number to the rightmost side in each step. The process continues until all words are arranged in alphabetical order at the left end, and all numbers in descending order at the right end. Based on the pattern, answer the question that follows the given input.  
Input: **Apple 41 Orange 62 85 Mango Banana 19**  
What is the final (last) arrangement?  
1. Apple Banana Mango Orange 85 62 41 19  
2. Banana Apple Mango Orange 85 62 41 19  
3. Banana Mango Apple Orange 85 62 41 19  
4. Apple Banana Orange Mango 85 62 41 19
18. All birds fly. Penguins are birds. Therefore, "penguins fly." The flaw is:  
1. Hasty generalisation    2. Irrelevant conclusion  
3. Circular reasoning    4. False premise
19. Which of these actions shows poor judgment in handling a disagreement with a friend?  
1. Talking calmly to resolve it  
2. Ignoring the friend permanently  
3. Taking time to cool off  
4. Writing a letter to express your feelings
20. If 4 workers can complete a job in 12 days, how many days will 6 workers take to complete the same job?  
1. 8 days    2. 7 days    3. 6 days    4. 9 days
21. Which one is different from the others?  
1. 121    2. 189    3. 169    4. 144
22. In the following question, a number series is given. In each series, only one number is wrong number. Find out the wrong number: 5 11 21 43 86 171  
1. 171    2. 86    3. 5    4. 43
23. A and B are sisters. C is the brother of A. D is the father of C. How D is related to B?  
1. Father    2. Uncle  
3. Brother    4. Father-in-law
24. In a class of 41 students, Ramesh is ranked 21<sup>st</sup> from the top. What is his rank from the bottom?  
1. 22    2. 21    3. 30    4. 20
25. Four of the following five are like in a certain way and hence form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group?  
1. SMILE : T N K L I  
2. BRING : C S H M H  
3. FLOUR : G M N V Q  
4. HOUSE : I P V T F  
5. TRUTH : U S V U I  
1. TRUTH : U S V U I    2. HOUSE : I P V T F  
3. FLOUR : G M N V Q    4. SMILE : T N K L I
26. If 4 workers complete a task in 8 days. How many days will 8 workers take to complete the same task?  
1. 10 days    2. 4 days    3. 6 days    4. 8 days
27. In the following question, a word is transformed into another word by applying a specific alphabetical pattern to each of its letters. Identify the logic used in the first pair and apply the same logic to the second word to determine the correct answer  
**LIGHT : MJGHW :: HEAVY : ?**  
1. IFAVB    2. HISAT  
3. JENZQ    4. GPIDB
28. Complete the series: 2, 6, 14, 30, 62, ?  
1. 120    2. 122    3. 124    4. 126
29. Fill in the blank: 4, 12, 6, 18, 9, \_\_\_\_  
1. 18    2. 27    3. 36    4. 12
30. No humans are immortal. Some humans are scientists. Which of the following conclusions can be made?  
1. All humans are immortal  
2. All scientists are mortal  
3. Some scientists are not immortal  
4. Some scientists are not humans
31. Six people A, B, C, D, E, and F are sitting in a row. B is to the right of A but to the left of C. E is sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> to the left of B. D is not sitting next to the A or C. Who is in the middle of F and B?  
1. B    2. C    3. D    4. A
32. **Statement:** Ethical behaviour fosters trust, but profitability often relies on operational efficiency as well.  
**Conclusion I:** Ethical behaviour is not sufficient for profitability  
**Conclusion II:** Operational efficiency is required for trust.  
Which conclusion follows?  
1. Both conclusion I and II follows  
2. Neither conclusion I nor II follows  
3. Only conclusion I follows  
4. Only conclusion II follows
33. **Scenario:**  
Priyanka has the following qualifications:  
Education: B.Sc. with 82% and M.Sc. in Chemistry  
Experience: 3 years in the relevant field  
Age: 26 years  
**Eligibility Criteria for the position:**  
Minimum Age: 25 years  
Maximum Age: 30 years  
Educational Qualification: At least M.Sc. in Chemistry

Experience: Minimum 2 years in the relevant field.

Probationary Roles: Open to candidates with less than 5 years of experience.

**Decision:**

Based on the provided information, what is the most appropriate decision regarding Priyanka's eligibility for the position?

1. Priyanka is not eligible due to her age exceeding the maximum limit.
  2. Priyanka is eligible for the position as she meets all the criteria.
  3. Priyanka is eligible only if she agrees to probationary role.
  4. Priyanka is not eligible due to insufficient experience.
34. Eight people - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H - are sitting around a circular table, all facing outward.  
D is third to the right of A.  
B is sitting opposite D.  
G is an immediate neighbour of both D and F.  
C sits to the immediate right of F. (Modified from "second to the left")  
E is third to the right of B.  
Who is sitting to the immediate right of E?  
1. D            2. B            3. C            4. A
35. If **READ** = 79 and **DEAR** = 79, Then what is the code for **DARE**?  
1. 87            2. 86            3. 88            4. 79
36. In how many ways can 6 people be seated around a round table?  
1. 120            2. 240            3. 360            4. 480
37. A train travels 180 km. at a uniform speed. If the speed has been 15 km/h more, it would have taken 1 hour less to cover the same distance.  
What is original distance of the train?  
1. 60 km/h    2. 45 km/h    3. 75 km/h    4. 30 km/h
38. Find the number that doesn't belong:  
1. 103            2. 111            3. 109            4. 107
39. In a queue, Ram is 10<sup>th</sup> from the front and 15<sup>th</sup> from the back. How many people are in the queue?  
1. 26            2. 27            3. 24            4. 25
40. What should come in the place of question mark (?) in the following alpha numeric series?  
2, 3, 5, 6, 4, 5, 9, 20, 6, 7, 13, ?  
1. 42            2. 28            3. 40            4. 50
41. Find the different term:  
1. 49            2. 64            3. 90            4. 81
42. A man walks 4 km north, then turn right and walks 3 km. Then turns right again and walks 4 km.  
What is the shortest distance from his starting point?  
1. 2 km            2. 5 km            3. 3 km            4. 4 km
43. What should come in the place of question mark (?) in the following alpha numeric series?  
10M-30, 15O-27, 20K-24, 25Q-21, ?  
1. 32K-22    2. 31S-18    3. 33J-18    4. 30I-18
44. What should come in the place of question mark (?) in the following alpha numeric series?  
2A-50, 5Z-46, 8B-42, 11Y-38, ?  
1. 14C-34    2. 14X-34    3. 14F-30    4. 14D-34
45. Four out of the five options share a common characteristic, forming a group. Which one does not fit into that group?  
1. M N O P : N M O P  
2. A B C D : B A C D  
3. F G H I : G F H I  
4. S T U V : T S U V  
5. W X Y Z : X Y W Z  
1. M N O P : N M O P    2. A B C D : B A C D  
3. W X Y Z : X Y W Z    4. S T U V : T S U V
46. A is the father of B, and B is the mother of C. How is A related to C?  
1. Grandfather            2. Father  
3. Uncle            4. Brother
47. Carefully observe the following incomplete letter sequence. A specific pattern determines the order and repetition of the letters.  
Select the option that best completes the sequence in a logical and symmetrical manner.  
aa\_bbc\_aa bb\_aaac\_cc  
1. bbbb            2. aaab  
3. cccc            4. aaaa
48. Read the following statements carefully identify the conclusion that follows.  
Statement: "Online learning has increased students participation."  
Conclusions:  
I. Students did not participate in physical classes.  
II. Technology helps in engaging students.  
1. Only conclusion II follows  
2. Both I and II follow  
3. Neither I nor II follows  
4. Only Conclusion I follows
49. In the following question, a pair of words is given in capital letters, followed by five answer options consisting of word pairs. Choose the option in which the relationship between the words most closely matches the relationship between the given pair.  
MAVERICK : CONFORMITY  
1. Iconoclast : Tradition  
2. Dilettante : Expertise  
3. Ascetic : Indulgence  
4. Demagogue : Populace  
5. Altruist : Selfishness  
1. Altruist : Selfishness    2. Ascetic : Indulgence  
3. Demagogue : Populace    4. Iconoclast : Tradition
50. In each of the following question, a pair of words (letter sequences) is given on the left hand side of the double colon (::), which follows a certain alphabetical pattern. Identify the logic in the first pair and apply the same logic to the third word to find the correct corresponding word from the options.  
**RED : RFE :: TOP : ?**  
1. GAG            2. TPQ            3. KAK            4. MOM



## General Awareness

51. What was the **first published poetry collection** by Vinod Kumar Shukla?
  1. Lagbhag Jai Hind
  2. Kavita se Lambi Kavita
  3. Aakash Dharti Ko Khatakti Hai
  4. Woh Aadmi Chala Gaya
52. According to the Law of Periods, the square of a planet's time period is proportional to:
  1. The square of its distance from the sun
  2. The cube of the semi-major axis of its orbit
  3. The square root of its orbital radius
  4. The product of its mass and orbital speed
53. Which of Rutherford's experimental observations led him to conclude that the positive charge of an atom is concentrated in a very small region?
  1. Electrons were found to orbit the nucleus in specific energy levels.
  2. A very small fraction of  $\alpha$ -particles rebounded almost backwards.
  3. Most  $\alpha$ -particles followed a straight path through the gold foil.
  4. A small fraction of  $\alpha$ -particles were deflected by small angles.
54. The Western Coastal Plains are narrower compared to the Eastern Coastal Plains because:
  1. They receive less rainfall
  2. They are less populated
  3. They are older in formation
  4. They are bordered by the Western Ghats
55. The maximum strength of the Lok Sabha (House of the People) as stipulated by the Constitution is:
 

1. 530 members	2. 552 members
3. 550 members	4. 545 members
56. Which recent mission by ISRO is designed to study the Sun from the Lagrange point L1, offering a unique vantage point for solar observation?
  1. Aditya-L1
  2. Chandrayaan-3
  3. Shukrayaan-1
  4. Mangalyaan
57. Name the state which is the largest producer of lignite coal?
 

1. Maharashtra	2. Gujarat
3. Rajasthan	4. Tamil Nadu
58. Which Mauryan ruler is credited with the establishment of the spy system in his empire?
 

1. Bindusara	2. Brihadratha
3. Ashoka	4. Chandragupta Maurya
59. Which article provides for the appointment of Governors in India?
 

1. Article 170	2. Article 154
3. Article 155	4. Article 168

60. Identify the following constitutional attributes with their respective democratic values:

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Fundamental Duties	(i)	Grassroots democracy
(b)	Equal voting rights	(ii)	Respect for individual conscience
(c)	Local self-government provisions responsibilities	(iii)	Recognition of citizens'
(d)	Religious freedom assurance	(iv)	Principle of universal franchise

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| 1. a-ii, b-i, c-iv, d-iii | 2. a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv |
| 3. a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii | 4. a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i |
61. Which Pala ruler is known for founding the great Buddhist university at Vikramashila?
 

1. Dharmapala	2. Mahipala I
3. Gopala I	4. Devapala
  62. Which of the following correctly represents the chronological order of human development during gestation?
    1. Embryo — Zygote — Foetus
    2. Foetus — Embryo — Zygote
    3. Zygote — Embryo — Foetus
    4. Zygote — Foetus — Embryo
  63. Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Thiru K. Kamaraj on his birth anniversary. He is remembered for his contributions to which of the following areas?
    1. Trade liberalisation and digital governance
    2. Freedom struggle and social welfare governance
    3. Industrialisation and foreign policy
    4. Literature and environmental reforms
  64. What was the primary impact of the 'License Raj' system on industrial growth in India before 1991?
    1. It created entry barriers, hindered expansion, and fostered inefficiency.
    2. It led to efficient resource allocation and increased competition.
    3. It ensured balanced regional development and prevented monopolies.
    4. It promoted rapid industrial diversification and innovation.
  65. Which of the following best describes the primary objective of a government's fiscal policy?
    1. To control the money supply and interest rates.
    2. To promote international trade and maintain a favourable balance of payments.
    3. To influence aggregate demand and economic activity through the government spending and taxation.
    4. To regulate the stock market and financial institutions.
  66. **Given below are the statements in assertion and reason. Choose the correct options:**  
**Assertion (A):** AFI has incorporated WADA's 2014 anti-doping rules into its constitution.

**Reason(R):** Any updates to WADA rules are automatically binding on all athletes and affiliated units in AFL.

1. A is true, but R is false.
  2. Both A and R are true, but R is the correct explanation of A.
  3. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
  4. A is false, but R is true.
67. In which decade did India experience a negative growth rate in population?
1. 1901-1911
  2. 1931-1941
  3. 2001-2011
  4. 1911-1921
68. Which year was the first World Happiness Report published?
1. 2012
  2. 2016
  3. 2010
  4. 2005
69. How can NISAR provide valuable information for understanding the relationship between fluid injection and earthquake?
1. By tracking changes in ground surface elevation associated with pumping and injection.
  2. By measuring seismic activity in real time.
  3. By monitoring water table levels.
  4. By analysing satellite imagery of earthquake damage.
70. Which of the following best captures the broader geopolitical shift triggered by the decisive defeat of the Nawab of Carnatic's forces in their confrontation with European powers?
1. It revealed systemic vulnerabilities in native military structures, prompting European companies to transition from trade to political hegemony.
  2. It disillusioned European companies, resulting in a strategic withdrawal from inland military affairs.
  3. It consolidated indigenous authority, forcing European traders into commercial treaties under local oversight.
  4. It established a stable dual-administrative system between Indian principalities and foreign chartered companies.
71. The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) focuses on:
1. Enhancing development in underdeveloped districts.
  2. Improving governance in urban areas.
  3. Developing industrial clusters in backward regions.
  4. Providing subsidies to small-scale industries.
72. Which of the following statements best explains why certain regions exhibit high population density?
1. Regions offering fertile land, favourable climates, abundant natural resources, and robust economic opportunities are more likely to have high population densities.
  2. High population density is predominantly found in areas with poor infrastructure and limited access to essential services.
  3. Regions with limited natural resources tend to have Areas with scarce natural resources have higher population concentrations because of greater competition for few materials.
  4. Areas characterised by mountainous terrain and arid climates often support dense populations because of their challenging living conditions.
73. What is the role of the Speaker in case of a tied vote in the Lok Sabha election?
1. Decides based on personal preference
  2. Votes to break the tie
  3. Does not participate
  4. Refers the decision to the President
74. Which government scheme aims to phase out unfit and polluting vehicles from India's roads to reduce emissions and boost automotive industry recycling?
1. Smart City Mission
  2. Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernisation Programme
  3. National Electric Mobility Mission Plan
  4. Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana
75. Which constitutional features in India are linked to the Australian Constitution?
- (A) Freedom of trade and commerce  
(B) Joint sitting of the two Houses  
(C) Federal structure with strong Centre  
(D) Advisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
1. Only B
  2. A and B both
  3. A and C both
  4. Only A
76. Which of the following initiatives was established as a collaborative effort by the BRICS member countries?
1. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)
  2. The New Development Bank (NDB)
  3. The World Trade Organisation (WTO)
  4. The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
77. Read the below statements:
- Statement I:** The Sixth Five-Year Plan aimed at income growth and modernisation of technology through various schemes.
- Statement II:** The Third Five-Year Plan failed due to various factors such as wars, rupee devaluation and food crisis.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
1. Both statements I and II are incorrect.
  2. Statement I is correct, Statement II is incorrect.
  3. Statement I is incorrect, Statement II is correct.
  4. Both statements I and II are correct.
78. What was the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee-II regarding public sector banks?
1. Reduce lending by public sector banks.
  2. Increase government ownership in public sector banks.
  3. Merge and consolidate public sector banks.
  4. Privatised all public sector banks.
79. Which of the following best reflects the scarcity problem in economics?
1. Limited wants and unlimited resources
  2. Unlimited wants and unlimited resources
  3. Limited resources and unlimited wants
  4. Equal wants and equal resources
80. Under which ministry does the National Productivity Council operate?
1. Ministry of Education
  2. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
  3. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
  4. Ministry of Agriculture

81. If a person view the Earth from above the North Pole, he will observe that the Earth rotates in:  
 1. Anti-clockwise      2. No rotation  
 3. Random spin      4. Clockwise
82. Which Article of the Constitution deals with the extent of executive power of the Union?  
 1. Article 78      2. Article 75  
 3. Article 52      4. Article 73
83. **Read the following statements carefully and choose the correct option:**  
**Assertion (A):** The jaherthan plays a central role in the sacrificial rituals of Erok Sim.  
**Reason (R):** The jaherthan is a sacred grove believed to be inhabited by spirits, including Jaherera, the Lady of the Sacred Grove.  
 1. Both A and R are correct, but R does not explain A.  
 2. Both A and R are correct, and R correctly explains A.  
 3. A is correct, but R is incorrect.  
 4. A is incorrect, but R is correct.
84. The Battle of Samugarh was fought between Aurangzeb and which Mughal prince?  
 1. Jahangir      2. Murad Baksh  
 3. Shah Jahan      4. Dara Shikoh
85. Which Indian plateau is formed primarily by volcanic activity?  
 1. Malwa Plateau      2. Shillong Plateau  
 3. Chota Nagpur Plateau      4. Deccan Plateau
86. **Evaluate the following about Carnatic instruments and choose the correct option:**  
**Statement 1:** The Mridangam is a melodic percussion instrument used to outline the raga.  
**Statement 2:** Nadaswaram is a double-reed instrument traditionally played in temples and weddings.  
 1. Only 1  
 2. Only 2  
 3. Both 1 and 2 are correct  
 4. Neither 1 nor 2 is correct
87. As per **Chapter I (Preliminary)** of the *Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023*, which of the following is **not applicable** under the Act?  
 1. Hearings before a District Magistrate  
 2. Affidavits submitted before court officer  
 3. Trials before Military Court (Court-martial)  
 4. Proceedings before Civil Judge Court
88. Which classical dance form is associated with the state of Kerala?  
 1. Kathak      2. Kuchipudi  
 3. Kathakali      4. Sattriya
89. What does a lower GPI score indicate?  
 1. Higher level of peace  
 2. Greater military strength  
 3. Higher risk of war  
 4. Better environmental practices
90. **Consider the following statements:**  
**Statement I:** Land and agriculture fall under the State List.  
**Statement II:** Marriage laws and adoption fall under the Concurrent List.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**  
 1. Only Statement I is correct  
 2. Only Statement II is correct  
 3. Both statements I and II are correct  
 4. Neither statement I nor II is correct
91. In May 2024, India signed a long-term agreement for the operation of Chabahar Port. What is the duration of this agreement?  
 1. 20 years    2. 10 years    3. 99 years    4. 5 years
92. Consider the following statements about Udayagiri and Khandagiri caves:  
 1. These caves are near Bhubaneswar and were meant for Jain monks.  
 2. All caves are shaped like flowers and are carved from independent boulders.  
 3. Each cave has multiple shrines dedicated to different Buddhist deities.  
 Which of the above is/are correct?  
 1. Only 1      2. All 1, 2, and 3 are correct  
 3. 1 and 2 Only      4. 2 and 3 Only
93. Consider the following statements:  
 1. A solar eclipse- The Moon casts a shadow on Earth when it comes between the Sun and Earth.  
 2. A lunar eclipse- During the new moon phase, the Moon passes through the Earth's shadow.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 1. Both 1 and 2      2. 1 only  
 3. 2 only      4. Neither 1 nor 2
94. How did the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 extend the legal abortion framework in India?  
 1. Increased gestational limit for termination to 24 weeks for special cases  
 2. Restricted abortion access only to married women  
 3. Allowed termination solely on the discretion of healthcare providers  
 4. Made abortion legal for all pregnancies up to 30 weeks
95. What makes Dr. Avesh Kumar Tyagi's contributions in Atomic Energy distinct from conventional research output, as per his Vigyan Shri citation?  
 1. Strategic innovation in both materials and process R&D  
 2. Discovery of a new radioactive element  
 3. Advances in isotopic separation only  
 4. Development of radiation therapy devices
96. Which of the following best describes the main purpose of developing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in agriculture?  
 1. To reduce the cost of manual weeding and irrigation only  
 2. To improve crop yield, pest resistance, and nutritional quality  
 3. To eliminate the need for fertilisers and pesticides entirely  
 4. To grow crops only in artificial laboratory environments
97. In which country were the inaugural Commonwealth Games hosted?  
 1. France    2. Africa    3. India    4. Canada



98. The new criminal laws aim to replace British-era laws with a focus on:
1. Political advantages
  2. Religious governance
  3. Corporate laws
  4. Justice delivery and citizen rights
99. The 3-point line in basketball is drawn at what distance from the basket in **international competitions**?
1. 6.25 meters
  2. 7.25 meters
  3. 5.75 meters
  4. 6.75 meters
100. Read the given below statements carefully and choose the correct option:
- Assertion (A):** The Chambal River is known for its badland topography called the Chambal ravines.
- Reason (R):** The Chambal flows through a deep gorge and eroded terrain before joining the Yamuna.
1. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
  2. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
  3. A is true, but R is false.
  4. A is false, but R is true.

### English Language and Comprehension

101. Choose the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:
- (A) the winner (B) declared (C) was (D) yesterday
1. CABD
  2. ACBD
  3. BCAD
  4. CBAD
102. In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank:
- Progress in digital technology has (1) \_\_\_ transformed contemporary life. From artificial intelligence to smartphones, technologies are (2) \_\_\_ transforming industries and societies. But with speed comes (3) \_\_\_, as numerous workers are left uncertain about their future jobs. To adapt to this disruption, people need to be (4) \_\_\_, constantly renewing their (5) \_\_\_ to stay competitive.
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
1. marginally
  2. sporadically
  3. occasionally
  4. drastically
103. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
1. hesitantly
  2. rarely
  3. accidentally
  4. invariably
104. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
1. celebration
  2. incentive
  3. harmony
  4. disruption
105. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
1. proactive
  2. stubborn
  3. reactive
  4. adaptable
106. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
1. strategies
  2. diversions
  3. obstacles
  4. competencies

### Read the passage and answer the questions:

As artificial intelligence (AI) technologies continue to proliferate across every sector of human activity, the ethical implications of their deployment have become a matter of urgent concern. Once relegated to the realm of speculative fiction, AI now permeates decision making in fields as diverse as healthcare, finance, education, and criminal justice. While proponents argue that AI can increase efficiency, reduce human bias, and democratize access to services, critics warn of the potential for algorithmic discrimination, erosion of privacy, and the deepening of existing social inequalities.

At the heart of the debate lies a fundamental tension between technological progress and moral responsibility. Machines, no matter how sophisticated, lack consciousness and intrinsic values; they merely execute instructions based on data inputs and programmed algorithms. Thus, when an AI system makes a life-altering decision—such as denying a loan application or predicting a defendant's likelihood of reoffending—it is not the machine itself that is accountable, but the human architects behind its creation and training.

Moreover, the opacity of many AI systems, often referred to as the "black box" problem, poses a significant ethical challenge. When even developers cannot fully explain how a machine arrived at a given outcome, the prospect of ensuring fairness, transparency, and accountability becomes deeply problematic. Addressing these concerns will require not only technical innovations, such as explainable AI but also rigorous interdisciplinary collaboration between engineers, ethicists, policymakers, and the public.

107. Which of the following correctly identifies the tense used predominantly in the first paragraph?
1. Past perfect
  2. Present continuous
  3. Present perfect continuous
  4. Present simple
108. Identify the correct type of sentence used in the line: "At the heart of the debate lies a fundamental tension between technological progress and moral responsibility."
1. Compound
  2. Complex
  3. Simple
  4. Compound-Complex
109. What is the most accurate meaning of the word "proliferate" as used in the passage?
1. Decline slowly
  2. Spread rapidly
  3. Change unpredictably
  4. Improve steadily
110. In the context of the passage, the phrase "algorithmic discrimination" most likely refers to:
1. Computers correcting human mistakes.
  2. AI systems treating individuals unfairly based on biased programming.
  3. AI systems achieving perfect objectivity.
  4. The classification of data without errors.
111. According to the passage, what is one major obstacle to ensuring fairness and accountability in AI systems?
1. The high cost of building AI models.
  2. The limited availability of data scientists.

3. The inability to fully explain how AI systems reach conclusions.

4. The lack of government funding.

**In the following passage, some words have been omitted. Read the passage carefully and choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives to fill in each blank. Mark your answer for each question.**

As artificial intelligence becomes more integrated into daily life, debates around its ethical use are growing louder. Machines now make decisions that were once the (1), of human judgment—from recommending medical treatments to scanning resumes. While AI offers speed and efficiency, it lacks moral (2) raising concerns about bias, accountability, and transparency. Critics argue that without strict ethical frameworks, AI could reinforce social inequalities or even make harmful choices with no clear line of (3). Developers face the challenge of embedding values into code—yet whose values should apply? In multicultural societies, defining what is “right” is rarely (4). Some suggest collaborative oversight involving ethicists, technologists, and policymakers. Others warn that regulation must evolve faster than innovation to prevent misuse.

In the race to build smarter systems, the real question remains: can we create machines that are not just intelligent, but also (5) \_\_\_ ?

112. Machines now make decisions that were once the (1), of human judgment—from recommending medical treatments to scanning resumes.

1. domain 2. version 3. burden 4. process

113. While AI offers speed and efficiency, it lacks moral considerations, raising concerns about bias, accountability, and transparency (2).

1. clarity 2. depth 3. instinct 4. reasoning

114. Critics argue that without strict ethical frameworks, AI could reinforce social inequalities or even make harmful choices with no clear line of (3).

1. argument 2. command  
3. accountability 4. conduct

115. In multicultural societies, defining what is “right” is rarely (4).

1. visible 2. consistent  
3. obvious 4. universal

116. In the race to build smarter systems, the real question remains: can we create machines that are not just intelligent, but also (5) \_\_\_ ?

(5)  
1. controlled 2. obedient  
3. ethical 4. productive

117. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in Direct to Indirect Speech.

She said, “O that I were a bird!”

1. She said that she wished she were a bird.  
2. She said that she has been a bird.  
3. She said that she wanted to be a bird.  
4. She said that she was a bird.

118. Find the incorrect part of the sentence:

She is angry upon me.

1. me 2. No error  
3. angry upon 4. She is

119. In the following question, the first and the last parts of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/passage is split into four parts — P, Q, R, and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find the most logical order of the parts between 1 and 6.

1. Economic inflation affects both consumers and businesses. P: Businesses struggle to maintain profit margins. Q: Rising prices reduce the purchasing power of individuals. R: Governments may intervene through monetary policy. S: It creates uncertainty in long-term investment planning. 6. Managing inflation is crucial for economic stability.

1. QPSR 2. PQRS 3. QRSP 4. SQPR

120. Choose the correct meaning of idiom: “Face the music”.

1. Poor Weather 2. Bear consequences  
3. Earn Money 4. Give money

121. Choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentence.

A person’s peculiar habit or mannerism

1. Idiosyncrasy 2. Illusion  
3. Hypocrisy 4. Eccentricity

122. Which of the given options is the most logical sequence of the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph?

1. Cybersecurity is a growing concern in the digital age.  
2. Strong passwords, encryption, and awareness can help prevent cybercrimes.  
3. Hackers use advanced techniques to steal personal and financial data.  
4. It means protecting computer systems from attacks by hackers.

1. 2-3-1-4 2. 1-4-3-2 3. 4-1-3-2 4. 3-2-4-1

123. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in Direct to Indirect Speech.

The man said, “Be quiet and listen carefully.”

1. The man said to be quiet and to listen carefully.  
2. The man ordered them to be quiet and listen carefully.  
3. The man asked to be quiet and listen.  
4. The man advised them to be quiet.

124. Find the incorrect part of the sentence:

I returned back from Mumbai last week.

1. last week 2. from Mumbai  
3. No error 4. I returned back

125. Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:

The keys were found by him under the old wooden table.

1. He finds the keys under the old wooden table.  
2. He was finding the keys under the old wooden table.  
3. He is finding the keys under the old wooden table.  
4. He found the keys under the old wooden table.

126. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

She has great affection \_\_\_ her brother.

1. to 2. of 3. with 4. for



127. Select the synonym of **Conundrum**.  
 1. Triumph 2. Celebration  
 3. Harmony 4. Problem
128. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
 This is the boy **who he stole** the purse.  
 1. who had stole 2. which stole  
 3. whom stole 4. who stole
129. Fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions.  
 Mahesh threw the ball ..... his friend, but he could not catch it.  
 1. at 2. against 3. to 4. for
130. Select the synonym of **Defer**.  
 1. Decline 2. Delay  
 3. Reject 4. Proceed
131. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 The students were keen \_\_\_ participating.  
 1. on 2. with 3. for 4. in
132. Transform the following sentence into active voice.  
 This law which was passed in the parliament last year should have been reviewed properly by the members of the committee.  
 1. The parliament should have reviewed the law properly, which the members of the committee passed last year.  
 2. The members of the committee should have reviewed the law properly, which the parliament passed last year.  
 3. The law should have reviewed the members of the committee properly which the parliament passed last year.  
 4. The members of the committee should have reviewed the law properly, which was passed in the parliament last year.
133. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.  
 "The plants were watered by the gardener every morning."  
 1. The gardener has watered the plants every morning.  
 2. The gardener waters the plants every morning.  
 3. The gardener watered the plants every morning.  
 4. The gardener is watering the plants every morning.
134. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.  
 "The walls are being painted by the workers."  
 1. The workers painted the walls.  
 2. The workers were painting the walls.  
 3. The workers are painting the walls.  
 4. The workers paint the walls.
135. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
 She is my **cousin sister**.  
 1. cousin sibling 2. own cousin  
 3. cousin girl 4. cousin
136. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 The minister was apprised \_\_\_ the current situation.  
 1. to 2. about 3. of 4. at
137. Choose the correct synonym of '**Juvenile**':  
 1. Childish 2. Accident  
 3. Grown-up 4. Elder
138. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 The book consists \_\_\_ ten chapters.  
 1. in 2. from 3. by 4. of
139. Choose the most suitable option to replace the underlined part of the sentence. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No substitution required'.  
 She aren't believe in wasting time during working hours.  
 1. isn't believe 2. No substitution required  
 3. wasn't believes 4. doesn't believe
140. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in Direct to Indirect Speech.  
 She said, "I need some rest."  
 1. She said that she needed some rest.  
 2. She said that she needs some rest.  
 3. She said that she had needed some rest.  
 4. She said that she will need some rest.
141. What is the meaning of the idiom "face the music"?  
 1. Run away 2. Confront difficulties  
 3. Hide feelings 4. Avoid trouble
142. In the following question, the first and the last parts of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6...  
 1. The digital divide continues to deepen social inequalities. P. Unequal access to the internet limits educational opportunities. Q. Those in rural or underserved areas lag behind. R. It prevents skill development and employment access. S. Technology's benefits are unequally distributed. 6. Bridging this gap is critical for inclusive growth.  
 1. SQPR 2. SPRQ 3. PQRS 4. QPRS
143. Select the synonym of **Alacrity**.  
 1. Sluggishness 2. Hesitation  
 3. Eagerness 4. Delay
144. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.  
 She read the story aloud to the class in a calm and steady \_\_\_\_\_.  
 1. manner 2. meaner 3. miner 4. manor
145. Convert the sentence provided below from its passive voice structure to an active voice structure:  
 The letter has been written by the manager carefully.  
 1. The manager was writing the letter carefully.  
 2. The manager will write the letter carefully.  
 3. The manager is writing the letter carefully.  
 4. The manager has written the letter carefully.
146. Arrange the sentence parts:  
 (A) his advice (B) the students  
 (C) accepted (D) happily  
 1. BACD 2. BADC 3. BCAD 4. ABCD
147. Which of the following sentences correctly uses the idiom "A picture is worth a thousand words"?  
 1. I prefer reading detailed descriptions rather than looking at images, even though a picture is worth a thousand words.  
 2. The beautiful photograph captured the tragedy so well that no words were needed—truly, a picture is worth a thousand words.  
 3. Since she couldn't take a picture, she decided to write a long paragraph, as a picture is worth a thousand words.  
 4. He described the entire scene in detail because a picture is worth a thousand words.
148. Which among the following sentences uses the article (if required) before the word 'honour' correctly?  
 1. It is the honour to be here.  
 2. It is an honour to be here.

3. It is honour to be here.
  4. It is a honour to be here.
149. In the following question, the first and the last parts of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/passage is split into four parts — P, Q, R, and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find the most logical order of the parts between 1 and 6.
1. Honeybees are vital for pollination. P: They transfer pollen between flowers. Q: This helps in the growth of fruits and seeds. R: Without bees, many crops would fail. S: But bee populations are declining globally. 6. Protecting bees is essential for food security.
1. PSQR    2. PRQS    3. PQRS    4. RPQS
150. In the following question, the first and the last parts of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/passage is split into four parts — P, Q, R, and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find the most logical order of the parts between 1 and 6.
1. Art is a reflection of society. P: It communicates emotions beyond words. Q: From cave paintings to modern murals, art evolves. R: Artists express views on culture, politics, and identity. S: It also raises awareness on social issues. 6. Hence, art holds immense power in society.
1. QPRS    2. QRPS    3. PRQS    4. RSPQ
151. Find the incorrect part of the sentence:  
She congratulated him for his success.
1. no error                      2. him for
  3. his success!                4. she congratulated
152. Which spelling is correct for a leadership role?
1. Lieutenant                2. Luitenant
  3. Lieutnant                 4. Leutenant
153. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
She is married **with a doctor**.
1. in a doctor                2. to a doctor
  3. by a doctor                4. from a doctor
154. Arrange the sentence parts:  
(A) by the end of the year (B) complete (C) the construction company (D) promised to
1. CADB    2. DACB    3. ACBD    4. CDBA
155. Select the most appropriate homonym.  
The new CEO will chair the meeting.
1. Observe                    2. Preside over
  3. Cancel                     4. Furniture
156. Identify the part containing a grammatical or structural error:  
No sooner he had arrived than the meeting started.
1. he had arrived
  2. No error
  3. No sooner
  4. than the meeting started
157. Choose the antonym of 'lucid':
1. Transparent                2. Clear
  3. Vague                        4. Coherent
158. Choose the correct indirect speech form of the following sentence.  
Rukmini said to Sanjana, "Why didn't you appear in the UPSC Preliminary Examination last year?"
1. Rukmini asked Sanjana why had she not appeared in the UPSC Preliminary Examination the previous year.
  2. Rukmini asked Sanjana why she had not appeared in the UPSC Preliminary Examination the previous year.
  3. Rukmini told Sanjana why she had not appeared in the UPSC Preliminary Examination the last year.
  4. Rukmini asked Sanjana why she did not appear in the UPSC Preliminary Examination year.
159. Find the incorrect part of the sentence:  
The officer has issued an order to arrest him immediately.
1. The officer                      2. No error
  3. has issued
  4. an order to arrest him immediately
160. What does the idiom 'Spill the beans' mean?
1. Waste food                      2. Hide a fact
  3. Reveal a secret                4. Lose patience
161. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
I came **to know this from** a friend.
1. to know this through    2. to know that from
  3. to know of it from        4. to know it by
162. Choose the correct indirect speech form of the following sentence.  
They said, "Please bring the basket here."
1. They requested to take the basket here.
  2. They requested me to take the basket there.
  3. They requested me to bring the basket there.
  4. They requested me to bring the basket here.
163. Choose the correctly spelt word:
1. Reconcile                      2. Reconsile
  3. Reconeile                      4. Reconcil
164. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense.  
The student ..... his homework yet.
1. have not completed    2. did not complete
  3. was not completed      4. has not completed.
165. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.  
"He wrote the letter."
1. The letter was written by him.
  2. The letter is written by him.
  3. The letter wrote by him.
  4. The letter had been wrote.
166. Which of the following refers to the branch of science concerned with the study of sound, its production, transmission, and effects?
1. Acoustics                      2. Geology
  3. Thermodynamics            4. Optics
167. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.  
"The editor has approved the final version."
1. The final version has been approved by the editor.
  2. The final version was approved by the editor.
  3. The final version was being approved.
  4. The final version is approved.
168. Select the synonym of **Summon**.
1. Send    2. Disperse    3. Drive    4. Call
169. Choose the sentence that uses the homonym of the underlined word:  
The **wind** howled through the trees.
1. The wind was cold and sharp at night.
  2. The wind knocked over the garbage can.
  3. A sudden gust of wind blew her hat away.
  4. He has to wind the old clock manually.

170. Choose the antonym of 'benevolent':  
1. Humane 2. Generous 3. Kind 4. Malevolent
171. Choose the correct indirect speech form of the following sentence.  
He said to Renuka, "We must do it now and go there as soon as possible."  
1. He told Renuka that they must do it then and go there as soon as possible.  
2. He told Renuka that they have to do it now and go there as soon as possible.  
3. He told Renuka that they must do it now and go here as soon as possible.  
4. He told Renuka that they had to do it then and go there as soon as possible.
172. Rearrange the following steps of the national census process in the correct order:  
P. Enumerators visit households to collect data  
Q. Data is compiled and analysed at central offices  
R. The government announces census dates and guidelines  
S. A final census report is published and shared with the public  
1.  $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow R$  2.  $S \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P \rightarrow R$   
3.  $R \rightarrow P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S$  4.  $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow R$
173. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
She was annoyed \_\_\_\_ the noise.  
1. by 2. to 3. at 4. with
174. Identify the error in the sentence.  
He made a quick shower before heading to the office.  
1. quick 2. shower 3. before 4. made
175. Choose the antonym of 'inflate':  
1. Increase 2. Reduce 3. Expand 4. Swell
176. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
Seldom **we have seen** such a performance.  
1. had we seen 2. did we saw  
3. have we seen 4. we had seen
177. Identify the error in the sentence.  
Mount Everest is more highest peak in the world.  
1. world 2. more 3. highest 4. everest
178. What does the idiom 'Steal someone's thunder' mean?  
1. Mock them 2. Take credit for their work  
3. Help them 4. Ignore them
179. Choose the correct one-word substitution for:  
"A speech delivered without preparation"  
1. Soliloquy 2. Rebuttal  
3. Monologue 4. Impromptu
180. Choose the sentence that uses a homonym of the underlined word:  
He bought a ticket for the evening show.  
1. That was the best stage show I've seen.  
2. The magic show was amazing.  
3. We're attending the school show tomorrow.  
4. The farmers decided to show their livestock.
181. Choose the correct one-word substitution for:  
"the act of placing a dead person in a grave."  
1. Interment 2. Funeral  
3. Rebellion 4. Coronation
182. Choose the correct direct speech form of the following sentence.  
He said that this had been in the box.  
1. He said, "This was in the box."  
2. He said, "This had in the box."  
3. He said, "That have in the box."  
4. He said that, "It is in the box."
183. Identify the part containing a grammatical or structural error:  
The teacher advised to listen attentively.  
1. to listen attentively 2. No error  
3. The teacher 4. advised
184. Find the misspelt word.  
1. Perspicacious 2. Perspicasious  
3. loneliness 4. lightning
185. Select the correct active form.  
"The article ought to have been revised by the editor."  
1. The editor ought to have revised the article.  
2. The editor ought to be revising the article.  
3. The editor ought to revise the article.  
4. The editor must have revised the article.
186. Choose the most suitable option to replace the underlined part of the sentence. If the sentence is already correct, select 'No substitution required'.  
The students was asked to submit their assignments by Friday.  
1. are asked to submitted their assignments  
2. No substitution required  
3. were asked to submit their assignment  
4. will asked to submit their assignments.
187. Identify the error in the sentence.  
She danced graceful on stage during the annual show.  
1. graceful 2. stage 3. show 4. during
188. Choose the antonym of 'Wan'.  
1. Tiring 2. Healthy 3. Long 4. Wearisome
189. Choose the one-word substitution for the following sentence.  
Someone, who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence.  
1. Shelter 2. Asylum 3. Refugee 4. Sanctuary
190. Choose the misspelt word in this list  
1. Aesthetics 2. Coercion  
3. Iridescent 4. Bureaucracy
191. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
The doctor advised that he **takes rest**.  
1. must take rest 2. take rest  
3. take the rest 4. should takes rest
192. What is the meaning of the word "spendthrift"?  
1. A person who spends money recklessly.  
2. A person who invests money wisely.  
3. A person who saves money.  
4. A person who borrows money.
193. Select the most appropriate synonym.  
His name has been **cleared** of all charges.  
1. Shifted 2. Removed  
3. Made clean 4. Exonerated
194. Choose the antonym of 'hostile':  
1. Friendly 2. Aggressive  
3. Rude 4. Bitter
195. Choose the correct direct speech form of the following sentence.  
Rima said that if she had wings, she would fly in the sky.  
1. Rima said, "If I had wings, I would fly in the sky."  
2. Rima said, "If I had wings, I will fly in the sky."  
3. Rima said, "If I have wings, I would fly in the sky."  
4. Rima said, "If I have wings, I will flew in the sky."



196. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
The teacher advised him to abstain \_\_\_\_ bad company.  
1. with      2. of      3. for      4. from
197. Choose the antonym of 'dominate':  
1. Rule      2. Submit      3. Govern      4. Control
198. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.  
"The mechanic may be checking the brakes now."  
1. The brakes may checked now.  
2. The brakes may be being checked now.  
3. The brakes may be checking now.  
4. The brakes may be check now.
199. Select the most appropriate option to improve the bold part of the sentence.  
They returned back **to their home**.

1. returned to house      2. came back to home  
3. returned home      4. went back home
200. Choose the correct direct speech form of the following sentence.  
Meenal told Renu that she had been a very good football player.  
1. Meenal said to Renu, "I was a very good football player."  
2. Meenal said to Renu, "I am a very good football player."  
3. Meenal said to Renu, "You have being a very good football player."  
4. Meenal said to Renu, "You had a very good football player."

### Answer Key

1. (3)	2. (4)	3. (4)	4. (4)	5. (4)	6. (3)	7. (3)	8. (1)	9. (1)	10. (2)
11. (4)	12. (1)	13. (3)	14. (4)	15. (1)	16. (2)	17. (1)	18. (4)	19. (2)	20. (1)
21. (2)	22. (2)	23. (1)	24. (2)	25. (4)	26. (2)	27. (1)	28. (4)	29. (2)	30. (3)
31. (4)	32. (3)	33. (2)	34. (1)	35. (4)	36. (1)	37. (2)	38. (2)	39. (3)	40. (1)
41. (3)	42. (3)	43. (4)	44. (1)	45. (3)	46. (1)	47. (4)	48. (1)	49. (4)	50. (2)
51. (1)	52. (2)	53. (2)	54. (4)	55. (2)	56. (1)	57. (4)	58. (4)	59. (3)	60. (3)
61. (1)	62. (3)	63. (2)	64. (1)	65. (3)	66. (2)	67. (4)	68. (1)	69. (1)	70. (1)
71. (1)	72. (1)	73. (2)	74. (2)	75. (2)	76. (2)	77. (4)	78. (3)	79. (3)	80. (2)
81. (1)	82. (4)	83. (2)	84. (4)	85. (4)	86. (2)	87. (2)	88. (3)	89. (1)	90. (3)
91. (2)	92. (1)	93. (2)	94. (1)	95. (1)	96. (2)	97. (4)	98. (4)	99. (4)	100. (2)
101. (2)	102. (4)	103. (4)	104. (4)	105. (4)	106. (4)	107. (4)	108. (3)	109. (2)	110. (2)
111. (3)	112. (1)	113. (3)	114. (3)	115. (4)	116. (3)	117. (1)	118. (3)	119. (1)	120. (2)
121. (1)	122. (2)	123. (2)	124. (4)	125. (4)	126. (4)	127. (4)	128. (4)	129. (3)	130. (2)
131. (1)	132. (2)	133. (3)	134. (3)	135. (4)	136. (3)	137. (1)	138. (4)	139. (4)	140. (1)
141. (2)	142. (1)	143. (3)	144. (1)	145. (1)	146. (3)	147. (2)	148. (2)	149. (3)	150. (2)
151. (2)	152. (1)	153. (2)	154. (4)	155. (2)	156. (1)	157. (4)	158. (2)	159. (2)	160. (3)
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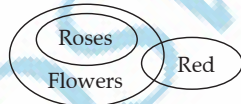
### Answers with Explanations

1. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Echo is phenomenon related to sound, similarly reflection is phenomenon related to light.

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

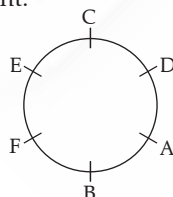
*Explanation:*



From Venn diagram neither conclusion (I) or (II) follows.

3. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* According to the question, possible sitting arrangement:



So, F is sitting opposite to D.

4. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Logic: words are arranged in alphabetical order and numbers are arranged in decreasing order. Step 4 is the final step. There will be no such step number 5.

5. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* From final step, we can see that numbers are arranged in increasing (ascending) order and words in alphabetical order.

6. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5 \quad +2 \quad 7 \\
 8 \quad +2 \quad 10 \\
 2 \quad +2 \quad 4 \\
 1 \quad +2 \quad 3 \\
 4 \quad +2 \quad 6
 \end{array}$$

Write only unit place digit of two digit number.

Similarly,

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \quad +2 \quad 9 \\ 3 \quad +2 \quad 5 \\ 9 \quad +2 \quad 11 \\ 2 \quad +2 \quad 4 \\ 8 \quad +2 \quad 10 \end{array}$$

Hence, correct answer is 95140

7. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

d f e g f g 12 g h 16 h i 20 i j 24

8. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* According to the question:

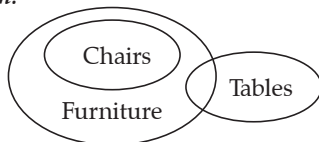
$$28 \times 4 + 8 - 16$$

Using BODMAS rule

$$112 + 8 - 16 = 104$$

9. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:*



From Venn diagram neither I nor II follows.

10. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Total student = Priya from top + Priya from bottom - 1

$$30 = 12 + \text{Priya from bottom} - 1$$

$$30 + 1 - 12 = \text{Priya from bottom}$$

$$19 = \text{Priya from bottom}$$

11. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:*



So, Kiran is 4 km away from her starting point.

12. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

$$\text{Given pattern: } X \quad \frac{-3}{-3} \quad U$$

$$\text{So, } N \quad \frac{-3}{-3} \quad K$$

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

*Explanation:*



From starting point, he is in east direction.

14. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:*

$$\text{Given pattern: } 6 \quad +5 \quad 11$$

$$11 \quad +10 \quad 21$$

$$21 \quad +15 \quad 36$$

$$36 \quad +20 \quad 56$$

So,

$$56 \quad +25 \quad 81$$

15. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Using

$$\frac{M_1 D_1}{W_1} = \frac{M_2 D_2}{W_2}$$

$$\frac{6 \times 15}{W} = \frac{9 \times D_2}{W} \quad (\text{same work } \therefore W_1 = W_2 = W)$$

$$D_2 = \frac{6 \times 15}{9}$$

$$D_2 = 10 \text{ days}$$

16. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Speed =  $\frac{D}{T}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Speed} &= \frac{150}{10} \times \frac{18}{5} \\ &= 54 \text{ km/h} \end{aligned}$$

17. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Step 1: Apple 41 Orange 62 Mango Banana 19 85

Step 2: Apple Banana 41 Orange Mango 19 85 62

Step 3: Apple Banana Mango Orange 19 85 62 41

Step 4: Apple Banana Mango Orange 85 62 41 19

Step 4 is the final step.

18. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Penguins are flightless birds.

$\therefore$  The flaw is false premise.

19. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* We should always take positive actions.

Hence, correct answer is ignoring the friend permanently.

20. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Using

$$\frac{M_1 D_1}{W_1} = \frac{M_2 D_2}{W_2}$$

Same job ( $W_1 = W_2 = W$ )

$$\frac{4 \times 12}{W} = \frac{6 \times D_2}{W}$$

$$D_2 = 8 \text{ days}$$

6 workers will complete job in 8 days.

21. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Except 189, others are perfect square of a number.

Hence, 189 is different from the others.

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

*Explanation:* Given pattern:

$$5 \times 2 + 1 = 11$$

$$11 \times 2 - 1 = 21$$

$$21 \times 2 + 1 = 43$$

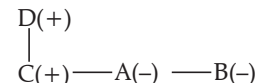
$$43 \times 2 - 1 = 85 \neq 86$$

$$85 \times 2 + 1 = 171$$

Hence, wrong number is 86.

23. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:*



In above diagram + sign is used for male and - is used for female.

D is father of B.

24. Option (2) is correct.

**Explanation:** Total students = Ramesh from top + Ramesh from bottom - 1

$$41 = 21 + \text{Ramesh from bottom} - 1$$

$$41 + 1 - 21 = \text{Ramesh from bottom}$$

$$21 = \text{Ramesh from bottom}$$

25. Option (4) is correct.

**Explanation:** Given pattern:

S	M	I	L	E
+1	+1	+2	+0	+4
T	N	K	L	I
B	R	I	N	G
+1	+1	-1	-1	+1
C	S	H	M	H
F	L	O	U	R
+1	+1	-1	+1	-1
G	M	N	V	Q
H	O	U	S	E
+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
I	P	V	T	F
T	R	U	T	H
+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
U	S	V	U	I

Hence, correct answer is SMILE : TNKLI

26. Option (2) is correct.

**Explanation:**  $\frac{M_1 \times D_1}{W_1} = \frac{M_2 \times D_2}{W_2}$

Same work ( $W_1 = W_2 = W$ )

$$\frac{4 \times 8}{W} = \frac{8 \times D_2}{W}$$

$$D_2 = 4 \text{ days}$$

Hence, 8 workers will complete same work in 4 days

27. Option (1) is correct.

**Explanation:**

L	I	G	H	T
+1	+1			+3
M	J	G	H	W
H	E	A	V	Y
+1	+1			+3
I	F	A	V	B

28. Option (4) is correct.

**Explanation:** Given pattern:

$$2 + 4 = 6$$

$$6 + 8 = 14$$

$$14 + 16 = 30$$

$$30 + 32 = 62$$

So,

$$62 + 64 = 126$$

Hence, correct answer is 126.

29. Option (2) is correct.

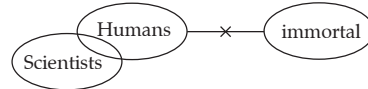
**Explanation:** Given pattern:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 4, & 12, & 6, & 18, & 9, & 27 \\ \times 3 & & \times 3 & & \times 3 \end{array}$$

Hence, correct answer is 27.

30. Option (3) is correct.

**Explanation:**



Those scientist which are humans are not immortal

Hence, correct answer is some scientist are not immortal.

31. Option (4) is correct.

**Explanation:** According to the question, possible sitting arrangement (facing towards north):

D E F A B C ↑

So, A is sitting in between F and B.

32. Option (3) is correct.

**Explanation:** Ethical behaviour alone is not equal enough to guarantee profitability, hence conclusion (I) is valid.

Since, there is no information about operational efficiency.

Therefore, conclusion (II) does not follow.

Hence, correct answer is only conclusion (I) follows.

33. Option (2) is correct.

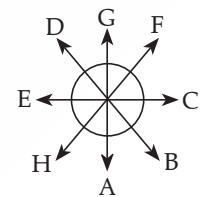
**Explanation:**

Eligibility Criteria	Priyanka
Minimum age = 25	✓
Maximum age = 30	✓
Education = At least M.Sc. in Chemistry	✓
Experience = 2 years	✓

Priyanka is eligible for the position as she meets all the criteria.

34. Option (1) is correct.

**Explanation:** According to the question, possible arrangement is as follows:



D sits immediate right of E.

35. Option (4) is correct.

**Explanation:** READ =  $(18 + 5 + 1 + 4) \times 3 - 5 = 79$

Similarly,

$$DEAR = (4 + 5 + 1 + 18) \times 3 - 5 = 79$$

$$\text{So, DARE} = (4 + 1 + 18 + 5) \times 3 - 5 = 79$$

36. Option (1) is correct.

**Explanation:** Number of ways of sitting around a circular or round table =  $(n - 1)!$  ways

$$= (6 - 1)!$$

$$= 5!$$

$$= 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

37. Option (2) is correct.

**Explanation:** Let the original speed of train = S



According to the question:

$$\frac{180}{S} - \frac{180}{S+15} = 1$$

$$\frac{180(S+15-S)}{S(S+15)} = 1$$

$$180 \times 15 = S^2 + 15S$$

$$S^2 + 15S - 2700 = 0$$

$$S^2 + 60S - 45S - 2700 = 0$$

$$S(S+60) - 45(S+60) = 0$$

$$(S+60)(S-45) = 0$$

$$S = -60, S = 45$$

Since, speed can't be -ve.

$$\therefore \text{Speed} = 45 \text{ km/h}$$

38. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Except 111, sum of digits of all numbers is even.

Hence, odd number is 111.

39. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Total people in queue = Ram from front + Ram from back - 1  
 $= 10 + 15 - 1$   
 $= 24$

Hence, total people in queue is 24.

40. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Given pattern:

$$2 + 3 = 5 \text{ and } 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$4 + 5 = 9 \text{ and } 4 \times 5 = 20$$

$$\text{So, } 6 + 7 = 13 \text{ and } 6 \times 7 = 42$$

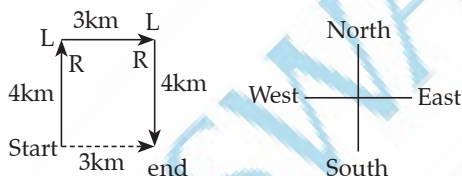
Hence, missing term is 42.

41. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Except 90, others are perfect square of a number.

42. **Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:*



Hence, the shortest distance is 3 km from his starting point.

43. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Given pattern:

$$10 \xrightarrow{+5} 15 \xrightarrow{+5} 20 \xrightarrow{+5} 25 \xrightarrow{+5} 30$$

$$M \xrightarrow{+2} O \xrightarrow{-4} K \xrightarrow{+6} Q \xrightarrow{-8} I$$

$$30 \xrightarrow{-3} 27 \xrightarrow{-3} 24 \xrightarrow{-3} 21 \xrightarrow{-3} 18$$

So, the missing term is 30I-18.

44. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Given pattern:

$$2 \xrightarrow{+3} 5 \xrightarrow{+3} 8 \xrightarrow{+3} 11 \xrightarrow{+3} 14$$

$$A \xrightarrow{-1} Z \xrightarrow{+2} B \xrightarrow{-3} Y \xrightarrow{+4} C$$

$$50 \xrightarrow{-4} 46 \xrightarrow{-4} 42 \xrightarrow{-4} 38 \xrightarrow{-4} 34$$

So, the missing term is 14C-34.

45. **Option (3) is correct.**

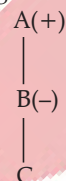
*Explanation:* Given pattern:



Hence, option (3) is correct.

46. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* According to the question,



+ sign is used for male and - sign is used for female.  
 So, A is grandfather of C.

47. **Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* aa @ bbc @ aa bb @ aaac @ ccc

48. **Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Online learning has increased students participation. From this statement we can say that technology helps in engaging students.

Conclusion (I) is negative and from positive statement we can't draw negative conclusion.

Hence, only conclusion II follows.

49. **Option (4) is correct.**

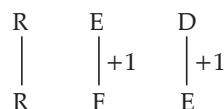
*Explanation:* MAVERICK and CONFORMITY are antonyms.

Similarly

Iconoclast is antonym of Tradition.

50. **Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Given pattern:



Similarly,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & O & P \\ | & | & | \\ T & P & Q \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ +1 \\ +1 \end{array}$$

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

**Explanation:** Vinod Kumar Shukla's first published poetry collection was "Lagbhag Jai Hind" (1971). It reflected his unique style of blending simplicity with deep philosophical insights. The poems used everyday life, ordinary objects, and rural settings to highlight subtle human emotions and social realities. With this work, Shukla established himself as a distinct voice in modern Hindi poetry, known for minimalism, freshness of expression, and the ability to find profound meaning in the commonplace.

**52. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** According to Kepler's Third Law, also called the Law of Periods, the square of a planet's orbital time period is proportional to the cube of the semi-major axis of its orbit. Mathematically, it is expressed as:  $T^2 \propto a^3$ , where  $T$  is the orbital period of the planet and  $a$  is the semi-major axis of its orbit around the Sun.

**53. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Rutherford discovered the nucleus through his gold foil experiment. When he directed alpha particles at a thin sheet of gold, most of them passed straight through, showing that atoms are mostly empty space. However, a few particles bounced back almost directly, which could only happen if they struck something very small, dense, and positively charged. From this, Rutherford concluded that the atom's positive charge and most of its mass are concentrated in a tiny central region called the nucleus.

**54. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The Western Coastal Plains are narrower compared to the Eastern Coastal Plains because they are bordered by the Western Ghats. The Ghats run parallel and close to the Arabian Sea coast, leaving only a narrow strip of plain land. In contrast, the Eastern Coastal Plains between the Eastern Ghats and the Bay of Bengal are broader, as the Ghats are more eroded and lie farther from the coast, creating wider plains and large deltas.

**55. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The maximum strength of the Lok Sabha, as stipulated by the Constitution of India under Article 81 is 552 members. Out of this, up to 530 members can represent the states, up to 20 members can represent the Union Territories, and 2 members of the Anglo-Indian community can be nominated by the President (a provision removed by the 104th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019). Currently, the strength of the Lok Sabha stands at 543 elected members.

**56. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Aditya-L1. It is ISRO's first space-based mission dedicated to studying the Sun. Launched in September 2023, the spacecraft is placed at the Lagrange point L1, about 1.5 million km from Earth, where it can continuously observe the Sun without eclipses. Its objectives

include studying the solar corona, solar wind, flares, and their effects on space weather, which are crucial for understanding solar-terrestrial interactions.

**57. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Tamil Nadu. It is the largest producer of lignite coal in India, with major deposits found in Neyveli. The state uses this lignite mainly for power generation through the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC). Other states like Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Jammu & Kashmir also have lignite reserves, but Tamil Nadu remains the leading contributor due to both the size of deposits and the scale of its thermal power projects.

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

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Chandragupta Maurya. He, with the guidance of his chief advisor Chanakya (Kautilya), established an efficient and extensive spy system in the Mauryan Empire. This network of spies helped in maintaining internal security, gathering intelligence on enemies, monitoring officials, and preventing conspiracies. The Arthashastra, written by Kautilya, highlights the importance of espionage in governance and administration, which greatly strengthened Chandragupta's control over his vast empire.

**59. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Article 155. It provides for the appointment of Governors in India. According to this article, the Governor of a state is appointed by the President of India. The Governor serves as the constitutional head of the state, acting on the advice of the Council of Ministers, similar to the President at the Union level. This provision ensures the Union's influence in state governance while maintaining the federal structure.

**60. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct matching is: a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii.

Fundamental Duties → Recognition of citizens' responsibilities (iii).

Equal voting rights → Principle of universal franchise (iv).

Local self-government provisions → Grassroots democracy (i).

Religious freedom assurance → Respect for individual conscience (ii).

Thus, the correct option is: a-iii, b-iv, c-i, d-ii.

**61. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Dharmapala. He was the second ruler of the Pala dynasty and is credited with founding the great Buddhist university at Vikramashila in Bihar. Vikramashila became one of the most renowned centres of Buddhist learning, along with Nalanda and Odantapuri. Dharmapala's patronage of Buddhism and education significantly strengthened the cultural and intellectual influence of the Pala Empire across India and Southeast Asia.

**62. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Zygote → Embryo → Foetus. Human development during gestation begins with the zygote, which forms after the fusion of sperm and egg. The zygote undergoes cell divisions and develops into an embryo, the stage where major organs and body structures start forming. After about

the eighth week of pregnancy, the embryo develops into a foetus, characterised by growth and maturation of organs until birth. Thus, the proper sequence is Zygote → Embryo → Foetus.

**63. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is the Freedom Struggle and social welfare governance. Thiru K. Kamaraj, popularly known as the “Kingmaker” in Indian politics, was a freedom fighter and later the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. He is remembered for his remarkable contributions to education and social welfare, especially the midday meal scheme that boosted school enrolment. He also played an important role in India’s independence movement and in shaping Congress leadership during the post-independence era.

**64. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is: It created entry barriers, hindered expansion, and fostered inefficiency. The License Raj system, in place before the 1991 economic reforms, required industries to obtain multiple licenses and clearances for starting or expanding businesses. This bureaucratic control discouraged entrepreneurship, slowed industrial growth, and promoted corruption. Instead of encouraging competition and efficiency, it created monopolies among a few favoured firms and stifled innovation. The 1991 liberalisation reforms dismantled much of this system, opening the economy to greater growth.

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

*Explanation:* The correct answer is: To influence aggregate demand and economic activity through government spending and taxation. Fiscal policy refers to the use of government expenditure and taxation to manage the economy. Its primary objective is to influence the level of aggregate demand, control inflation, boost employment, and ensure economic stability and growth. Unlike monetary policy, which controls money supply and interest rates, fiscal policy directly impacts public investment, consumption, and income distribution in the economy.

**66. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is: Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has incorporated the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) 2014 rules into its constitution. Since WADA rules are internationally binding, any subsequent amendments automatically apply to all athletes and affiliated units under AFI. This ensures uniformity in anti-doping measures and compliance with global standards, thereby making the reason a correct explanation of the assertion.

**67. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is 1911–1921. During this decade, India recorded its only negative population growth rate in census history, with a decline of about –0.31%. This fall was primarily due to devastating factors such as the 1918 influenza pandemic, famines, epidemics, and the impact of World War I. These events caused widespread mortality, outweighing the natural population increase. From 1921 onwards, India’s population growth entered a continuous upward trend, which is why 1921 is termed the “Demographic Divide” year.

**68. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is 2012. The first World Happiness Report was published in 2012 by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. It ranks countries based on factors such as income, social support, life expectancy, freedom, generosity, and perceptions of corruption. Since then, it has become an annual publication, widely used to assess well-being and guide policy beyond traditional economic indicators like GDP.

**69. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is by tracking changes in ground surface elevation associated with pumping and injection. The NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) mission can detect millimetre-scale deformations of the Earth’s surface. This capability helps scientists study how underground fluid injections, such as in oil, gas, or geothermal activities, alter stress in the Earth’s crust. Such monitoring provides insights into the link between human activities and induced seismicity, thereby contributing to earthquake risk assessment and mitigation strategies.

**70. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is that it revealed systemic vulnerabilities in native military structures, prompting European companies to transition from trade to political hegemony. The defeat of the Nawab of Carnatic’s forces exposed the weaknesses of traditional Indian armies against European military discipline and technology. This marked a decisive shift, as European powers, particularly the British, began moving beyond commerce to establish political dominance, laying the foundation for colonial expansion and the erosion of indigenous sovereignty in India.

**71. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Enhancing development in underdeveloped districts. The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP), launched in 2018 by NITI Aayog, aims to transform 112 identified districts across India that lag in key socio-economic indicators. The programme focuses on health, nutrition, education, agriculture, financial inclusion, skill development, and basic infrastructure. By using real-time data monitoring and a competitive, collaborative model, it seeks to accelerate development, reduce regional disparities, and uplift the quality of life in these backwards districts.

**72. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is that Regions offering fertile land, favourable climates, abundant natural resources, and robust economic opportunities are more likely to have high population densities. Population distribution depends on environmental and economic factors that support human settlement. Fertile plains, river valleys, and coastal regions such as the Indo-Gangetic Plain provide agricultural productivity, water availability, and trade opportunities. These favourable conditions attract large populations, unlike harsh terrains or arid regions, which generally discourage dense settlement due to limited resources and difficult living conditions.



**73. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Votes to break the tie. In the Lok Sabha, the Speaker normally does not vote in the first instance. However, if there is a tie, the Speaker exercises a casting vote to break the deadlock. This ensures the smooth functioning of parliamentary proceedings and prevents legislative paralysis. The casting vote is used with discretion, often to maintain the status quo, reflecting the Speaker's responsibility to uphold neutrality and fairness in the House.

**74. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernisation Programme. Launched in 2021, this scheme aims to phase out old, unfit, and polluting vehicles to reduce environmental pollution and improve road safety. It encourages vehicle owners to voluntarily scrap end-of-life vehicles and replace them with newer, fuel-efficient models. The programme also promotes automotive recycling, supports the circular economy, and boosts demand in the automobile sector, thereby contributing to cleaner air and sustainable economic growth in India.

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

**Explanation:** The correct answer is A and B both. The Indian Constitution borrowed the provisions of freedom of trade and commerce and the joint sitting of the two Houses of Parliament from the Australian Constitution. These features ensure economic integration within the country and provide a mechanism to resolve legislative deadlocks. The federal structure with a strong Centre comes from Canada, while the advisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court is borrowed from the Constitution of Canada as well.

**76. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is The New Development Bank (NDB). Established in 2014 by the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa), the NDB aims to fund infrastructure and sustainable development projects in member countries and other emerging economies. It serves as an alternative to institutions like the IMF and World Bank, promoting financial cooperation among developing nations and reducing reliance on Western-dominated financial systems. The bank reflects BRICS' commitment to fostering multipolar global economic governance.

**77. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Both statements I and II are correct. The Sixth Five-Year Plan (1980–1985) emphasised income growth, poverty alleviation, and modernisation of technology through various schemes promoting infrastructure and industry. The Third Five-Year Plan (1961–1966), on the other hand, aimed at making India self-reliant but failed due to the Sino-Indian War (1962), the Indo-Pak War (1965), severe food shortages, and the 1966 rupee devaluation, which derailed its objectives.

**78. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is to merge and consolidate public sector banks. The Narasimham Committee-II (1998) recommended restructuring the

banking sector by consolidating public sector banks to create stronger and more competitive institutions. The idea was to reduce the number of weak banks, enhance efficiency, and prepare Indian banks to face global competition. The committee also stressed reducing non-performing assets (NPAs), improving capital adequacy, and granting more operational autonomy to banks for better financial stability.

**79. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Limited resources and unlimited wants. The issue of scarcity in economics arises because human wants are limitless, whereas the resources available to fulfill them are limited. This fundamental issue forces individuals, businesses, and governments to make choices about how to allocate resources efficiently. Economics, therefore, studies how societies prioritise needs, manage trade-offs, and maximise utility in the face of scarcity, making it the central problem of economic theory and decision-making.

**80. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The National Productivity Council (NPC) is an autonomous organisation under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Established in 1958, NPC works to promote productivity culture across sectors through consultancy, training, and research. It plays a key role in enhancing efficiency, competitiveness, and sustainable growth in industries, agriculture, and services, thereby supporting India's overall economic development goals.

**81. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Anti-clockwise. If observed from above the North Pole, the Earth rotates on its axis from west to east, which appears as an anti-clockwise direction. This rotation causes the Sun to rise in the east and set in the west. From above the South Pole, however, the Earth's rotation would appear clockwise. This west-to-east rotation is essential to global wind patterns, ocean currents, and the cycle of day and night.

**82. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Article 73. Article 73 of the Indian Constitution defines the extent of the executive power of the Union, stating that it extends to matters on which Parliament has the power to make laws, as well as to the exercise of rights, authority, and jurisdiction conferred on the Government of India by any treaty or agreement. This provision establishes the scope of Union executive authority within India's federal framework.

**83. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Both A and R are correct, and R correctly explains A. In the Santhal tribal tradition, the jaherthan is a sacred grove central to rituals such as Erok Sim (the seed-sowing festival). It is considered the dwelling place of spirits, including Jaherera, the Lady of the Sacred Grove, who is worshipped during sacrificial rituals. This belief explains why the jaherthan is vital to such

ceremonies, linking the assertion directly with the reason.

**84. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Dara Shikoh. The Battle of Samugarh (1658) was a decisive conflict fought near Agra between Aurangzeb and his elder brother Dara Shikoh during the Mughal War of Succession. Aurangzeb, allied with his brother Murad Baksh, defeated Dara Shikoh, which paved the way for Aurangzeb's eventual capture of power. This battle marked a turning point, leading to Aurangzeb's accession to the Mughal throne after sidelining his brothers and imprisoning Shah Jahan.

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

*Explanation:* The correct answer is the Deccan Plateau. The Deccan Plateau was primarily formed by extensive volcanic activity around 60–65 million years ago, resulting in the Deccan Traps. These massive basaltic lava flows created layered rock formations that cover much of central and southern India. The volcanic origin of the plateau has made its soil, especially the black cotton soil (regur), highly fertile for crops like cotton. This geological feature is one of the largest volcanic provinces in the world.

**86. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is only 2. The Mridangam is not a melodic instrument but a rhythmic percussion instrument, serving as the primary rhythmic accompaniment in Carnatic music concerts. On the other hand, the Nadaswaram is a double-reed wind instrument, regarded as highly auspicious and traditionally played in temples, processions, and weddings. It produces a loud, resonant sound and is considered one of the most ancient classical instruments of South India.

**87. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Affidavits submitted before the court officer. As per Chapter I (Preliminary) of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, the Act applies to judicial proceedings in or before courts, civil or criminal, and to proceedings before a Magistrate. However, it does not apply to affidavits presented to any court officer, as these are governed by separate procedural rules. This exclusion ensures that only formal judicial proceedings fall under the Act's purview.

**88. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Kathakali. This classical dance form is closely associated with the state of Kerala and is known for its elaborate costumes, colourful makeup, and expressive gestures. Kathakali combines dance, drama, and music to depict stories from Indian epics like the Ramayana, Mahabharata, and Puranas. Performers use highly stylised facial expressions (abhinaya) and body movements to convey emotions, making it one of the most visually striking classical dance traditions of India.

**89. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is a higher level of peace. The Global Peace Index (GPI) measures the relative peacefulness of nations based on factors such as levels of violence, conflict, militarisation,

and safety. A lower GPI score signifies greater peace, social stability, and security within a country. Conversely, a higher score reflects higher levels of conflict, insecurity, and instability. Thus, countries with low GPI scores are considered more peaceful and conducive to sustainable development and prosperity.

**90. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Both statements I and II are correct. Under the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution, land and agriculture are subjects under the State List, giving states the authority to legislate on them. Meanwhile, subjects like marriage, divorce, adoption, succession, and transfer of property other than agricultural land fall under the Concurrent List, where both the Centre and states can make laws, but in case of conflict, the central law prevails.

**91. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is 10 years. In May 2024, India signed a 10-year agreement with Iran to develop and operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal at Chabahar Port, solidifying its long-term strategic and logistical presence there.

**92. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is only 1. The Udayagiri and Khandagiri caves, located near Bhubaneswar, Odisha, were carved in the 2nd century BCE during the reign of King Kharavela and served primarily as residences for Jain monks. They are rock-cut caves, not carved from independent boulders, and are not shaped like flowers. Additionally, they are associated with Jainism, not Buddhism, and thus do not contain shrines of Buddhist deities.

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

*Explanation:* The correct answer is 1 only. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Earth and the Sun, casting its shadow on Earth. A lunar eclipse, however, happens during the full moon phase, not the new moon, when the Earth comes between the Sun and the Moon, causing the Earth's shadow to fall on the Moon. Hence, Statement 1 is correct, while Statement 2 is incorrect.

**94. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct answer is an increased gestational limit for termination to 24 weeks for special cases. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021, broadened abortion access by increasing the upper gestational limit from 20 weeks to 24 weeks for specific groups, including survivors of rape, incest, and other vulnerable women. Additionally, it acknowledged the right of unmarried women to seek termination due to contraceptive failure. This amendment strengthened reproductive rights while ensuring medical safety and confidentiality.

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

*Explanation:* The correct answer is Strategic innovation in both materials and process R&D. Dr. Avesh Kumar Tyagi was honoured with the Vigyan Shri Award in the field of Atomic Energy for his groundbreaking contributions to the development of



both processes and materials vital to India's Atomic Energy Program. Rather than discovering a new radioactive element, his distinctive achievements lie in advancing strategic innovations in materials science and chemical processes that drive technological progress in the atomic energy sector.

**96. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is to improve crop yield, pest resistance, and nutritional quality. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in agriculture are developed to enhance desirable traits such as higher productivity, resistance to pests and diseases, tolerance to drought or herbicides, and improved nutritional content. They aim to make farming more efficient and sustainable while addressing food security challenges. However, GMOs do not eliminate the need for fertilisers or pesticides, nor are they restricted to artificial laboratory environments.

**97. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Canada. The first Commonwealth Games (then called the British Empire Games) were held in Hamilton, Canada, in 1930. Eleven countries participated in the event, featuring around 400 athletes competing in six sports. The Games were established to promote goodwill and friendly competition among nations of the British Empire, later evolving into the modern Commonwealth Games, which now include athletes from over 70 nations and territories.

**98. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Justice delivery and citizen rights. The new criminal laws in India, namely the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (2023), are designed to replace outdated British-era laws like the IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act. Their primary focus is on speedy justice, modernisation of procedures, victim-centric approaches, and protection of citizens' rights, ensuring that the justice system is more efficient, transparent, and aligned with contemporary needs.

**99. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is 6.75 meters. In international basketball competitions governed by FIBA (International Basketball Federation), the three-point line is set at a distance of 6.75 meters (22 feet 1.75 inches) from the basket. In contrast, the NBA uses 23 feet 9 inches (7.24 meters) at the arc's top, with slightly shorter distances in the corners. This standardised marking in FIBA ensures consistency across global competitions, distinguishing two-point and three-point field goals.

**100. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct answer is Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. The Chambal River is infamous for its badland topography, popularly called the Chambal ravines, created by intense gully erosion. This is because the river flows through a region of deep gorges and highly eroded terrain before it merges with the Yamuna. Thus, the reason correctly explains why the

Chambal basin is characterised by rugged ravines and dissected landscapes.

**101. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The logical sentence order is "The winner was declared yesterday," making ACBD the correct sequence. Other options break natural sentence flow and sound grammatically incorrect.

**102. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Digital technology has drastically transformed life" is accurate as it reflects significant and rapid change. Other options like "marginally," "sporadically," and "occasionally" imply minor or rare changes, which are inappropriate here.

**103. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Technologies are invariably transforming industries" is accurate because it shows constant and inevitable change. Hesitantly suggests uncertainty, doesn't fit rapid technological change. Rarely implies infrequent change, which is incorrect. Accidentally implies unplanned change, unsuitable in this context.

**104. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "With speed comes disruption" is accurate as it reflects uncertainty and job instability. "Celebration," "incentive," and "harmony" contradict the idea of challenges and unpredictability.

**105. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** People need to be adaptable to handle constant changes. "Proactive" doesn't fully fit, "stubborn" conflicts with flexibility, and "reactive" shows passivity, making them unsuitable.

**106. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** Renewing their competencies aligns with staying competitive in a digital age. "Strategies," "diversions," and "obstacles" do not convey skill enhancement, hence inappropriate.

**107. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The first paragraph employs the present simple tense to describe the current realities of AI. Other tenses, such as the past perfect, present continuous, or present perfect continuous, are not utilised.

**108. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** This sentence has one independent clause: "At the heart of the debate is a fundamental tension..." This is an inverted sentence structure; the standard order would be "A fundamental tension... is at the heart of the debate." The phrase "between technological progress and moral responsibility" is a prepositional phrase, not a clause (it doesn't have a subject and a verb). Since it has only one independent clause and no dependent clauses, it is a Simple sentence. "Complex," "compound," and "compound-complex" structures are incorrect here.

**109. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Proliferate" means spread rapidly in this context, showing AI technologies expanding fast. "Decline slowly," "change unpredictably," and "improve steadily" do not match the passage's meaning.

**110. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Algorithmic discrimination" refers to AI systems treating individuals unfairly due to



biased programming. It highlights unequal treatment caused by flawed algorithms, not perfect objectivity or error-free data classification, making other options incorrect in this context.

**111. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The major obstacle is the inability to fully explain how AI systems reach conclusions, making fairness and accountability difficult. Other options like cost, data scarcity, or funding are not highlighted in the passage.

**112. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* “Domain of human judgment” fits well as AI is taking over areas traditionally guided by humans. Other options like version, burden, or process do not capture the sense of authority or field of judgment.

**113. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The phrase “lacks moral instinct” is accurate, as AI cannot replicate the natural, intuitive ethical sense which humans possess. Clarity, depth, or reasoning do not express this innate human quality of moral decision-making.

**114. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* “No clear line of accountability” fits perfectly, showing the absence of responsibility when AI makes harmful decisions. Alternatives like argument, command, or conduct do not properly address responsibility in ethical or moral contexts.

**115. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The phrase “defining what is right is rarely universal” best fits the context, as moral values differ across multicultural societies. Options like visible, consistent, or obvious do not capture the global disagreement on ethics.

**116. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The phrase “machines that are not just intelligent, but also ethical” highlights the main concern—aligning AI with moral principles. Words like controlled, obedient, or productive fail to capture this ethical dimension of AI.

**117. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct indirect speech is “She said that she wished; she *were* a bird.” This maintains the original subjunctive expression of desire. Other options incorrectly change tense or meaning, making them contextually inappropriate.

**118. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The error lies in “angry upon.” English grammar uses “angry with” or “angry at,” never “angry upon.” Therefore, the phrase “She is angry upon me” is incorrect and must be revised for accuracy.

**119. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sequence is 1–Q–P–S–R–6. The passage begins with the impact of inflation (1). Then, rising prices reduce purchasing power, causing businesses to struggle. This creates uncertainty in planning, leading governments to intervene through monetary policy. Finally, the concluding statement (6) stresses the importance of managing inflation for stability, making the flow logical and coherent.

**120. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The idiom “Face the music” means to “bear consequences” or accept responsibility for actions. Other options like poor weather, earn money, or give money fail to capture the intended figurative meaning of the expression.

**121. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* “Idiosyncrasy” refers to a peculiar habit or mannerism unique to an individual. Options like illusion, hypocrisy, or eccentricity carry different meanings and do not correctly substitute for the given sentence about personal mannerisms.

**122. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sequence is 1-4-3-2, as it presents the ideas in a logical and connected manner. Sentence 1 introduces the context, 4 adds supporting detail, 3 builds further on the thought, and 2 concludes meaningfully. Other sequences break the flow and distort the intended sense.

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

*Explanation:* The given sentence is a command, not a request or suggestion. Hence, the indirect speech should use a reporting verb that conveys authority. Words such as “asked” or “advised” reflect softer tones, which do not match the context.

**124. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The phrase includes a redundancy. The verb itself already conveys the sense of coming back, so adding another word with the same meaning is unnecessary. Eliminating this duplication makes the sentence grammatically correct and stylistically appropriate.

**125. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The sentence is in passive voice, where the object is emphasized rather than the subject. To convert it into active voice, the subject should directly perform the action. This transformation shifts the focus, making the sentence clearer and more dynamic.

**126. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The noun “affection” is always followed by the preposition *for*, making the correct phrase affection *for* her brother. Options like “to” or “with” are grammatically incorrect in this context.

**127. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The word conundrum means a confusing or difficult problem. Among the given options, the closest synonym is problem. Words like “celebration,” “harmony,” or “triumph” do not carry the sense of difficulty or confusion.

**128. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The phrase “who he stole” is incorrect due to unnecessary repetition of the subject. The correct relative pronoun is *who* stole, making the sentence: This is the boy who stole the purse.

**129. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The preposition “to” is used to indicate direction or movement toward a person or thing. In this context, “threw the ball to his friend” implies an intended reception, meaning Mahesh threw the ball toward his friend so that he could catch it. “At” might imply throwing toward a target without necessarily

expecting a catch (e.g., throwing at a wall), while "against" suggests opposition or impact. "For" does not fit the context of throwing directly toward someone. Thus, "to" is the most appropriate choice.

**130. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Defer" means to postpone or delay something. "Decline" and "reject" mean to refuse, and "proceed" means to continue, which is opposite in meaning.

**131. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The phrase "keen on" is a fixed prepositional phrase meaning enthusiastic or eager about something. Thus, "keen on participating" is correct. "Keen for" is sometimes used but less common and not standard here. "Keen with" is incorrect.

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

**Explanation:** The original sentence is in passive voice. The active voice should identify the doer (members of the committee) performing the action (reviewing) on the object (law). The clause "which was passed in the parliament last year" provides additional information but is not the main action. Thus, "The members of the committee should have reviewed the law properly, which the parliament passed last year" correctly transforms the sentence into active voice while maintaining clarity.

**133. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct active form is : The gardener watered the pants every morning. This is because the original sentence describes a habitual action in the past tense (were watered). In active voice the structure is: subject \_ verb in past form \_ object. Other options change the tense or meaning, making them inappropriate for this context.

**134. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The passive sentence "The walls are being painted" uses the present continuous tense. The active form must also use the present continuous: "The workers are painting the walls." This correctly conveys an ongoing action in the present.

**135. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct usage is "She is my cousin." Adding "sister," "sibling," "own cousin," or "cousin girl" is redundant and grammatically incorrect, as "cousin" itself indicates the relationship clearly.

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

**Explanation:** The correct phrase is "apprised of the current situation." "Apprised" always collocates with "of." Options "to," "about," and "at" are grammatically incorrect in this context.

**137. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** "Juvenile" refers to something "childish" or "youthful." The options "ancient," "grown-up," and "elder" convey opposite meanings and are therefore not appropriate in this context.

**138. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct sentence is "The book consists of ten chapters." The preposition "of" is always used with "consists." Options "in," "from,"

and "by" are grammatically incorrect and do not fit standard usage in this context.

**139. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct sentence is "She doesn't believe in wasting time during working hours." The original "She aren't believe" is grammatically wrong, and options "isn't believe" and "wasn't believes" are also incorrect forms.

**140. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct indirect speech is "She said that she needed some rest." Since the reporting verb "said" is in the past tense, the verb "need" changes to "needed." Other options fail to follow proper tense rules.

**141. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The idiom "face the music" means to confront difficulties or accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions. Options "run away," "hide feelings," and "avoid trouble" are incorrect because they suggest avoiding responsibility rather than confronting challenges directly.

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

**Explanation:** The correct sequence is SQPR. First, S states that technology's benefits are unequally distributed, highlighting the root cause. Then Q explains that those in rural or underserved areas lag behind. Next, P shows that unequal internet access limits educational opportunities. Finally, R connects the impact, as it prevents skill development and employment access, leading logically to the conclusion about bridging the gap for inclusive growth.

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

**Explanation:** The word "alacrity" means eagerness, willingness, or promptness to act. Options "sluggishness," "hesitation," and "delay" are antonyms and thus incorrect, as they imply a lack of readiness or enthusiasm.

**144. Option (1) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct word is "manner" because the sentence describes the way she reads the story. Options "meaner," "miner," and "manor" are incorrect as they do not relate to behaviour or style.

**145. Option (4) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct active voice is "The manager has written the letter carefully." The original sentence is in present perfect passive, so "has written" maintains the same tense while making the subject active.

**146. Option (3) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The correct sequence is: "The students accepted his advice happily." Other options disturb the natural sentence structure and result in incorrect or awkward phrasing.

**147. Option (2) is correct.**

**Explanation:** The sentence "The beautiful photograph captured the tragedy so well that no words were needed—truly, a picture is worth a thousand words" uses the idiom correctly because it highlights that the image itself conveys deep meaning without requiring lengthy descriptions. Other options are incorrect



because they either contradict the idiom's meaning or misuse it in irrelevant contexts.

**148. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The article "an" is used before words starting with a vowel sound like "honour." Options "a honour," "the honour," and "honour" alone are grammatically incorrect.

**149. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sequence is PQRS. First, P explains bees transfer pollen between flowers, Q states this helps fruits and seeds grow, R highlights crops would fail without bees, and S warns about declining bee populations. This logical order explains bees' role and concludes why protecting them is vital for food security.

**150. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sequence is QRPS. It starts with Q, showing art's evolution, then R, explaining artists expressing views on culture and identity, followed by P, stating art communicates emotions, and S, emphasising art raises social awareness. This structure effectively supports the conclusion about art's power in society.

**151. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The incorrect part is "him for". The correct sentence is "She congratulated him on his success." The preposition "on" is always used with "congratulate" to indicate the reason for someone's achievement. The other parts of the sentence are correct.

**152. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct spelling is "Lieutenant", which refers to a leadership rank in the armed forces or organisations. The options "Luitenant," "Lieutanant," and "Leutenant" are incorrect misspellings and do not represent the proper term used officially.

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

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "She is married to a doctor." The preposition "to" is used when referring to the person someone is married to. The options "in," "by," and "from" are grammatically incorrect in this context.

**154. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is: "The construction company promised to complete by the end of the year." Other arrangements disturb the natural sentence structure and make the meaning unclear or grammatically incorrect.

**155. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* In this context, "chair" means "to preside over a meeting." Therefore, "Preside over" is the correct homonym. Options "observe," "cancel," and "furniture" are unrelated to the meaning used in the sentence.

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

*Explanation:* The incorrect part is "he had arrived." The correct sentence is "No sooner had he arrived than the meeting started." Inversion is required after "No sooner," so the auxiliary verb "had" must come before the subject "he."

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

*Explanation:* The antonym of "lucid" is "vague." "Lucid" means clear, easily understood, and transparent in meaning. Options "transparent," "clear," and "coherent" are synonyms of "lucid" and are therefore incorrect in this context.

**158. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The reporting verb changes the question to a statement, and tense backshifts from "didn't appear" to "had not appeared." Moreover, "last year" changes to "the previous year" in indirect speech.

**159. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The subject, verb, object, and complement are all correctly placed, and the tense is appropriately used to indicate a recently completed action.

**160. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The idiom "spill the beans" means to reveal a secret or disclose confidential information unintentionally or deliberately. Options "waste food," "hide a fact," and "lose patience" are incorrect because they do not match the meaning of the phrase in standard usage.

**161. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "I came to know this through a friend." The preposition "through" is appropriate to indicate the source of information. Options "that from," "of it from," and "it by" are grammatically incorrect and do not fit naturally in the sentence.

**162. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The word "here" in direct speech changes to "there" in reported speech, and "please" is replaced by the polite reporting verb "requested." Other options either misuse pronouns or fail tense conversion.

**163. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct spelling is "Reconcile," which means to restore friendly relations or bring harmony between conflicting ideas. The spellings "Reconsile," "Reconeile," and "Reconcil" are incorrect and do not represent the accurate form of the word in English usage.

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

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "The student has not completed his homework yet." The present perfect tense "has not completed" is used to describe an unfinished action up to the present. Options "have not completed," "did not complete," and "was not completed" are grammatically incorrect here.

**165. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct passive form is "The letter was written by him." The original sentence is in simple past tense, so the passive voice uses "was + past participle." Other options are incorrect because they use wrong tenses or incorrect verb forms.

**166. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Acoustics is the branch of science that deals with the study of sound, its production, transmission, and effects. Options "Geology" (study of Earth), "Thermodynamics" (heat and energy), and "Optics" (light and vision) are unrelated fields.



**167. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct passive form is "The final version has been approved by the editor." The original sentence is in the present perfect tense, so the passive structure uses "has been + past participle." Other options change the tense or structure, making them incorrect.

**168. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The synonym of "summon" is "call," which means to request or order someone's presence. The options "send," "disperse," and "drive" do not convey the intended meaning in this context and are therefore unsuitable alternatives.

**169. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct homonym usage is "He had to wind the old clock manually." Here, "wind" (verb) means to twist or turn. In the given sentence, "wind" (noun) refers to moving air. Options (a), (b), and (c) repeat the same meaning, not a homonym.

**170. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The antonym of "benevolent" is "malevolent." While "benevolent" means kind, generous, and helpful, "malevolent" refers to having harmful, evil, or hostile intentions. Options "humane," "generous," and "kind" are synonyms of "benevolent" and therefore incorrect.

**171. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct indirect speech is "He told Renuka that they had to do it then and go there as soon as possible." The reporting verb is in past tense, so "must" changes to "had to," and "now" changes to "then." Other options ignore tense changes.

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

*Explanation:* The correct sequence is R-P-Q-S. First, the government announces census dates and guidelines (R), then enumerators visit households to collect data (P), the collected data is compiled and analysed (Q), and finally, the report is published and shared with the public (S).

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

*Explanation:* The correct answer is "by" because we use "annoyed by" when referring to the cause of irritation, such as noise, delays, or disturbances. "Annoyed with" is used for a person's actions or behaviour, while "annoyed at" generally refers to specific situations or events. Since the noise is the direct cause of her annoyance, "by" is the most appropriate choice here.

**174. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The error is in the word "made." The correct sentence is "He took a quick shower before heading to the office." We "take" a shower, not "make" a shower. The rest of the sentence is grammatically correct.

**175. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The antonym of "inflate" is "reduce." While "inflate" means to increase in size or volume, "reduce" means to make smaller or decrease. Options "increase," "expand," and "swell" are synonyms of "inflate" and are therefore incorrect here.

**176. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* After adverbs of frequency or degree like seldom, rarely, never, hardly, scarcely, inversion is used: the auxiliary verb comes before the subject.

**177. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The error lies in "more." The correct sentence is "Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world." The word "highest" is already a superlative, so using "more" is redundant and grammatically incorrect. Other parts of the sentence are correct.

**178. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The idiom "steal someone's thunder" means to take credit for someone else's work, ideas, or achievements. Options "mock them," "help them," and "ignore them" are unrelated to the intended meaning of the expression and are therefore incorrect.

**179. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct one-word substitution for "a speech delivered without preparation" is "impromptu." It refers to something done spontaneously or without prior planning. Options "soliloquy," "rebuttal," and "monologue" describe different types of speeches and are incorrect in this context.

**180. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* In this context, "show" means to display or exhibit, which serves as a homonym of "show" used to refer to performances. The other options merely restate the original meaning and do not function as true homonyms.

**181. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct one-word substitution for "the act of placing a dead person in a grave" is "interment." It specifically refers to burial. Options "funeral" (ceremony), "rebellion" (uprising), and "coronation" (crowning) are unrelated to the given meaning and therefore incorrect.

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

*Explanation:* The indirect form "had been" changes back to "was" in direct speech to maintain tense consistency. Other options are grammatically incorrect and fail to retain the original meaning of the sentence.

**183. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "The teacher advised us to listen attentively." The verb "advise" requires an object before the infinitive when giving instructions. Without mentioning "us," the sentence is grammatically incomplete.

**184. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct spelling is "Perspicacious," meaning someone who has sharp insight or understanding. The other words — "loneliness" and "lightning" — are spelled correctly and are unrelated to the error in this question.

**185. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The original sentence is passive, so we bring the subject (editor) first and retain the same modal verb form. Other options change tense or meaning, making them incorrect.

**186. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The plural subject "students" requires the past tense "were." Options "are asked," "will asked," and the original phrasing "was asked" are grammatically incorrect in this context.

**187. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "She danced gracefully on stage during the annual show." An adverb (gracefully) is needed to describe how she danced. The other parts of the sentence are grammatically correct and require no changes.

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

*Explanation:* "Wan" describes a pale, sickly, or weak appearance, while "healthy" reflects good health and liveliness. Options "tiring," "long," and "wearisome" are unrelated and do not provide an opposite meaning in this context.

**189. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* A refugee is someone forced to flee their country due to persecution, war, or violence. Options "shelter" and "sanctuary" refer to places of safety, and "asylum" refers to the protection itself, not the person.

**190. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct spelling is "iridescent," which means showing luminous colors that change when viewed from different angles. The words "aesthetics," "coercion," and "bureaucracy" are correctly spelled and require no correction.

**191. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "The doctor advised that he take rest." After "advised that," the base form of the verb (take) is used. Options "must take rest," "take the rest," and "should takes rest" are grammatically incorrect in this context.

**192. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* A "spendthrift" is a person who spends money recklessly or extravagantly without considering savings or future needs. Options "invests money wisely," "saves money," and "borrows money" describe opposite traits and therefore are incorrect in this context.

**193. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct synonym is "exonerated," which means cleared of blame or charges. In the sentence, his name being "cleared" refers to removal

of accusations. Options "shifted," "removed," and "made clean" are unrelated to the intended meaning here.

**194. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* While "hostile" refers to aggressive, unfriendly, or antagonistic behaviour, "friendly" conveys kindness and goodwill. Options "aggressive," "rude," and "bitter" are either synonyms or close in meaning to "hostile," making them incorrect.

**195. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The original sentence uses the second conditional, where the past tense verb "had" pairs with "would" to express an unreal or hypothetical situation. Other options use incorrect tense combinations or mismatched modal verbs, making them grammatically inaccurate.

**196. Option (4) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The correct sentence is "The teacher advised him to abstain from bad company." The verb "abstain" always collocates with the preposition "from." Options "with," "of," and "for" are grammatically incorrect and do not fit the usage here.

**197. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* While "dominate" means to control, rule, or exercise power, "submit" means to yield or surrender authority. Options "rule," "govern," and "control" are synonyms of "dominate" and therefore incorrect in this context.

**198. Option (2) is correct.**

*Explanation:* Since the original sentence is in the present continuous tense with a modal ("may be checking"), the correct passive construction is "**may be being + past participle**." The other options are incorrect because they either use the wrong verb forms or omit essential auxiliary verbs.

**199. Option (3) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The word "returned" already implies coming back, so adding "back" is redundant and grammatically incorrect. Options "returned to house," "came back to home," and "went back home" either change the meaning or introduce wrong prepositions.

**200. Option (1) is correct.**

*Explanation:* The indirect sentence uses "had been," which changes to "was" in direct speech. Other options incorrectly change the tense or subject, making them grammatically inaccurate.