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GENERAL ABILITY TEST: ENGLISH

QUESTION PAPER 2024 (II)

Time Allowed: 50 Min Maximum Marks: 200

Instructions

- 1. This Test Booklet contains **50** items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response that you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response that you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
- 2. You must mark all your responses ONLY on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.
- 3. *All* items carry equal marks.
- 4. Penalty for wrong answers:

THERE WILL BE A PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE-TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.

- (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as a penalty.
- (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer**, even if one of the given answers happens to be correct. The same penalty as above will apply to that question.
- (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

Antonyms

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or groups of words. Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- 1. All human beings are <u>fallible</u>.
 - (a) frail
- **(b)** erring
- (c) mortal
- (d) perfect
- 2. His words were vague.
 - (a) identical
- (b) obscure
- (c) precise
- (d) imperceptible

- 3. She performed all her duties conscientiously.
 - (a) assiduously
- (b) carelessly
- (c) painstakingly
- (d) scrupulously
- **4.** These risks are <u>incidental</u> to the work of a firefighter.
 - (a) essential
- (b) adventitious
- (c) serendipitous
- (d) subsidiary
- **5.** She has always been <u>disdainful</u> of poor people.
 - (a) reverential
- (b) derisive
- (c) supercilious
- (d) insolent

Cloze	Com	preh	iensi	ior

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with some blank spaces. Each blank space is followed by four individual words or groups of words. Select whichever word or group of words you consider the most appropriate for filling the blank space, and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

Most of our food comes from agriculture, so we tend to believe that it is **6.** (a) independent of natural biota. This is not true. In nature, (b) dependent (c) relevant (d) consequent plants and animals ______8. (a) had been continuously subjected 7. (a) the (b) both **(b)** will be continuously subject (c) continuously subjected (c) some (d) among (d) are continuously subjected to the rigours of natural selection. Only the fittest survive. ______9. (a) Consequently (b) Inadvertently (c) Although (d) Since

(b) we have been waiting for half an hour

(d) we could have been waiting for half an

(c) we waiting for half an hour

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		 (d) if you have find your lost toy? 23. If I were you (a) I shouldn't buy that dress (b) I wouldn't buy that dress (c) I weren't buying that dress (d) I mustn't buying that dress 		
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Directions: Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Select the response options (a), (b), (c) or (d), which is/are the most appropriate and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- **26.** A white lie
 - (a) an offensive way of describing something
 - (b) to do something completely impossible
 - (c) a lie that is absolutely and universally true
 - (d) a lie that you tell to avoid hurting someone
- 27. Bad blood
 - (a) feelings of hatred between people
 - **(b)** a situation which goes from bad to worse
 - (c) a fatal accident
 - (d) to accept the unpleasant situation
- **28.** Count your blessings
 - (a) to start to understand how badly something has affected you
 - (b) an event which gradually becomes worse
 - (c) to be grateful for good things in your life
 - (d) something that you say in order to warn someone
- 29. Have the last laugh
 - (a) to be the worst example of something
 - (b) to succeed when others thought that you would not
 - (c) to solve all the problems of life
 - (d) to laugh at someone secretly
- **30.** Sit on the fence
 - (a) to make someone suddenly notice you
 - **(b)** to fail completely
 - (c) to delay making a decision
 - (d) to behave very badly

Ordering of Words in a Sentence

Directions: Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence have four sequences, namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentences and mark your response accordingly.

31. good quality elementary education conforming

as a fundamental right of all children

Q the Right to Education Act (RTE) mandates

to the standards and norms specified in the Act

- (a) QSPR
- (b) RPSQ
- (c) RQSP
- (d) SQPR

32. the conflicts and disputes in their mind

music not only relieves the burden

Q

on children and the young

R but also alleviates

- (a) QRSP
- (b) PSRQ
- (c) QPRS
- (d) PQRS

33. but it is virtually covered by a dome-shaped

Antarctica is a continent

nearly twice as large as Australia R

ice sheet nearly 2 miles thick

- (a) QRPS
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) QSPR
- (d) SQRP
- 34. the global economic weight from the advanced economies

that there was a major shift in

and Central Bank Governors, in recognition of the fact

the G20 was formed in 1999, as a forum of Finance Ministers

- (a) SPOR
- (b) PORS
- (c) ORSP
- (d) SROP
- 35. aquaculture nation in the world and

<u>India's products are exported to many nations</u>

fish producing and the second largest

India is the third largest

- (b) OPRS
- (a) SRPO (c) RPQS
- (d) PORS

Word Classes

Directions: Each of the following sentences has word(s) underlined. Read the sentence carefully and find which word class the underlined word(s) belong(s) to. Indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- 36. Adders are the only poisonous snakes found across Britain
 - (a) Noun
- **(b)** Adjective
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Determiner
- 37. She spoke to him once since he has been in town
 - (a) Adjective
- (b) Adverb
- (c) Conjunction
- (d) Preposition
- **38.** I don't really want to go. Besides, it's too late now
 - (a) Adjective
- **(b)** Adverb
- (c) Preposition
- (d) Conjunction
- **39.** Look at that man over there
 - (a) Adverb
- (b) Conjunction
- (c) Determiner
- (d) Article
- **40.** The plane is ready for <u>take-off</u>
 - (a) Noun
- (b) Conjunction
- (c) Verb
- (d) Gerund

Passage

Directions: In this section, you have a short passage. After the passage, you will find some items based on the passage. Read the passage carefully and answer the items based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and the opinion of author only.

We live in a time when globalisation is rapidly encompassing travel, information, trade and investment. The internet ties people together in ways unimagined a few years ago. The globalisation of health, however, remains an elusive goal, similar to the globalisation of economic well-being. In The Coming Plague, Laurie Garrett describes an unwelcome form of globalisation: the globalisation of disease. Garrett examines the recent history of emerging diseases such as AIDS, Ebola, Hantavirus, Rift Valley Fever, Legionnaires' disease and others. She also explains the resurgence of familiar diseases like tuberculosis, cholera and pneumonia as a consequence of the widespread and unwise use of antibiotics. Many of the new diseases are clearly linked to changes in land use, which bring humans into close contacts with rodents or other animals that harbour viruses previously unknown to medicine and often deadly to humans. Resurgent diseases, by contrast, are a creation of our medical practices. By treating people with antibiotics without restraint, we unknowingly select strains that are immune to the antibiotics and that pass on their resistant genes to unrelated bacteria by way of plasmid transfer. The heroes of her book are the women and men on the front lines of epidemiology. Garrett makes a plea for a greater commitment from our universities, medical schools and government agencies to train workers who will be capable of recognising new diseases and who will be able to move seamlessly in the laboratory, the hospital and the field in pursuit of knowledge and publichealth intervention around the world.

- **41.** What, according to the passage, is the 'unwelcome form of globalisation'?
 - 1. Globalisation of diseases
 - 2. Elusive goal of globalisation
 - 3. History of fatal diseases
 - 4. Selective use of antibiotics

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- **(b)** 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 4
- **42.** According to the passage, globalisation of health has become imperative due to:
 - (a) the globalisation of diseases
 - **(b)** public health intervention
 - (c) the creation of new medical systems
 - (d) the indiscriminate use of antibiotics

- **43.** According to the passage, resurgent diseases are affected by:
 - 1. medical practices
 - 2. overuse of antibiotics
 - 3. emergence of new strains

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- **(b)** 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **44.** According to the passage, many new diseases are emerging due to changes in land use because:
 - (a) humans are coming in to contact with unfamiliar viruses
 - (b) urbanisation makes pathogens proliferate
 - (c) humans become adaptive and pass on their genes to related bacteria by way of plasmid transfer
 - (d) humans are inadvertently releasing new viruses
- **45.** What is the meaning of the word "epidemiology" in the passage?
 - (a) The historical study of the spread of diseases
 - (b) The scientific study of the spread and control of diseases
 - (c) The scientific study of the invention and uses of drugs
 - (d) The scientific study of the uses of drugs

Synonyms

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words/group of words. Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- **46.** Sages and seers have <u>cautioned</u> that the path towards enlightenment is full of illusory traps.
 - (a) reasoned
- (b) admitted
- (c) warned
- (d) refused
- **47.** The officer reported the details of the mission in a <u>monotonous</u> manner.
 - (a) dull
- (b) happy
- (c) disturbed
- (d) enthusiastic
- **48.** There are many <u>elusive</u> questions in philosophy.
 - (a) clear
- **(b)** baffling
- (c) paramount
- (d) truthful
- **49.** Cleaning this mess is a <u>mammoth</u> task.
 - (a) huge
- **(b)** quick
- (c) easy
- (d) intelligent
- **50.** The police department's image was <u>tarnished</u> after the high-profile murder case
 - (a) enhanced
- **(b)** tainted
- (c) restored
- (d) assigned

Answer Key

Q. No	Answer Key	Topic's Name	Chapter's Name
1	d	Antonyms	Vocabulary
2	С	Antonyms	Vocabulary
3	b	Antonyms	Vocabulary
4	a	Antonyms	Vocabulary
5	a	Antonyms	Vocabulary
6	b	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
7	b	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
8	d	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
9	a	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
10	a	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
11	a	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
12	d	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
13	с	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
14	с	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
15	b	Cloze Comprehension	Grammar
16	d	Sentence Completion	Grammar
17	с	Sentence Completion	Grammar
18	a	Sentence Completion	Grammar
19	с	Sentence Completion	Grammar
20	b	Sentence Completion	Grammar
21	a	Sentence Completion	Grammar
22	a	Sentence Completion	Grammar
23	b	Sentence Completion	Grammar
24	a	Sentence Completion	Grammar
25	d	Sentence Completion	Grammar
26	d	Idioms and Phrases	Vocabulary
27	a	Idioms and Phrases	Vocabulary
28	c	Idioms and Phrases	Vocabulary
29	b	Idioms and Phrases	Vocabulary
30	с	Idioms and Phrases	Vocabulary
31	b	Jumbled Parts of Sentence	Sentence Structure
32	a	Jumbled Parts of Sentence	Sentence Structure
33	a	Jumbled Parts of Sentence	Sentence Structure
34	d	Jumbled Parts of Sentence	Sentence Structure
35	a	Jumbled Parts of Sentence	Sentence Structure
36	a	Parts of Speech	Grammar
37	С	Parts of Speech	Grammar
38	b	Parts of Speech	Grammar
39	С	Parts of Speech	Grammar
40	a	Parts of Speech	Grammar
41	a	Reading Comprehension Passage	Comprehension Skill
42	a	Reading Comprehension Passage	Comprehension Skill
43	b	Reading Comprehension Passage	Comprehension Skill
44	a	Reading Comprehension Passage	Comprehension Skill
45	b	Reading Comprehension Passage	Comprehension Skill
46	С	Synonyms	Vocabulary
47	a	Synonyms	Vocabulary
48	b	Synonyms	Vocabulary
49	a	Synonyms	Vocabulary
50	b	Synonyms	Vocabulary



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ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATIONS

1. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'fallible' means 'capable of making mistakes or being wrong.' The words 'erring' and 'mortal' are synonymous with the given word. While 'frail' means 'delicate'. 'perfect' (being entirely without fault or defect) is the only one that serves as the suitable antonym of the given word.

2. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'vague' means 'of uncertain, indefinite or unclear character or meaning.' The synonyms of the given word are 'obscure' and 'imperceptible'. 'Identical' implies 'same'. Therefore, the antonym of the given word is 'precise' (exact and accurate in form).

3. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'conscientiously' means 'in a thorough and responsible way.' The synonyms of the given word are 'assiduously,' 'painstakingly,' and 'scrupulously.' Therefore, the antonym of the given word is 'carelessly' (in a casual or reckless way; inattentively).

4. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'incidental' means 'occurring merely by chance or without intention or calculation.' The synonyms of the given word are 'serendipitous', 'subsidiary' and 'adventitious'; all of which mean accidental. Therefore, the antonym of the given word is 'essential' (absolutely necessary; extremely important).

5. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'disdainful' means 'showing contempt or lack of respect.' The synonyms of the given word are 'derisive', 'supercilious' and 'insolent'; all of which convey disrespectful. Therefore, the antonym of the given word is 'reverential' (caused by, or full of respect and admiration).

6. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Most of our food comes from agriculture, so we tend

to believe that it is dependent of natural biota. "Natural biota" refers to the community of living organisms—plants, animals, microbes and other life forms—that exist in a particular environment or ecosystem. Therefore, the link between natural biota and food derived from agriculture is inevitable. Therefore, 'dependent' is the best choice for the blank.

7. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: This is not true, in nature, both plants and animals. In the given context, the writer emphasises the role of plants and animals, implying not only one, but also the ...other. So,... the use of 'both' is most appropriate for the blank. Therefore, 'both' is the best choice for the blank.

8. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: This is not true, in nature, both plants and animals are continuously subjected to the rigours of natural selection. Since, natural selection is a continual process where organisms are constantly subjected to environmental challenges, present tense suits the need of the blank. Therefore, 'are continuously subjected' is the best choice for the blank.

9. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Only the fittest survive. Consequently, wild populations have numerous traits for competitiveness, resistance to parasites, ... In the given context, the writer justifies the theory of natural selection- the survival of the fittest, and as a result of this in effect, wild populations have been endowed with the attributes of competitiveness, resistance, and adaptability. Therefore, 'Consequently' is the best choice for the blank.

10. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Only the fittest survive. Consequently, wild populations have numerous traits for competitiveness, resistance to parasites, tolerance to adverse conditions ... In the given context, the writer

justifies the theory of natural selection- the survival of the fittest, and as a result of this in effect, wild populations have been endowed with the attributes of competitiveness, resistance and adaptability. Thus, the next trait will also align with the preceding line of thought- ability of organisms to endure and adapt to challenging or adverse environmental conditions. Therefore, 'tolerance' is the best choice for the blank.

11. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Only the fittest survive. Consequently, wild populations have numerous traits for competitiveness, resistance to parasites, tolerance to adverse conditions and other aspects of vigour. The validation of the theory of natural selection-the survival of the fittest, is justified when wild populations are endowed with the attributes of competitiveness, resistance and adaptability to challenging or adverse environmental conditions and other aspects as well. Thus, 'and' is the best conjunction to connect ideas of similar standing and joining additional qualities found in wild population. Therefore, 'and' is the best choice for the blank.

12. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: In contrast, populations grown for many generations under the pampered conditions of agriculture tend to lose these traits. The word 'generation' refers to the successive cycles of reproduction and offspring within a population. While other options are related to different connotations. Therefore, 'generations' is the best choice for the blank.

13. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: In contrast, populations grown for many generations under the pampered conditions of agriculture tend to lose these traits because they are selected for production, not resilience. The present tense suits the tone of the sentence, because it states a general fact. Therefore, 'are selected' is the best choice for the blank.

14. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: For example, a high-producing plant that lacks resistance to drought. The pronoun applicable to this blank must refer to the antecedent 'high-producing plant', and in this respect

'that' fulfills the criterion and is used to specify which particular thing or idea is being discussed or referred to. Therefore, 'that' is the best choice for the blank.

15. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: For example, a high-producing plant that lacks resistance to drought is irrigation and the resistance to drought is ignored. Therefore 'irrigated' is the best choice for the blank.

16. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Preeti suggests that I ask your advice. The clause takes the present tense after 'suggests,' making 'that I ask' the best choice.

17. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: We saw the oldest monument in the city. The adjective 'oldest' is used in its superlative form and preceded by the definite article 'the,' which makes this the correct construction.

18. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Since you have been touring all day, you must be tired. The modal 'must' expresses certainty about the situation—due to touring the entire day, one gets tired.

19. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: His condition is serious, but it could be worse. Here, the blank mandated a word that reflects a possible outcome of the situation. To indicate possibility, 'could' is the best choice.

20. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: I hope the bus comes soon because we have been waiting for half an hour. The most appropriate usage is the present perfect continuous tense. It is used to describe an action that started in the past and is still ongoing or relevant.

21. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Someone has spilt juice on the sofa. The subject 'someone' is a singular, so it must be followed by a singular verb. Therefore, 'has' is the perfect option.

22. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: What would you do if you found your lost toy? This sentence refers to an unreal or improbable situation in the present or future, forming part

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of the first conditional. Thus, the structure is: If + [past simple], ... would + [infinitive], which is fulfilled in (a).

23. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: If I were you, I wouldn't buy that dress. The phrase 'If I were you' is used when giving advice, followed by the verb 'would'.

24. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: I wish I could help you. This expresses a desire or regret, validated by the use of 'could'. While, "ought to help you" implies a sense of duty or obligation.

25. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: The efforts of the security services have not been quite up to the mark. The phrase 'not up to the mark' means something is not good enough.

26. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'a white lie' means 'a lie about a small or unimportant matter that to avoid hurting someone.' Example: I don't mind telling white lies rather than being curt and rude to the person; after all, it doesn't hurt anyone. The correct answer is: a lie you tell to avoid hurting someone.

27. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'bad blood' means ' a feeling of ill will, anger or hostility between people.' Example: I don't think things will ever be same again for the two parties; there has been bad blood between them for years. The correct answer is: feelings of hatred between people.

28. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'count your blessings' means 'to make a special effort to appreciate the good things in one's life.' Example: I understand the phase you are going through, but never fail to count your blessings. The correct answer is: to be grateful for good things in life.

29. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'have the last laugh' means 'to succeed when others thought you would not'. Example: Ravi was sacked from the company without any rhyme or reason, but he had the last laugh when he received an offer from a top-notch company, with a double salary hike. The correct answer is: succeed when others thought you would not.

30. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'sit on the fence' means 'to remain neutral, to refuse to take sides in a dispute.' Example: You can't sit on the fence, thinking that you will be in the good books of both the rival parties. This is the time to speak up against the wrongs. The correct answer is: to delay making a decision.

31. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: The Right to Education Act (RTE) mandates good quality elementary education, conforming to the standards and norms specified in the Act. as a fundamental right of all children. The subject is 'Right to Education Act (RTE)' (R). The verb 'conforming' is always followed by 'to'; therefore, PS forms an important link. Therefore, option (a) is the definite answer. The correct sequence is: RPSQ.

32. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Music not only relieves the burden on children and the young but also alleviates the conflicts and disputes in their minds. The subject is 'music' and its impact on children. The co-relative conjunction will come in pairs: 'not only' followed by 'but also'. The pronoun 'their' in (P) refers to children and the young in (R). The correct sequence is: QRSP.

33. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: Antarctica is a continent nearly twice as large as Australia, but it is covered by a dome-shaped ice-sheet nearly two miles thick. The subject is 'Antarctica as a continent'. The size of Antarctica is compared to Australia and the conjunction 'but' contradicts the size with another feature-a dome-shaped ice-sheet nearly two miles thick. The correct sequence is: QRPS.

34. Option (d) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: The G20 was formed in 1999 as a forum of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, recognising that there was a major shift in the global economic weight from advanced economies. The subject is the G20 formed in 1999. The missing subject before 'and' in (S) is in (R). Thus, SR forms a crucial link. Moreover, the shift mentioned in (Q) is elaborated in (P)—a major shift in the global economic weight from the advanced economies. The correct sequence is: SRQP.

35. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The correct sentence is: India is the third largest fish producing and the second-largest aquaculture nation in the world and India's products are exported to many nations. The starting clause is 'India is the third largest,' and this is completed in (R). Therefore, option (a) is the definite answer. The correct sequence is: SRPO.

36. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: In the sentence, 'Adders are the only poisonous snakes found across Britain', 'adders' refer to a variety of snake; therefore, it is a noun, as it refers to a specific species name.

37. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: In the sentence, 'She spoke to him once since he has been in town', 'since' is used as a conjunction because it connects two clauses and indicates the starting point of the time period during which the action occurred.

38. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: In the sentence, 'I don't really want to go. Besides, it is too late now', 'now' functions as an adverb as it modifies the adjective "late" and indicates the present time.

39. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: In the sentence, 'Look at that man over there', 'that' functions as a determiner. It functions as a demonstrative adjective (also known as a demonstrative determiner) by modifying the noun "man".

40. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: In the sentence, 'The plane is ready for take-off', 'take-off' refers to the action or process of an aircraft becoming airborne. Thus, it functions as a noun as it refers to a process or event.

41. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: It is clearly stated in the passage that the unwelcome form of globalisation, as per Garrett, is the globalisation of diseases. Statement (2) is unclear; statement (3) is a part of the globalisation of diseases. While statement (4) is incorrect information, as it states the overuse of antibiotics, not selective use. Therefore, statement (1) is correct.

42. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The author mentions the cause of concern for Garrett—the globalisation of

disease with respect to the resurgence of familiar diseases and new ones. Therefore, she welcomes more training in public health intervention for better identification and treatment of these strains.

43. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: Resurgent diseases are a creation of medical practice, but the factor causing or affecting them is the unwise and indiscriminate use of antibiotics, which is a major cause of the resurgence of familiar diseases. Therefore, statement (2) is correct.

44. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: As per the passage, many new diseases are emerging due to changes in land use, as humans are coming in contact with unfamiliar viruses.

45. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: 'Epidemiology' means the scientific study of the spread and control of diseases. Garrett, in her book, deals with both the spread and control of diseases.

46. Option (c) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'cautioned' means say something as a warning. The sentence implies that sages and seers have warned that illusory traps lie in the path towards enlightenment.

47. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'monotonous' means dull, tedious and repetitive, lacking in variety and interest. The synonym is 'dull', as the officer reported the details in a dull and unenthusiastic manner.

48. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'elusive' means difficult to describe, find, achieve or remember. The synonym is 'baffling' and the antonym is 'clear'.

49. Option (a) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'mammoth' means huge. The synonym is 'huge', implying that cleaning the mess was a huge task.

50. Option (b) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'tarnished' means to make or become less valuable. The synonym is 'tainted', implying that the police department's image lost its value after the murder case. 'Restored' is the antonym.