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A] The phrase 'Be the change you want / B] to see in the world' was / C] said through Mahatma Gandhi.

A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct Option: C.

Explanation: Replace "through" with "by"

2. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

A] A salesman of that / B] company tried to / C] cheated a naive lady_

A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct Option: C.

Explanation: "cheat" will be used instead of "cheated" as it is an infinitive

3. In the question, a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative.

People working in high positions in companies tend to shifting their work burden by delegating tasks to their subordinates

A] Tend for shifting their work B] Tend to shift their work
C] Tend as to shifting their work D] No improvement

Correct Option: b

Explanation: "Verb form-1 is used with "to" as an infinitive.

4. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word-Reign

A] Yield B] Restrain C] Regime D] Enjoy

Correct Option: C.

Explanation: Regime is synonym of Reign means rule as monarch.

5. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word-PERENNIAL

A] Frequent B] Regular C] Lasting D] Rare

Correct Option: D

Explanation: Rare is most nearly opposite to Perennial which means ever-lasting.

Read the passage and answer the questions 6-9 with correct answer option-

Give people power and discretion, and whether they are grand viziers or border guards, some will use their position to enrich themselves. The problem can be big enough to hold back a country's development. For most people in the world, though, the worry is not that corruption may slow down their country's GDP growth. It is that their daily lives are pervaded by endless hassles, big and small. And for all the evidence that some cultures suffer endemic corruption while others are relatively clean, attitudes towards corruption, and even the language describing bribery, is remarkably similar around the world.

In a testament to most people's basic decency, bribe-takers and bribe-payers have developed an elaborate theatre of dissimulation. This is not just to avoid detection. Even in countries where corruption is so common as to be unremarkable and unprosecutable—and even when the transaction happens far from snooping eyes—a bribe is almost always dressed up as some other kind of exchange. Though most of the world is plagued by corruption, even serial offenders try to conceal it.

One manifestation of this is linguistic. Surprisingly few people say: "You are going to have to pay me if you want to get that done." Instead, they use a wide variety of euphemisms. One type is quasi-official terminology. The

Term widely used at border crossings is “expediting fee”. For a euphemism it is surprisingly accurate: paying it will keep your bags, and perhaps your contraband, from being dumped onto a floor and sifted through at a leisurely pace. (A related term, used in India, is “speed money”: paying it can get essential business permits issued considerably faster.)

A second type of euphemism dresses up a dodgy payment as a friendly favor done by the bribe-payer. There is plenty of creative scope. Nigerian policemen are known to ask for “a little something for the weekend”. Mexican traffic police will suggest that you buy them a refresco, a soft drink, as will Angolan and Mozambican petty officials, who call it a gazoso in Portuguese.

Double meaning can help soothe the awkwardness of bribe-paying. Baksheesh, originally a Persian word now found in many countries of the Middle East, can mean “tip”, “alms” and “bribe”. In Kenya a machine-gun-wielding guard suggested to a terrified Canadian aid worker: “Perhaps you would like to discuss this over chai?” The young Canadian was relieved: the difficulty could be resolved with some chai.

Along with the obscurantist language, bribe-taking culture around the world often involves the avoidance of physically handing the money from one person to another. One obvious reason is to avoid detection, which is why bribes are known as “envelopes” in countries from China to Greece.

Select the correct answer option based on the passage

6. What is the author likely to agree to in the following?

- A] Some cultures suffer corruptions while others do not
- B] Social factors incline a society towards corruption
- C] Bribery is not a cultural phenomenon
- D] None of these

Correct Option: C

Explanation: with the reference to first and second paragraph.

7. What is bribe generally called in China?

- A] Hand-over
- B] Refresco
- C] Envelopes
- D] Baksheesh

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Mentioned in the last paragraph of the passage.

8. In summary, what does the passage primarily suggest and provide evidence for?

- A] Corruption is always concealed in some way, both linguistically and in the process
- B] Corruption exists only in developing economies
- C] Corruption is an unethical practice
- D] Corruption slows down GDP growth

Correct Option: A

Explanation: It is clear in the first paragraph, i.e. the problem can be big.....

9. Which of the following the author does not identify as linguistic manifestation of corruption?

- A] Asking for a favor
- B] Use of double meanings
- C] Use of quasi-official terminology
- D] Relate to food item

Correct Option: A.

Explanation: It is clearly mentioned in fourth paragraph.

10. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

A] Guilt and self-pleasure are / B] two most strong drivers / C] of any human act.

- A] A
- B] B
- C] C
- D] No error

Correct Option:B

Explanation: strongest is superlative degree of Strong

11. Improve the sentence by choosing correct alternative to the italicized part.

The shipment should not be dispatched if there are any quality issues.

A]Packed B]Received C]Opened D] Sent

Correct Option:D

Explanation: Dispatched means send off to the destination.

12. Select the option most nearly Opposite to the word-AVAILABLE

A]Short B]Lack C] Cheap D] Interested

Correct Option:A

Explanation: short is most nearly opposite to available

13. In question each passage has six sentences. The first and sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The Middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled as P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1: A lot of kids were complaining of stomach ache.

S6: However the authorities are not ready to take any responsibility.

P: They also have asked school authorities to close down the school.

Q: Parents have asked food samples to be tested.

R: The problem started after their mid-day meal was served.

S: Thus, it had to be something in the food they had eaten.

A]SRQP B]RSQP C]PRQS D]QSPR

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Problem is discussed in first line S1, so the connecting line should tell from where it started and then the further discussion can be done.

14. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

It is sad, the way she has _____ a 'once a lifetime' opportunity.

A]Utilized B]Squandered C]Developed D] Extended

Correct Option:B

Explanation: squandered means waste in a reckless and foolish manner.

15. The sentences given in the question when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a number. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

1) A study to this effect suggests that the average white-collar worker demonstrates only about twenty-five per cent listening efficiency

2) However for trained and good listeners It is not unusual to use all the three approaches during a selling thus Improving listening efficiency

3) There are three approaches to listening "listening for comprehension, listening for empathy and listening for evaluation".

4) Although we spend nearly half of each communication interaction listening, we do not listen well.

5) Each approach has a particular emphasis that may help us to receive and process information in different settings

A] 15432 B] 35241 C] 23451 D] 43215

Correct Option: B

Explanation: First sentence should introduce the three approaches talked about, and then it can be discussed further.

16. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

The magazine is all style and little _____

- A] Readability B] Substance C] Worth D] Meaning

Correct Option: B

Explanation: substance means matter.

17. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word:

- UNYOKE A] Merge B] Split C] Federate D] Amalgamate

Correct Option: B

Explanation: split is the nearest meaning to unyoke

18. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the opposite of the given word: STERN

- A] Lenient B] Crabby C] Unreasonable D] Tenant

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Lenient is opposite of stern which means strict.

19. In the question, a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative.

What have we got for dinner?

- A] We got for the dinner B] We got for a dinner
C] We gotten for dinner D] No change.

Correct Option: D.

Explanation: No change is required as sentence is grammatically correct.

20. Fill in the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

If Mr. Sharma didn't stop hunting.....better deals now, he would lose the opportunity.....buy this attractive mobile phone.

- A] For, to B] In, to C] To, for D] For, that

Correct Option: A

Explanation: hunting for better, opportunity to buy.

21. Arrange the fragments A, B, C and D in order to form a meaningful sentence.

- A. Nor Raj
B. Is going
C. To attend the class
D. Neither Rahul

- A] DBCA B] ABCD C] DABC D] ADBC E] CDAB

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Neither... nor is a conjunction used to form one sentence.

22. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word-MINOR

- A] Big B] Major C] Tall D] Heavy

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Major is opposite to minor.

23. Improve the sentence by selecting the correct alternative to the italicized part of the sentence.

I did not go to the school in a week after an accident

- A] Through B] Within C] For D] After

Correct Option: C

Explanation: for shows the time period.

24. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

The Oriental Express is a Hyderabad-bound train from Delhi and it goes.....Bhopal.

- A]Through B]Via C]By D] Across

Correct Option:B

Explanation: via is preposition which tells the "way or road"

25. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Scientists believe that during initial years of the _____ of the Earth, water bodies increased in size due to continuous rainfall.

- A]Formative B]Formations C]Formation D] Formed

Correct Option:C

Explanation: formation is the process of being formed, generation in the sentence.

26. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative-

In India, women _____ only three percent of senior management

- A] Contain B] Involve C] Comprises D] Contains E] Comprises

Correct Option:B

Explanation: involve shows the integral part or result in this sentence.

27. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative-

The business _____ incurring losses since early September

- A]Is being B] has been C]Has being D] Is been

Correct Option:B

Explanation: Sentence is present perfect Continuous

28. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative-

The meeting in the office was held behind _____ doors

- A]Close up B]Closing C]Closed D] Close

Correct Option:C

Explanation: sentence is in the past form.

29. Select the word which expresses the similar meaning of the given word-Furious

- A]swift B]angry C]calm D] Attentive

Correct Option:B

Explanation: Furious means extremely angry

Read the passage below the answer questions 30-33 based on it-

The impressive recent growth of certain sectors of the Indian economy is a necessary but insufficient condition for the elimination of extreme poverty. In order to ensure that the poorest benefit from this growth, and also contribute to it, the expansion and improvement of the microfinance sector should be a national priority. Studies suggest that the impact of microfinance on the poorest is greater than on the poor, and yet another that non-participating members of communities where microfinance operates experience socio-economic gains — suggesting strong spillover effects. Moreover, well-managed microfinance institutions (MFIs) have shown a capacity to wean themselves off of subsidies and become sustainable within a few years.

Microfinance is powerful, but it is clearly no panacea. Microfinance does not directly address some structural problems facing Indian society and the economy, and it is not yet as efficient as it will be when economies of scale are realized and a more supportive policy environment is created. Loan products are still too inflexible, and savings and insurance services that the poor also need are not widely available due to regulatory barriers still, microfinance is one of the few market-based, scalable anti-poverty solutions that are in place in India today, and the argument to scale it up to meet the overwhelming need is compelling. According to Sa-Dhan, the overall outreach is 6.5 million families and the sector-wide loan portfolio is Rs.2,500 crore. However, this is meeting only 10% of the estimated demand. Importantly, new initiatives are expanding this

Success story to the some of the country's poorest regions, such as eastern and central Uttar Pradesh.

The local and national governments have an important role to play in ensuring the growth and improvement of microfinance. First and foremost, the market should be left to set interest rates, not the state. Ensuring transparency and full disclosure of rates including fees is something the government should ensure, and something that new technologies as well as reporting and data standards are already enabling.

Furthermore, government regulators should set clear criteria for allowing MFIs to mobilize savings for on-lending to the poor; this would allow for a large measure of financial independence amongst well-managed MFIs. Each Indian state could consider forming a multi-party working group to meet with microfinance leaders and have a dialogue with them about how the policy environment could be made more supportive and to clear up misperceptions.

There is an opportunity to make a real dent in hard-core poverty through microfinance. By unleashing the entrepreneurial talent of the poor, we will slowly but surely transform India in ways we can only begin to imagine today.

30. Which of following is not a challenge faced by microfinance in India?

- A] Does not help the poorest
- B] Efficient when economy of scale is achieved
- C] non conducting policy environment
- D] Structural problems of India society

Correct Option: A,

Explanation: refer to first paragraph, i.e. In order to ensure that the poorest benefit.....

31. Which of following is correct with regard to microfinance?

- A] The supply is more than demand
- B] the demand is more than supply
- C] The supply and demand are well balanced
- D] none of these can be inferred from the passage

Correct Option: B

Explanation: refer paragraph 2nd and 3rd, i.e. however, this is meeting only 10% of the estimated demand.

32. Which of following will the author agree to?

- A] Indian economy growth will solve the problem of poverty.
- B] Indian economy growth is not enough to solve the problem of poverty
- C] Indian economy growth aggravates the problem of poverty
- D] None of these

Correct Option: B

Explanation: refer to 1st paragraph, i.e. "The impressive recent growth of certain sectors of the Indian economy is a necessary but insufficient condition for the elimination of extreme poverty".

33. What is the author view about interest rate?

- A] The government should set them
- B] There should be transparency with regard to them
- C] the market forces should set them
- D] Both a and b
- E] Both b and c

Correct Option: E

Explanation: refer to 4th paragraph, i.e. "First and foremost, the market should be left to set interest rates, not the state. Ensuring transparency and full disclosure of rates including fees is something the government should ensure..."

34. Select the word which expresses the similar meaning of the given word-Ironic

- A] Good-natured
- B] bitter
- C] inflexible
- D] disgustingly sarcastic

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Bitter is synonym of Ironic

35. Give the antonym for the underlined word:

Her hands are too rough now; I remember last year they were _____

- A] nice B] firm C] smooth D] Fair

Correct Option: C

Explanation: smooth is the opposite to rough

36. Fill in the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete

Aspirations of minorities cannot be kept in check the gun.

- A] With B] From C] By D] Through E] Under

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The preposition “with” means “by means of” using an instrument. “By” indicates “the way of doing” something. “From” indicates ‘the point from where a particular activity starts’. “Under” implies “at a lower level than” and “through” means “moving in one side and out of the other side of an opening, channel, tunnel or situation” Hence, “with” is the correct option.

37. There are many textile producing mills in the market that compete with each to gain the largest share of the market.

- A] Person B] Other C] Contestants D] Individual

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: “Each other” is a reciprocal pronoun which is used to refer to each member of a group when each does something to or for other members.

38. Improve the sentence by selecting the correct alternative to the italicized part of the sentence

The election verdict was quite surprising as the ruling party was re-elected for the first time in fifty years. A] Judgment B] Decision C] Order D] Chaos

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The word “Decision” is the synonym of “verdict”. Both have the same meaning.

39. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the MEANING of the given word: Absorption—

- A] Suction B] Disconnection C] Separation D] Filtration

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer ‘suction’ has the same meaning as of the given word ‘absorption’, i.e. to take in. Rest words have a different meaning.

40. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word-Agrarian

- A] Suburban B] Cosmic C] Areal D] Urban

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer ‘urban’ has opposite meaning to the given word ‘Agrarian’ which means cultivated land.

Read the passage below and answer questions 41-44 based on it-

Fasting is an act of homage to the majesty of appetite. So I think we should arrange to give up our pleasures regularly-our food, our friends, our lovers- in order to preserve their intensity, and the moment of coming back to them. For this is the moment that renews and refreshes both oneself and the thing one loves. Sailors and travelers enjoyed this once, and so did hunters, I suppose. Part of the weariness of modern life may be that we live too much on top of each other, and are entertained and fed too regularly.

Once we were separated by hunger both from our food and families, and then we learned to value both. The men went off hunting, and the dogs went with them; the women and children waved goodbye. The cave was empty of men for days on end; nobody ate, or knew what to do. The women crouched by the fire, the wet smoke in their

Eyes; the children wailed; everybody was hungry. Then one night there were shouts and the barking of dogs from the hills, and the men came back loaded with meat.

This was the great reunion, and everybody gorged themselves silly, and appetite came into its own; the long-awaited meal became a feast to remember and an almost sacred celebration of life. Now we go off to the office and come home in the evenings to cheap chicken and frozen peas. Very nice, but too much of it, too easy and regular, served up without effort or wanting. We eat, we are lucky, our faces are shining with fat, but we don't know the pleasure of being hungry any more.

Too much of anything-too much music, entertainment, happy snacks, or time spent with one's friends- creates a kind of impotence of living by which one can no longer hear, or taste, or see, or love, or remember. Life is short and precious, and appetite is one of its guardians, and loss of appetite is a sort of death. So if we are to enjoy this short life we should respect the divinity of appetite, and keep it eager and not too much blunted. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

41. What is the author's main argument in the passage?

- A] The olden times, when the roles of men and women were clearly divided, were far more enjoyable than the present time
- B] There is not enough effort required anymore to obtain food and hence the pleasure derived is not the same
- C] People who don't have enough to eat enjoy life much more than those who have plentiful
- D] We should deny ourselves pleasures once in a while in order to whet our desires and feel more alive

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The central idea of the passage revolves around the fact that too much of anything specific makes a person lose interest in it or under value it. If pleasures are deliberately compromised, they can bring back the spice of life. The last paragraph of the passage says it all. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

42. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

What are the benefits of fasting?

- A] It is an act against the drawbacks of appetite
- B] It brings joy in eating, and one learns to appreciate food
- C] It is the method to understand how civilization evolved
- D] It is a punishment for the greedy and unkind.

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The very first sentence conveys that "Fasting is an act of homage to the majesty of appetite. So I think we should arrange to give up our pleasures regularly-our food, our friends, our lovers- in order to preserve their intensity, and the moment of coming back to them. For this is the moment that renews and refreshes both oneself and the thing one loves" Hence, option A.

43. What commonality has been highlighted between the sailors and hunters?

- A] Neither were fed nor entertained regularly
- B] they renew and refresh themselves regularly
- C] They were regularly separated from their loved ones and things they liked
- D] the roles of men and women were clearly divided for both professions.

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: As per the paragraph 1 of the passage, sailors and hunters had to stay away from their families and the comforts of home for long periods of time. Hence, they could neither eat properly during that time nor could they enjoy any comforts of home.

44. 'The long-awaited meal became a feast to remember and an almost sacred celebration of life', what does this line imply?

- A] After so many days of being hungry, the cave men and women felt alive once again after eating the food
- B] People respected and were thankful for getting food after days of being hungry and also of being united with their loved ones
- C] Cave men and women ate and celebrated together with the entire community making the feast really enjoyable
- D] Cave men and women enjoyed themselves in the feast and performed a ceremony to thank the Gods for their safe return back home

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: As per the third paragraph of the passage, the re-union with the families used to be a joyous moment for the sailors and hunters to cherish as they were able to enjoy both- the food after staying hungry for a long time and the company of their loved ones.

45. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

"We need to call this" Monika demanded.

- A] Out
- B] At
- C] Off
- D] Away

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: "Call off" is a phrasal verb which represents state of discontinuance or suspension as demanded by the sentence. Whereas "call away" is to "ask someone to leave the place". "Call at" means "to stop at a place for a short time" (of a train etc.) And "Call out" means "to shout to get someone's attention".

46. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

- A] We've been saying it separately up till / B] now, but we thought it would be / C] better if we spoke in one voice.
- A] A
- B] B
- C] C
- D] No error

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: "Up till now" suggests an activity carried on till present time. So a thought after the present activity needs to come in present tense instead of past. Hence, "speak" is required to be used instead of "spoke".

47. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: PREAMBLE

- A] Rules
- B] Law
- C] Rights
- D] Introduction

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer "Preamble" can be defined as a preliminary statement which can be referred as "an introductory part of the statute or deed". Hence, Introduction is an answer.

48. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: CONCEITED

- A] Arrogant
- B] False
- C] Deceive
- D] Misconception

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The word "Arrogant" is a synonym of "Conceited". All other options have a different meaning.

49. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

It was a see-saw battle but Manpreet _____ ahead in third round for the win.

- A] Flowed
- B] Ebbbed
- C] Perched
- D] Surged
- E] Receded

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: “Surge” indicates “sudden powerful upward or forward movement” which makes the sentence logically correct. “Recede” and “Ebb” are antonyms of “Surge”. “Perch” means “to rest on the branch of the tree” and “flow” pertains to water. Hence, D conveys correct meaning.

50. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.

A) Harish likes to play cricket B) and riding bicycles besides C) playing videogames A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: There is an error of parallelism. Form of verb should be the same as that of the first part of the sentence. It should be ‘ride bicycles’ instead of ‘riding bicycles’.

51. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

Our bright and beautiful environment is being systematically destroyed under the pressure of a _____ population.

A] Proliferating B] Expanding C] Widening D] Enlarging

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The word “Proliferating” means “growing fast” or “increase in number quickly”. Other words simply mean “to increase”. Hence, A is the most suitable answer.

52. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: CONCISE

A] Verbiage B] Compact C] Correct D] Short

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The literal meaning of “Concise” is “Compact” which means “brief but comprehensive”. “Verbiage” means “the way in which something is expressed”. “Correct” and “short” are self-explanatory. Hence, option B is correct.

53. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the opposite to the given word: FIGURATIVE

A] Symbolic B] Illustrative C] Literal D] Pectoral

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: “Symbolic” and “Pictorial” are the synonyms of “Figurative”. Illustrative indicates ‘something which acts as an example or explanation’. Hence, “literal” is an opposite word which means “words in their usual sense”.

54. Select the correct option that fills the blank [s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

We were thinkingit.....something like a requiem for our age.

A] For, because B] For, as C] For, since D] Of, as

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer (of, as) is the most suitable among others because “thinking of” expresses the meaning of “considering” whereas “thinking for” implies “thinking on account of something or someone”.

55. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: TAMPER

- A] Attach B] Timing C] Interfere D] Build

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The word “interfere” means “to become involved in activities/concerns of others in order to cause damage or in an unauthorized manner”. It best expresses the meaning of the word “tamper” which means to interfere so as to weaken.

56. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

All the history books belonging to the Mughal period have been.....from Sanskrit to English.

- A] Transferred B] Dictated C] Translated D] Dubbed

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The word “translated” is the most suitable option.

Text is translated, Voice is dubbed, writings are dictated, and objects are transferred.

57. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: GIGANTIC

- A] Huge B] Invisible C] Zero D] Tiny

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The word “Tiny” is opposite of the given word “Gigantic”. Hence, is the most suitable option?

58. In the question, each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the six sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1: Soumitra lost his wallet today in the market.

S6: Apart from calling the bank, he should also lodge an FIR.

P: He had all his cards and money in the wallet.

R: He is more worried about the credit cards than the money.

S: The best thing would be to call the bank and block all his cards.

Q: This surely would avoid any kind of credit card forgery.

- A] RSQP B] PRSQ C] QPRS D] SQPR

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The first sentence S1 talks of a problem and P further elaborates the problem. R logically explains the worry associated with the problem. Q and S6 make a logical pair as these sentences provide a solution or further course of action. Hence, PRSQ is a logical choice.

59. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

He finished his novel.....I was getting ready.....Office.

- A] Because, for B] While, for C] While, to D] Since, for

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: “While” is used when two activities take place simultaneously. And “to get ready for office” makes the sentence grammatically correct because “for” indicates the place someone or something is going to or Towards” Hence, While, for is a correct pair.

60. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A] We have been saying it separately up till [B] now, but we thought it would be [C] better if we spoke in one voice.

- A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: “Up till now” suggests an activity carried on till present time. So a thought after the present activity needs to come in present tense instead of past. Hence, “speak” is required to be used instead of “spoke”.

61. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A] Harish likes to play cricket [B] and riding bicycle besides [C] playing video games.

A] A B] B C] C D] Noerror

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: There is an error of parallelism. Form of verb should be the same as that of the first part of the sentence. It should be ‘ride bicycles’ instead of ‘riding bicycles’.

62. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

(A) When the captain called the crew, (B) each of the crew members ran towards (C) the deck of the ship. A] A B] B C] C D] Noerror

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The sentence is correct. There is no error.

63. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Ravi put _____ the light and slept

A] For B] Down C] In D] Out

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: In context with the light to be “switched off”, the expression “put out” is used. Therefore, other options become invalid.

64. Find the grammatical error in this sentence.

A) Juhu beach in Mumbai was filled with B) Innumerable people who had gathered there C) To see the discovered newly ancient temple

A] A B] B C] C D] Noerror

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: Past Perfect Tense requires third form of verb with “had” instead of first form. Hence, “gathered” instead of “gather”

65. Select the word which expresses the similar meaning of the given word: Generic

A] standard B] brand C] individual D] Specific

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The literal meaning of the word “Generic” is “general” or “common” and the word “specific” is its antonym which means “particular”.

Read the passage given below and answer questions 66-69 based on it-

The great event of the New York cultural season of 1882 was the visit of the sixty-two-year-old English philosopher and social commentator Herbert Spencer. Nowhere did Spencer have a larger or more enthusiastic following than in the United States, where such works as “Social Statics” and “The Data of Ethics” were celebrated as powerful justifications for laissez-faire capitalism. Competition was preordained; its result was progress; and any institution that stood in the way of individual liberties was violating the natural order. “Survival of the fittest”—a phrase that Charles Darwin took from Spencer—made free competition a social as well as a natural law. Andrew Carnegie admired Spencer enormously and attributed to him the decisive metaphysical epiphany of his life: “I remember that light came as in a flood and all was clear.

I had found the truth of evolution. 'All is well since all grows better' became my motto, my true source of comfort." Thanks to Spencer, Victorian capitalists knew that nature was on their side.

Spencer had not come to America to give lectures or to boost his book sales. He detested public speaking, and he no longer needed money, thanks to the immense popularity of his books. A lifelong hypochondriac, he had come for his health, to reinvigorate his "greatly disordered nervous system," and he withstood all inducements to what he called "social excitement." But the press of distinguished American Spencerians was too great to resist, and he agreed to a farewell banquet at Delmonico's on November 9th.

Senators, captains of industry, and professors were there in force, vying with each other in the fulsomeness of their praise. The former Secretary of State William Evarts said that Spencer was the smartest man in the world: "We recognize in the breadth of your knowledge, such knowledge as is useful to your race, a greater comprehension than any living man has presented to our generation." The Union Army general Carl Schurz declared that there would have been no Civil War if the South had been adequately instructed in Spencer's principles of individual liberty. And the president of Columbia, Frederick Barnard, announced that Herbert Spencer was "not only the profoundest thinker of our time, but the most capacious and most powerful intellect of all time."

The Delmonico's dinner, however, ended in disaster. Instead of graciously bathing in the torrents of tribute, Spencer told his admirers that they had got him seriously wrong. He did not approve of the culture of American capitalism, and, while he admired its material achievements, he was concerned that, for Americans, work had become a pathological obsession. Americans were endangering their mental and physical health through overwork, and many were turning gray before their time—ten years earlier than the British, Spencer believed. America needed "a revised ideal of life," he said, and it was time to "preach the gospel of relaxation." He went on, "Life is not for learning, nor is life for working, but learning and working are for life." Having administered that slap to the face of national virtue, Spencer steamed off back to England.

Spencer was, arguably, the single most influential systematic thinker of the nineteenth century, but his influence, compared with that of Darwin, Marx, or Mill, was short-lived. In 1937, the Harvard sociologist Talcott Parsons asked, "Who now reads Spencer?" Seventy years later, the question remains pertinent, even if no one now reads Talcott Parsons, either. In his day, Spencer was the greatest of philosophical hedgehogs: his popularity stemmed from the fact that he had one big, easily grasped idea and a mass of more particular ideas that supposedly flowed from the big one. The big idea was evolution, but, while Darwin applied it to species change, speculating about society and culture only with reluctance, Spencer saw evolution working everywhere. "This law of organic progress is the law of all progress," he wrote, "whether it be in the development of the Earth, in the development of Life upon its surface, in the development of Society, of Government, of Manufactures, of Commerce, of Language, Literature, Science, [or] Art." Spencer has been tagged as a social Darwinist, but it would be more correct to think of Darwin as a biological Spencerian. Spencer was very well known as an evolutionist long before Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published, in 1859, and people who had limited interest in the finches of the Galápagos had a great interest in whether the state should provide for the poor or whether it was right to colonize India.

William James once ungenerously remarked that Spencer was "the philosopher whom those who have no other philosopher can appreciate." He was appropriated by a wide variety of readers, often with conflicting agendas—free marketers, positivists, Indian and Japanese nationalists. They all had their understandings of Spencer and they all differed. Mark Francis, in "Herbert Spencer and the Invention of Modern Life" (Cornell; \$45)—the first full-scale intellectual biography of Spencer since J. D. Y. Peel's fine "Herbert Spencer: The Evolution of a Sociologist" (1971)—is determined to put an end to the confusion. He thinks that he has discovered the philosophical grounds of Spencer's true coherence, and he hands out academic demerits to the commentators who have missed the underlying unities of Spencer's scientific, philosophical, ethical, psychological, sociological, and political writings. Still, for the most part the misreaders should be forgiven. Over almost half a century of furious writing, Spencer continually reworked and reconfigured his views, copying and pasting chunks of text from the eighteen-fifties into volumes published in the eighteen-seventies and eighties.

How, then, to get Spencer right? One suggestion comes from Spencer himself: if you want to understand the origin and lineage of his ideas, you should understand where he came from and how he was formed. He put his immense talent and energy into his philosophical and political works but his genius into his "Autobiography," a work more than a thousand pages long, on which he labored intermittently during the last two decades of his life. This is where Spencer wished people to go when they wanted to grasp how his philosophical system came to be and how its parts related to one another.

66. According to author why was Spencer so popular in 19th century?

- A] He supported capitalism
- B] He extended Darwin's theory of evolution in the large extent
- C] He had 1 broad and simple idea and many specific ideas flowed from it
- D] he was a friend of parsons

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: In the 2nd sentence of 6th paragraph, it has been clearly stated, "In his day, Spencer was the greatest of philosophical hedgehogs: his popularity stemmed from the fact that he had one big, easily grasped idea and a mass of more particular ideas that supposedly flowed from the big one. The big idea was evolution, but, while Darwin applied it to species change, speculating about society and culture only with reluctance, Spencer saw evolution working everywhere." Hence, C justifies his popularity.

67. What must have been the most likely response/reaction of the New York audience to Spencer's talk in 1882?

- A] vindication
- B] surprise
- C] happiness
- D] depression

Correct answer option is C

The very first sentence of the first paragraph says it all.

Explanation: "The great event of the New York cultural season of 1882 was the visit of the sixty-two-year-old English philosopher and social commentator Herbert Spencer. Nowhere did Spencer have a larger or more enthusiastic following than in the United States, where such works as "Social Statics" and "The Data of Ethics" were celebrated as powerful justifications for laissez-faire capitalism."

This indicates that people were happy and enthusiastic to have him among them.

68. Which people are the author referring to in the statement "people who have limited interest in the finches of the Galapagos"?

- A] people who were not interested in the word finch
- B] people who were not interested in the finches particularly from the Galapagos.
- C] people who were not interested in the animal species or natural evolution
- D] people who did not have interest in birds

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: In the 2nd sentence of 7th paragraph, it has been clearly stated "Spencer was very well known as an evolutionist long before Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published, in 1859, and people who had limited interest in the finches of the Galápagos had a great interest in whether the state should provide for the poor or whether it was right to colonize India."

This indicates the people who were more interested in political and economic issues than natural evolution.

69. What is the author most likely to agree to in the following?

- A] Darwin's idea of evolution preceded that of Spencer.
- B] both Darwin and Spencer got the idea at the same time.
- C] Spencer's idea of evolution preceded that by Darwin
- D] Darwin and Spencer worked on totally different models of evolution.

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: In the third last paragraph, it has been indicated-

"Spencer was very well known as an evolutionist long before Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" was published, in 1859, and people who had limited interest in the finches of the Galápagos had a great interest in whether the state should provide for the poor or whether it was right to colonize India"

This reveals that both of them were contemporary philosophers.

70. The given sentences when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a number. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

1. He was so busy with them that he did not get time to eat.
2. Thousands of people came to him and asked different types of questions.

3. No one cared to see that he had his food or rest that night.
4. Swami Vivekananda once stayed in a small village.

a. 2341 b. 3214 c. 4213 d. 4231

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The paragraph needs to begin with 4 as it carries a noun "Swami Vivekananda". Once 4 is determined as the first sentence, two answer options (A and B) get eliminated. Then, the next logical pair comes out to be 2 as it reveals the outcome of his visit to the village. Hence, the connection gets determined reducing the answer choice only to C.

71. Directions: Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

1. A] Harish likes to play cricket / B] and riding bicycle besides / C] playing videogames.

A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: In place of 'riding' it will be 'ride bicycle' because when we use and same degree of adjective is used.

Directions: Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

72. A] Another major indication of / B] the disorder are injury / C] to the nervous system and anxiety.

A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: As with singular subject we will always use singular verb so in place of 'are' we will write 'is'.

Directions 73-74: Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully Complete.

73. The interview panel asked her to wait Friday for the final decision.

A] up to B] till C] for D] since E] to

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: We use till preposition to mention the specific time with specific purpose.

74. The efforts put in by the top management to retain him went in as he decided to shift to a competitor company.

A] failure B] futility C] waste D] vain

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer is vain as it means something which is of no use.

75. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word -UNIVERSAL

A] Earthly B] Ethereal C] Cosmic D] Local

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer is local as in the given option all means the same except local which is opposite to universal.

76. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, O, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1. Sameer has not been coming to office since last week.

S6. Since his plaster will be removed after 30 days

P: Doctors have advised him complete bed rest for 15 days.

Q: He had six fractures and was rushed to the hospital.

R: He met with a serious accident a few days ago.

S: I think he would be on leave for this whole month.

A) RQPS

B) PSQR

C) SPRQ

D) QPRS

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is RQPS as it tells the correct series of events which took place and sequential approach of Para jumbles is used here.

Read the passage below and answer questions 77-80 based on it

At the end of the 19th century, India's maharajahs discovered a Parisian designer called Louis Vuitton and flooded his small factory with orders for custom-made Rolls-Royce interiors, leather picnic hampers and modish polo-club bags. But after independence, when India's princes lost much of their wealth, the orders dried up. Then in 2002 LVMH, the world's largest luxury-goods group, made a triumphant return to India, opening a boutique in Delhi and another in Mumbai in 2004. Its target was the new breed of maharajah produced by India's liberalized economy: flush, flash, and growing in number. Other purveyors of opulence followed, from Chanel to Bulgari. In recent months a multitude of swanky brands have announced plans to set up shop in India, including Dolce & Gabbana, Hermès, Jimmy Choo and Gucci. And Indian women will soon be invited to spend over \$100 on bras made by La Perla, an Italian lingerie firm. Only a tiny fraction, of course, will do so. But it is India's future prospects that have excited the luxury behemoths.

India has fewer than 100,000 dollar millionaires among its one billion-plus population, according to American Express, a financial-services firm. It predicts that this number will grow by 12.8% a year for the next three years. The longer-term ascendance of India's middle class, meanwhile, has been charted by the McKinsey Global Institute, which predicts that average incomes will have tripled by 2025, lifting nearly 300m Indians out of poverty and causing the middle class to grow more than tenfold, to 583m. Demand for all kinds of consumer products is about to surge, in short. And although restrictions on foreign investment prevent retail giants such as Wal-Mart and Tesco from entering India directly, different rules apply to companies that sell their own products under a single brand, as luxury-goods firms tend to. Since January 2006 they have been allowed to take up to 51% in Indian joint ventures. India is also an attractive market for luxury goods because, unlike China, it does not have a flourishing counterfeit industry. Credit is becoming more easily available. And later this year Vogue, a fashion magazine, will launch an Indian edition.

Barriers to growth remain, however. High import duties make luxury goods expensive. Rich Indians tend to travel widely and may simply buy elsewhere. Finding suitable retail space is also proving a headache. So far most designer boutiques are situated in five star hotels.

But things are changing. Later this year Emporio, a new luxury-goods mall, will open in a prosperous neighborhood in the south of Delhi. It is likely to be the first of many. Even so, India could remain a difficult market to crack. Last October the Luxury Marketing Council, an international organization of 675 luxury-goods firms, opened its India chapter. Its boss, Devyani Raman, described India's luxury-goods market as "a cupboard full of beautiful clothes with a new outfit arriving every day—it could start to look messy without the right care". This, she said, included everything from teaching shop assistants appropriate manners to instilling in the Indian public a proper understanding of the concept of luxury. "How do you educate them", she asked, "about the difference between a designer bag that costs \$400 and a much cheaper leather bag that functions perfectly well?"

77. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

Who are the 'new breed of Maharajas'?

- A] Maharajas who recovered their wealth in 2004.
- B] The children of the older Maharajas.
- C] The new class of rich people which emerged in India post liberalization.
- D] None of these

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The answer is new class of rich people which emerged in India post liberalization as mentioned in first paragraph.

78. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

What is the author most likely to agree to as the reason for the inflow of luxury good groups in India?

- A] The fast growth in Indian economy leading to bright future prospects.
- B] To serve 'the new breed of maharajas'.
- C] To serve the tiny fraction of high income groups in India.
- D] None of these

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is the fast growth in Indian economy leading to bright future prospects which is mentioned in second paragraph.

79. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

Why do different rules apply to Wal-Mart and luxury good firms?

- A] India is encouraging luxury goods while it doesn't encourage Wal-Mart.
- B] India is an attractive market for luxury goods.
- C] There are different rules for retail firms and those that sell their own product.
- D] India does not have a flourishing counterfeit industry.

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The answer is different rules for retail firms and those sell their own product as stated in third paragraph.

80. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

What does Devyani Raman's statement imply?

- A] Beautiful clothes are an important luxury item and should be taken care of.
- B] The luxury goods market is becoming disorganized.
- C] The supply of beautiful clothes is very high.
- D] None of these

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The answer is the luxury goods market is becoming disorganized as she described India's luxury-goods market as "a cupboard full of beautiful clothes with a new outfit arriving every day—it could start to look messy without the right care".

Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

81. His recent success him more arrogant than what he used to be.

- A] Make
- B] Havemakehim
- C] Hasmade
- D] Wasmaking

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The answer is 'has made' as present perfect tense is to be used here.

82. The teacher stopped teaching class VII as thereweremany_____students in the class.

- A]Indisciplined
C]Misdisciplined
- B]Undisciplined
D] Nondisciplined

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'indiscipline' as this is the correct prefix and rest of the options are incorrect.

83. Select the option most nearly Opposite to the word-NEGLECTED

- A)Shabby B)Nurtured C)Unlike D) Pleasant

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The answer is 'nurtured' as it means taken care of which is opposite to the word neglected.

84. Select the option most nearly Opposite to the word-AMEND

- A]Worsen B]Enhance C]Repair D]Finish

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'worsen' as it means to spoil which is opposite to the word 'amend' and rest of the options are similar in meaning to the given word.

Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

85. In the first ten years after the _____ of the UGC Act, eight institutions were granted deemed university status.

- A) Implication B) Enactment C) Statement D) Issue

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: The word 'enactment' is used in case of acts or laws or any other form of legislature.

86. Improve the sentence by choosing correct alternative to the italicized part

What have we got for dinner?

- A) We got forthedinner
B) We got for adinner
C) we gottenfordinner
D) Nochange

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer is no error as we don't use any article before breakfast, lunch and dinner.

87. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.

A)Christmas give us a opportunity to B) rekindle our friendship with friends and relatives C) who are otherwise forgotten in our daily chores.

- A]A B]B C]C D] Noerror

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: In place of 'a' we will write an opportunity because we use 'an' article before the vowels.

88. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Negligence of the transport company, lot of our goods were damaged intransit.

- A) Since the B) Reasonbeing C) Dueto D) Despiteof

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: In this case 'due to' is the correct conjunction as it tells the reason of why something happened.

89. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: INSIDIOUS

- A]Insightful B]Sincere C]Sinister D]Naïve

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The answer 'sinister' expresses the same meaning as 'insidious' which means causing harm to someone and rest of the options are opposite in meaning to the given word.

90. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A]I feel that Mary will going/[B] for the closing ceremony of/[C] CommonwealthGames.

- A]A B]B C]C D] Noerror

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'will be going' in place 'will going' as future continuous tense is used here.

91. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word-CONCEITED

- A]Arrogant B]False C]Deceive D]

Misconception**Correct answer option is A**

Explanation: The answer 'arrogant' expresses the same meaning as conceited which means to have pride in our own words.

92. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word-PARTIAL

- A]Equitable B]Unbiased C]Half D]Incomplete

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The option 'incomplete' expresses the same meaning as 'partial' which means something not complete.

93. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word-SPLENDID

- A]Unimpressive B]Bad C]Ugly D]

Radiant**Correct answer option is A**

Explanation: The option 'unimpressive' expresses the opposite meaning to 'splendid' as in means to be very impressive and beautiful.

94. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfullycomplete.

All the faculty members except the HOD.....to the new curriculum proposed by Prof. Bhasin.

- A]Agreed B]Agrees C]Has agreed D] Wasagreed

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'agreed' as past indefinite is used in this case.

95. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfullycomplete.

We want tobecome internationally_____in terms of technologicalresearch.

- A]Equipped B]Great C]Renowned D]Notorious E]Familiar

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: The answer is 'renowned' as it means to be well-known all over.

Directions for Q96-98:Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

96. Our bright and beautiful environment is being systematically destroyed under the pressure of a _____population.

- A]Proliferating B]Expanding C]Widening D]Enlarging

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'proliferating' as it means to increase in number which is used with population.

97. The origin of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), as believed by many medical experts can be congenital, whereas others believe it to be.....
- A] Exogenous B] Deleterious C] Pathological D] Environmental E] Celestial

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The answer is 'environmental' as the other options are not in relation to the context.

98. She studied _____ entire chapter for an hour before the exam.
- A] In the B] The C] For the D] Of the

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: In this the specific article will be used i.e. the entire chapter.

99. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.
- (A) The accumulated toxins in our body (B) did not just affect our physical being but also (C) have adverse effect on our mental faculties
- A] A B] B C] C D] No error

Correct answer option is C

Explanation: In place of 'have' we will write 'has adverse' as with singular subject we will use singular verb.

100. Select the word opposite to the meaning of the word: Constituent
- A] whole B] component C] element D] citizen

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer 'whole' describes the opposite meaning to 'constituent' which means element or component.

101. Select the word opposite to the meaning of the word: Victorious
- A] defeated B] annexed C] destroyed D] vanquished

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The option 'vanquished' describes the opposite meaning to 'victorious' as vanquished means to defeat in a war.

102. Select the word which expresses the similar meaning of the given word: TIMID
- A] fast B] slow C] medium D] shy

Correct answer option is D

Explanation: The option shy expresses the same meaning as timid.

103. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.
- (A) The man told to her / (B) that he had not brought his dog / (C) out for a walk as he was afraid that it would rain. / (D) No error
- A] A B] B C] C D] D

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'the man told her' in place of 'the man told to her'.

104. Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).
(A) I could not put up in a hotel (B) because the boarding and lodging charges (C) were exorbitant (D) No error

Correct answer option is A

Explanation: The answer is 'I could not put up in the hotel' in place of in 'a hotel' as in this specific article is to be used.

105. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.
(A) One of the members (B) expressed doubt if (C) the Minister was an atheist. (D) No error

Correct answer option is B

Explanation: In place of 'expressed doubt' we will write 'expressed a doubt' if the Minister was an atheist.

106. Fill in the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Rather than be melancholy all winter, Jim should try to be more _____.

1. energetic
2. jovial
3. depraved
4. depressed

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The context clue rather at the beginning of the sentence indicates that a contrast is coming. Since Jim should try to be the opposite of melancholy, try to think of the best antonym for melancholy, which is (2) jovial.

107. Fill in the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Upon hearing the _____ argument for the opposition, Mr. Algene felt _____ that he would win the debate.

1. dubious...uncertain
2. substantial...sure
3. deplorable...convinced
4. tenuous...confident

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: After reading this sentence, you should see that the first clause causes the second clause to be true. In order to maintain this relationship, two antonyms are needed. If the argument for opposition is tenuous, it is weak or shaky. This should make Mr. Algene feel confident. Therefore, (4) tenuous...confident is the correct answer.

108. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the MEANING of the given word: CORPULENT

1. Lean
2. Gaunt
3. Emaciated
4. Obese

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: Meaning of Corpulent is overweight and option(4)expresses the same meaning.

109. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: SAGACIOUS

1. Foolish (Right)
2. Bitter
3. Voracious
4. Veracious

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: Sagacious person is a person who is wise ,clever and intelligent ,the word which is exactly opposite to sagacious is foolish, thus option 1 is the right answer.

Read the passage carefully and answer the question(s) 110-113 given below:

Harold a professional man who had worked in an office for many years had a fearful dream. In it, he found himself in a land where small slug-like animals with slimy tentacles lived on people's bodies. The people tolerated the loathsome creatures because after many years they grew into elephants which then became the nation's system of transport, carrying everyone wherever he wanted to go. Harold suddenly realized that he himself was covered with these things, and he woke up screaming. In a vivid sequence of pictures this dream dramatized for Harold what he had never been able to put in to words; he saw himself as letting society feed on his body in his early years so that it would carry him when he retired. He later threw off the "security bug" and took up freelance work.

110. In his dream Harold found the loathsome creatures:

1. in his village
2. in his own house
3. in a different land
4. in his office

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: From the second line of the paragraph it is clear that Harold found the loathsome creatures in a different land(in his dream), Thus option 3 is the right answer.

111. Which one of the following phrases best helps to bring out the precise meaning of 'loathsome creatures'?

- 1.Security bug and slimy tentacles
- 2.Fearful dream and slug-like animals
- 3.Slimy tentacles and slug-like animals
- 4.Slug-like animals and security bug

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: Option 1 is the right answer .The statement 'he later threw off the security bug' clearly states that Harold succeeded in overcoming the need for security .

112. The statement that 'he later threw off the security bug' means that

- 1.Harold succeeded in overcoming the need for security
- 2.Harold stopped giving much importance to dreams
- 3.Harold started tolerating social victimization
- 4.Harold killed all the bugs troubled him

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: The right option is 3 because 'loathsome creatures' are Slimy tentacles and slug-like animals.

113. Harold's dream was fearful because

- 1.it brought him face to face with reality
- 2.it was full of vivid pictures of snakes
- 3.he saw huge elephant in it
- 4.in it he saw slimy creatures feeding on people's bodies

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: From the third line of the sentence it is clear that Harold dream was fearful because Option 1 is the right answer because it brought him face to face with reality (Right),Thus option 1 is the right answer.

114. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

My uncle decided to take and my sister to the market.

- 1.I
- 2.mine
- 3.me
- 4.myself

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: Right option is 3 because the most appropriate option in the form of Pronoun object is “me”

115. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A] Do the roses in your garden smell / [B] more sweetly / [C] than those in ours? / [D] No error.

1. A
2. B (Right)
3. C
4. D

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: As there is a comparison in the above sentence. So, more sweetly is definitely wrong and hence option 2 (sweeter) is the right answer.

116. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: EMBEZZLE

1. Misappropriate (Right)
2. Balance
3. Remunerate
4. Clear

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: Meaning of the word “Embezzled” is stealing or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works). and option 1 expresses the same meaning.

117. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: CANNY

1. Obstinate
2. Handsome
3. Clever (Right)
4. Stout

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: Meaning of the word “CANNY” is clever, intelligent and wise and option 3 expresses the same meaning

118. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

The miser gazed at the pile of gold coins in front of him.

- 1.avidly (Right)
- 2.admiringly
- 3.thoughtfully
- 4.earnestly

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: Avidly means "to desire eagerly." So, the correct option is 1.

119. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore punctuation error, if any.

[A]An Indian ship/[B] laden with merchandise/[C] got drowned in the Pacific Ocean/[D]No error

- 1.A
- 2.B
- 3.C (Right)
- 4.D

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: Instead of drowned, it should be sank in the Pacific Ocean, Thus, Option 3 is the right Answer

120. Select the correct option that fills the blank to complete the sentence meaningfully.

Pleasure is _____ and not eternal.

- 1.immaterial
- 2.divine
- 3.spiritual
- 4.transient(Right)

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: Pleasure in human being life is always short lived or an ephemeral so the most suitable option is 4 (transient)

121. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: MENDACIOUS

- 1.Full of confidence
- 2.False (Right)
- 3.Encouraging
- 4.Provocative

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: Meaning of the word “MENDACIOUS “is not telling the truth or lying. And option 2 expresses the same meaning.

122. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the opposite to the given word: FERVENT

1. Partial
2. Dispassionate (Right)
3. Ardent
4. Decent

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The meaning of the word “FERVENT is “displaying a passionate intensity “and option 2 expresses the opposite meaning

123. Select the correct option that fills the blank [s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

The cinema a welcome escape from cramped and dull city life and the Indians are avid movie-goers.

1. depicts
2. highlights
3. follows
4. offers (Right)

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: Offer means is provides, Thus, Option 4 is the best suitable choice.

124. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: GRATIFY

1. Appreciate
2. Frank
3. Indulge
4. Pacify (Right)

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: Meaning of the word “GRAFITY” is to give (someone) pleasure or satisfaction and option D expresses the same meaning.

125. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

The battalion operating from the mountain was able to three enemy divisions.

1. tie up
2. tie down(Right)

3. tie on

4. tie with

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The right option is 2 because meaning of tie down is restricting freedom.

126. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: JAUNTY

1. Youthful

2. Ruddy

3. Unravelling

4. Sedate (Right)

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: Meaning of the word "JAUNTY" is cheerful and meaning of word "SEDATE" is exactly opposite thus option 4 is the right answer.

127. In the question, each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the six sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1: A force exists between everybody in the universe.

P : Normally it is very small but when the one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.

Q : It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton.

R : Everything on or near the surface of the earth is attracted by the mass of earth.

S : This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.

S6: The greater the mass, the greater is the earth's force of attraction on it. We can call this force of attraction gravity.

The Proper sequence should be:

1. PRQS

2. PRSQ

3. QSRP

4. QSPR (Right)

Correct answer option is 4

Explanation: The right option is 4 as S1 states a scientific statement; it has to be investigated by someone, so (Q) follows best. {so option 1 & 2 omitted}. S6 mentions about earth's force of attraction and the mass, so in this case previous sentence as (R) is the most suitable.

128. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

In a changing and unstructured business environment, creativity and innovation are being demanded of executives.

1. highly, extremely
2. progressively, increasingly (Right)
3. increasingly, moderately
4. excessively, rapidly

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The most suitable option 2 because the word 'Demands' always come with words like "Increasing/Decreasing'

129. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is

the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

Many a man (A) / were taken ill (B) / after consuming (C) / illicit liquor. (D) /

1. A
2. B (Right)
3. C
4. D

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The right option is 2 because Many a man couples with a singular verb.

130. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A] The students were / [B] awaiting for / [C] the arrival of the chief guest / [D] No error.

1. A
2. B (Right)
3. C
4. D

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: Correct option is 2 because One can say either waiting for (or) awaiting but not awaiting for.

131. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

[A]The Indian radio/[B]which was previously controlled by the British rulers/[C]is free now from the narrow vested interests/[D]No error.

- 1.A
- 2.B
- 3.C (Right)
- 4.D

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: The correct option is 3 because it should be “is now free from the narrow vested interests”.

132. Select the correct option that fills the blank[s] to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

I purposely meet you during my last visit to Kashmir.

- 1.didn't (Right)
- 2.won't
- 3.hadn't
- 4.wouldn't

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: To make the given sentence grammatically correct, the right option is 1

133. Find the grammatical error in this sentence.

[A]If I had known/[B]this yesterday/[C] I will have helped him/[D] No error.

- 1.A
- 2.B
- 3.C (Right)
- 4.D

Correct answer option is 3

Explanation: The right option is 3, because it is a Past Conditional statement. Thus, instead of “I will have helped him”, it should be “I would have helped him”.

134. Select the word which expresses the similar meaning of the given word: LAMENT

- 1.Complain (Right)
- 2.Comment
- 3.Condone
- 4.Console

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: Meaning of the word "LAMANT" is regret or disappointment about something, So, the right option is 1 as it expresses the similar meaning

Read the passage carefully and answer the question(s) 135-138 given below:

Conflict had existed between Spain and England since the 1570s. England wanted a share of the wealth that Spain had been taking from the lands it had claimed in the Americas. Elizabeth I, Queen of England, encouraged her staunch admiral of the navy, Sir Francis Drake, to raid Spanish ships and towns. Though these raids were on a small scale, Drake achieved dramatic success, adding gold and silver to England's treasury and diminishing Spain's supremacy. Religious differences also caused conflict between the two countries. Whereas Spain was Roman Catholic, most of England had become Protestant. King Philip II of Spain wanted to claim the throne and make England a Catholic country again. To satisfy his ambition and also to retaliate against England's theft of his gold and silver, King Philip began to build his fleet of warships, the Spanish Armada, in January 1586. Philip intended his fleet to be indestructible. In addition to building new warships, he marshaled 130 sailing vessels of all types and recruited more than 19,000 robust soldiers and 8,000 sailors. Although some of his ships lacked guns and others lacked ammunition, Philip was convinced that his Armada could withstand any battle with England. The martial Armada set sail from Lisbon, Portugal, on May 9, 1588, but bad weather forced it back to port. The voyage resumed on July 22 after the weather became more stable. The Spanish fleet met the smaller, faster and more maneuverable English ships in battle off the coast of Plymouth, England, first on July 31 and again on August 2. The two battles left Spain vulnerable, having lost several ships and with its ammunition depleted. On August 7, while the Armada lay at anchor on the French side of the Strait of Dover, England sent eight burning ships into the midst of the Spanish fleet to set it on fire. Blocked on one side, the Spanish ships could only drift away, their crews in panic and disorder. Before the Armada could regroup, the English attacked again on August 8. Although the Spaniards made a valiant effort to fight back, the fleet suffered extensive damage.

During the eight hours of battle, the Armada drifted perilously close to the rocky coastline. At the moment when it seemed that the Spanish ships would be driven onto the English shore, the wind shifted, and the Armada drifted out into the North Sea. The Spaniards recognized the superiority of the English fleet and returned home, defeated.

135. Sir Francis Drake added wealth to the treasury and diminished Spain's_____.

- 1.unlimited power (Right)
- 2.unrestricted growth
- 3.territory
- 4.treaties

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: The right option is 1 because "Supremacy" means unlimited power.

136. King Philip recruited many_____soldiers and sailors.

- 1.warlike
- 2.strong (Right)
- 3.accomplished
- 4.timid

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The right option is 2 "Robust" means strong.

137. The _____ Armada set sail on May 9, 1588.

1. complete
2. warlike (Right)
3. independent
4. isolated

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The right option is 2 "Martial" means warlike or war-related.

138. The Armada was _____ on one side.

1. closed off (Right)
2. damaged
3. alone
4. circled

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: The right option is 1 because "Vulnerable" means open to attack or susceptible to harm

139. The given sentences when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph.

- A) So in the agrarian era, if you need to destroy the enemy's productive capacity, what you want to do is burn his fields, or if you're really vicious, salt them.
- B) Now in the information era, destroying the enemy's productive capacity means destroying the information infrastructure.
- C) How do you do battle with your enemy?
- D) With regard to defense, the purpose of the military is to defend the nation and be prepared to do battle with its enemy.
- E) But in the industrial era destroying the enemy's productive capacity means bombing the factories which are located in the cities.
- F) The idea is to destroy the enemy's productive capacity, and depending upon the economic foundation, that productive capacity is different in each case

1. FDEBAC
2. DCFAEB (Right)

3. DEBACF

4. DFEBAC

Correct answer option is 2

Explanation: The right option is 2 because The passage indicates the Armada was "blocked" on one side, i.e. closed off rather than damaged.

140. Improve the sentence by selecting the correct alternative to the italicized part of the sentence.

It will be no good trying to find an excuse next time

1. to try to find (Right)

2. to try finding

3. trying finding

4. No improvement

Correct answer option is 1

Explanation: 1 Strong intentions are expressed by an infinitive. and not by gerundial.

141. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : VORACIOUS

Op 1: Wild

Op 2: Hungry

Op 3: Angry

Op 4: Quick

Op 5:

Correct Option 2

Explanation: Voracious means "wanting or devouring great quantities of food" and it matches Option 2 whereas wild means living in the natural environment and angry and quick doesn't relate with the word.

142. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : IRONIC

Op 1: Inflexible

Op 2: Bitter

Op 3: Good-natured

Op 4: Disguisedly sarcastic

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Irony means "characterized by irony" which means "the expression of one's meaning by using language that normally signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or emphatic effect" relating to sarcasm and thus Option 4 is the correct answer.

143. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : CORRESPONDENCE

Op 1: Agreements

Op 2: Contracts

Op 3: Documents

Op 4: Letters

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: it means “communication by exchanging letters” so Option 4 is the best answer.

144. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :DISTANT

Op 1:Far

Op 2: Removed

Op 3: Reserved

Op 4: Separate

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Distant as an adjective means “far away in space or time” and other option are not relative in any regard thus option 1 is correct.

145. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :LAMENT

Op 1:Complain

Op 2: Comment

Op 3: Condone

Op 4: Console

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: LAMENT as a noun also means Complaint and matches option 1 whereas Comment means a verbal or written remark expressing an opinion or reaction, Condone means accept (behavior that is considered morally wrong or offensive) and Console means comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment.

146. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :WRETCHED

Op 1:Poor

Op 2: Foolish

Op 3: Insane

Op 4: Strained

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: It means “of poor quality; very bad” and matched option 1 whereas Foolish and Insane means mad or crazy and strained means showing signs of nervous tension or tiredness.

147. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :RESTRAINT

Op 1:Hindrance

Op 2: Repression

Op 3: Obstacle

Op 4: Restriction

Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: It means “deprivation or restriction of personal liberty or freedom of movement” and matched Option 4 whereas Hindrance and Obstacle means a thing that provides resistance, delay, or obstruction to something or someone, Repression means the action of subduing someone or something by force.

148. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :ADMONISH

Op 1:Punish

- Op 2: Curse
- Op 3: Dismiss
- Op 4: Reprimand
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: It means to “reprimand firmly” and other options like Punish, Curse and dismiss doesn’t match the word.

Q149. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : RECKLESS

- Op 1: Courageous
- Op 2: Rash
- Op 3: Bold
- Op 4: Daring
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: RECKLESS means heedless of danger or the consequences of one's actions; rash or impetuous whereas Courageous, bold and Daring are synonyms meaning not deterred by danger or pain; brave.

Q150. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : VENT

- Op 1: Opening
- Op 2: Stodgy
- Op 3: End
- Op 4: Past tense of go
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: VENT means “an opening that allows air, gas, or liquid to pass out of or into a confined space” and matches Option 1 whereas Stodgy means dull and uninspired and other option END and Past tense of go are invalid.

Q151. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The claims of students look hollow when they **attribute** their poor performance to difficulty of examination.

- Op 1: infer
- Op 2: impute
- Op 3: inhere
- Op 4: inundate
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: ATTRIBUTE means “regard a quality or feature as characteristic of or possessed by” and closely matches Impute which means represent (something, especially something undesirable) as being done or possessed by someone; attribute. INFER means deduce or conclude (something) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements, INHERE means exist essentially or permanently in and INUNDATE means overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

Q152. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : He is **averse** to the idea of holding elections now.

- Op 1: convinced

- Op 2: angry
- Op 3: agreeable
- Op 4: opposed
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: AVERSE means “having a strong dislike of or opposition to something” and matches Option 4 exactly. Convinced and Agreeable mean same and are not related to the meaning.

Q153. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : True religion does not require one to **proselytize** through guile or force.

- Op 1: translate
- Op 2: hypnotize
- Op 3: attack
- Op 4: convert
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: PROSELYTIZE means convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another and matches option 4 whereas Translate means express the sense of (words or text) in another language, Hypnotize means capture the whole attention of (someone); fascinate and Attack means act against (someone or something) aggressively in an attempt to injure or kill.

Q154. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. :

She **corroborated** the statement of her brother. Op 1: confirmed

- Op 2: disproved
- Op 3: condemned
- Op 4: seconded
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: CORROBORATED means confirm or give support to; thus matches Option 1 whereas disproved and condemned are opposites and seconded means giving agreement to something.

Q155. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The great dancer impressed the appreciative crowd by her **nimble** movements.

- Op 1: unrhythmic
- Op 2: lively
- Op 3: quickening
- Op 4: clear
- Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: NIMBLE means quick and light in movement or action; agile and matches Option 3 and Unrhythmic has no meaning, Lively means full of life and energy; active and outgoing and clear means easy to perceive, understand, or interpret.

Q156. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : Swift is known in the world of letters for his **misogynism**.

- Op 1: hatred for mankind
- Op 2: hatred for womankind

Op 3: love for the reasonable

Op 4: love for womankind

Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: MISOGYNISM means a person who dislikes, despises, or is strongly prejudiced against women and option 2 is correct.

Q157. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : A person unrestrained by the rules of morality or tradition is called a **licentious** person.

Op 1: libertine

Op 2: loafer-type

Op 3: criminal

Op 4: freelance

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: The sentence itself gives the meaning of LICENTIOUS and it matches Libertine in Option 1. Loafer means a person who avoids work and spends their time idly, Criminal means a person who has committed a crime and Freelance means self-employed and hired to work for different companies on particular assignments.

Q158. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : His style is quite **transparent**.

Op 1: verbose

Op 2: involved

Op 3: lucid

Op 4: witty

Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Transparent means easy to perceive or detect and matches Option 3 whereas Verbose means using or expressed in more words than are needed, Involved means difficult to understand; complicated and Witty means showing or characterized by quick and inventive verbal humor.

Q159. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : Only those who are **gullible** take every advertisement seriously.

Op 1: fallible

Op 2: enthusiastic

Op 3: unsuspecting

Op 4: unrealistic

Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: gullible – one who is easily persuaded to believe something, so unsuspecting is the most suitable option.

Q 160. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : We didn't believe in his statement, but **subsequent** events proved that he was right.

Op 1: later

Op 2: many

Op 3: few

Op 4: earlier

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: subsequent means following and "later" is synonym for the same.

Q161. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The angry villagers have **lynched** two suspected child-lifters already.

Op 1: beaten up

Op 2: captured

Op 3: killed

Op 4: mutilated

Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: lynch means to kill someone for an offence without a legal trial. Thus, the answer is option 3.

Q162. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : He has a **propensity** for getting into debt.

Op 1: natural tendency

Op 2: aptitude

Op 3: characteristic

Op 4: quality

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: propensity means inclination or natural tendency, thus the answer is option 1.

Q163. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. :

The **agnostic** demanded proof before he would accept the statement of the secretary.

Op 1: The pessimist

Op 2: The sceptic

Op 3: Sceptic about the existence of god or any ultimate reality

Op 4: The atheist

Op 5: The altruist

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Agnostic refers to a person who believes that nothing is known or can be known of the existence or nature of god which clearly matches option 3.

Q164. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The economic **cataclysm** which followed the industrial revolution brought with it complex problems hitherto unknown.

Op 1: Depression

Op 2: Boom

Op 3: Regeneration

Op 4: Sudden and violent change

Op 5: Unprecedented collapse

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: cataclysm is a violent event. So, option 4 is the best possible option.

Q165. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The environment left a **deleterious** effect on his health.

- Op 1: Fatiguing
- Op 2: Weakening
- Op 3: Aesthetic
- Op 4: Harmful
- Op 5: Health

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Deleterious means harmful. Thus, option 4 is the correct answer

Q166. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : By his speech he **fermented** trouble in the ranks of the army.

- Op 1: Quietened
- Op 2: Channelized into healthy directions
- Op 3: Stirred up
- Op 4: Contained and suppressed
- Op 5: None of these

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Ferment means to cause, to incite or to stir up (trouble or disorder). Thus, option 3 is the correct answer.

Q167. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : He has got a **meretricious** style which does not produce a lasting effect.

- Op 1: Capricious
- Op 2: Whimsical
- Op 3: Flamboyant
- Op 4: Pretentious
- Op 5: Showily attractive

Correct Op: 5

Explanation: Meretricious means apparently attractive so option 5 is the best suitable option whereas pretentious means an effort to impress others.

Q168. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the word typed in **bold**. : The liberal school of thought trusts in education reform, and the **sporadic** use of force to remedy the depravity of certain isolated individuals or groups.

- Op 1: Infrequent, irregular
- Op 2: Persistent, constant
- Op 3: Continuous
- Op 4: Sparing
- Op 5: Corrective and preventive both

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Sporadic means occurring at irregular intervals. Infrequent is synonym for the same. Thus, the correct answer is option 1

Q169. Select the word or phrase which fits each definition. : A person who readily believes others.

- Op 1: Creditable
- Op 2: Credible
- Op 3: Credulous
- Op 4: Sensitive
- Op 5: Sensible

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: credulous or gullible is a person who easily accepts or believes something without a lot of supporting facts.

Q170. Select the word or phrase which fits each definition. : Flowers and insects or anything lasting only for a day.

- Op 1: Transitional
- Op 2: Ephemeral
- Op 3: Transient
- Op 4: Transitory
- Op 5: Monumental

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Ephemeral means anything lasting a day or a brief time. Thus, the answer is option 2.

Q171. Select the word or phrase which fits each definition. : Last part of speech.

- Op 1: Epilogue
- Op 2: Conclusion
- Op 3: Peroration
- Op 4: Permutation
- Op 5: Percussion

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Peroration refers to the concluding part of a speech while epilogue is a piece of writing at the end of a work of literature.

Q172. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : OPALESCENT

- Op 1: Iridescent
- Op 2: Transparent
- Op 3: Translucent
- Op 4: Pollutant
- Op 5: Giving off an odour

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Opalescent refers to multi colored or glittering, iridescent means glittering or glowing.

Q173. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : PERIPATETIC

- Op 1: Worldly
- Op 2: Disarming
- Op 3: Moving
- Op 4: Inherent
- Op 5: Seeking

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Peripatetic means one who travels from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods.

Worldly means cosmopolitan which means familiar with and ease in many different countries and cultures. Thus, the best possible answer is worldly.

Q174. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : TAUTOLOGICAL

- Op 1: Pertaining to charms or magic
- Op 2: Highly sensitive
- Op 3: Needlessly repetitious

Op 4: Highly touchy

Op 5: Fleeting

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Tautological means needless repetition of an idea. Thus, the correct option is answer 3.

Q175. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : AVERT

Op 1: entertain

Op 2: transform

Op 3: turn away

Op 4: lead toward

Op 5: displease

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Avert means to turn away or turn aside. Thus, the correct answer is option 3.

Q176. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : CITE

Op 1: galvanize

Op 2: visualize

Op 3: locate

Op 4: quote

Op 5: signal

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Cite means to quote or mention. Thus, the correct option is 4.

Q177. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : EMACIATED

Op 1: garrulous

Op 2: primeval

Op 3: vigorous

Op 4: disparate

Op 5: thin

Correct Op :5

Explanation:

Op 1: garrulous-talkative, loquacious,

Op 2: primeval-ancient

Op 3: vigorous-robust

Op 4: disparate-different

Op 5: thin- emaciated. Thus, the correct answer is option 5.

Q178. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : GARNISH

Op 1: paint

Op 2: garner

Op 3: adorn

Op 4: abuse

Op 5: banish

Correct Op :3

Explanation:

Op 1: paint- cover the surface of (something) with paint

Op 2: garner- gather

Op 3: adorn- garnish, furnish

Op 4: abuse- use (something) to bad effect or for a bad purpose

Op 5: banish- send (someone) away from a country or place as an official punishment

Thus, the correct answer is 3.

Q179. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : INCULCATE

Op 1: exculpate

Op 2: educate

Op 3: exonerate

Op 4: prepare

Op 5: embarrass

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

Op 1: exculpate- show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

Op 2: educate- give intellectual, moral, and social instruction to (someone),

Op 3: exonerate- (of an official body) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing.

Op 4: prepare- make (something) ready for use or consideration

Op 5: embarrass- cause (someone) to feel awkward,

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q180. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : EGREGIOUS

Op 1: pious

Op 2: outrageous

Op 3: anxious

Op 4: sociable

Op 5: gloomy

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

Op 1: pious- devoutly religious

Op 2: outrageous- EGREGIOUS, shockingly bad or excessive.

Op 3: anxious- feeling or showing worry

Op 4: sociable- FRIENDLY

Op 5: gloomy- dark or poorly lit, especially so as to appear depressing or frightening

Thus, the answer is option 2.

Q181. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : MISDEMEANOUR

Op 1: felony

Op 2: misdeed

Op 3: indignity

Op 4: fiat

Op 5: illiteracy

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

Op 1: felony- a crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanor.

Op 2: misdeed- MISDEMEANOUR, a minor wrongdoing.

Op 3: indignity- SHAME

Op 4: fiat- a formal authorization or proposition; a decree.

Op 5: illiteracy- the inability to read or write.

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q182. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : MUSTY

- Op 1: stale
- Op 2: necessary
- Op 3: indifferent
- Op 4: nonchalant
- Op 5: vivid

Correct Op :1

Explanation:

Op 1: stale- Musty, having a stale, mouldy, or damp smell.

Op 2: necessary- needed to be done

Op 3: indifferent- having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned.

Op 4: nonchalant- (of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm

Op 5: vivid- producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.

Thus, the correct answer is option 1.

Q183. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : PHLEGMATIC

- Op 1: calm
- Op 2: cryptic
- Op 3: practical
- Op 4: salivary
- Op 5: dishonest

Correct Op : 1

Explanation:

Op 1: calm- (of a person) having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition, PHLEGMATIC

Op 2: cryptic- enigmatic, mysterious, confusing

Op 3: practical- of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something

Op 4: salivary- a viscid, watery fluid, secreted into the mouth by the **salivary** glands

Op 5: dishonest-fraudulent, corrupt.

Thus, the correct answer is option 1.

Q184. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : REPRISAL

- Op 1: revaluation
- Op 2: assessment
- Op 3: loss
- Op 4: retaliation
- Op 5: nonsense

Correct Op :4

Explanation:

Op 1: revaluation- an act of retaliation,

Op 2: assessment- evaluation, judgment

Op 3: loss-deprivation, disappearance

Op 4: retaliation- revenge, vengeance, reprisal,

Op 5: nonsense- rubbish

Thus, the correct answer is option 4.

Q185. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : WAIF

- Op 1: soldier
- Op 2: urchin
- Op 3: surrender
- Op 4: breeze

Op 5: spouse

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

Op 1: soldier- a person who serves in an army.

Op 2: urchin- a young child who is poorly or raggedly dressed.

Op 3: surrender- capitulates, concede

Op 4: breeze- a gentle wind, a thing that is easy to do or accomplish.

Op 5: spouse-better half

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q186. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : TRANSIENT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: carried

Op 2: close

Op 3: permanent

Op 4: removed

Op 5: certain

Correct Op :3

Explanation:

TRANSIENT, Meaning-temporary: hence the opposite is Permanent

Op 1: carried- support and move (someone or something) from one place to another

Op 2: close- near, adjoining

Op 3: permanent- lasting, enduring

Op 4: removed- detach, separate

Op 5: certain- unquestionable, definite

Thus, the correct answer is 3.

Q187. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : IGNOBLE (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: produced by fire

Op 2: worthy

Op 3: given to questioning

Op 4: huge

Op 5: known

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

IGNOBLE, Meaning: unworthy, dishonorable

Op 1: produced by fire- made by fire

Op 2: worthy- having or showing the qualities that deserve the specified action or regard.

Op 3: given to questioning- given to questioning

Op 4: huge- enormous, vast, immense

Op 5: known- familiar, well known

Thus, the correct answer is option 2

Q188. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word : NEFARIOUS (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: various

Op 2: lacking

Op 3: benign

Op 4: pompous

Op 5: futile

Correct Op :3

Explanation:

NEFARIOUS, Meaning- (typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal.

Op 1: various- diverse, different,

Op 2: lacking- missing, non-existent

Op 3: benign-kindly, warm-hearted

Op 4: pompous- self-important, imperious

Op 5: futile- fruitless, vain

Thus, the correct option is answer 3.

Q189. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word : CHAFFING (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: achieving

Op 2: serious

Op 3: capitalistic

Op 4: sneezing

Op 5: expensive

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

CHAFFING, Meaning- teasing, make fun of, non-serious

Op 1: achieving- attain, accomplish

Op 2: serious- important, significant, consequential,

Op 3: capitalistic- supporting or based on the principles of capitalism.

Op 4: sneezing- make a sudden involuntary expulsion of air from the nose and mouth due to irritation of one's nostrils.

Op 5: expensive- costly, dear, high-priced

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q190. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : COZEN (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: amuse

Op 2: treat honestly

Op 3: prate

Op 4: shackle

Op 5: vilify

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

COZEN, Meaning- trick or deceive

Op 1: amuse- entertain, delight,

Op 2: treat honestly – treat legitimately,

Op 3: prate- talks foolishly

Op 4: shackle- chain, fetter, manacle

Op 5: vilify- disparage, denigrate, defame

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q191. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : DILATORY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: narrowing

Op 2: prompt

Op 3: enlarging

Op 4: portentous

Op 5: sour

Correct Op :2

Explanation:

DILATORY meaning: low, unhurried, tardy,

Op 1: narrowing- become or make less wide.

Op 2: prompt- cause or bring about

Op 3: enlarging- make or become larger or more extensive

Op 4: portentous-ominous, warning

Op 5: sour- having an acid taste like lemon or vinegar.

Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q192. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the Opposite of the given word :

Discrete(Opposite)

Op 1: Continuous

Op 2: Secretive

Op 3: Distinct

Op 4: Cautious

Op 5: Judicious

Correct Op 2

Explanation:

Discreet Meaning- careful, cautious, wise

Op 1: Continuous- continual, uninterrupted

Op 2: Secretive- uncommunicative, secret, unforthcoming

Op 3: Distinct-clear, clear-cut, definite

Op 4: Cautious- careful, wary, aware

Op 5: Judicious-wise, sensible, prudent

Thus, the correct answer is 2.

Q193. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : GRISLY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: suggestive

Op 2: doubtful

Op 3: untidy

Op 4: pleasant

Op 5: bearish

Correct Op :4

Explanation:

GRISLY meaning- causing horror or disgust, unpleasant

Op 1: suggestive- redolent, evocative, reminiscent

Op 2: doubtful- irresolute, hesitant

Op 3: untidy- messy, disorderly, disorganized

Op 4: pleasant-enjoyable, pleasing, pleasurable

Op 5: bearish- resembling or likened to a bear

Thus, the correct answer is option 4.

Q194. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : IRREVERENT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: related

Op 2: mischievous

Op 3: respective

Op 4: pious

Op 5: violent

Correct Op :4

Explanation:

IRREVERENT Meaning- showing a lack of respect for people

Op 1: related- interconnected, associated

Op 2: mischievous- naughty, bad

Op 3: respect- esteem, regard

Op 4: pious-religious, devout

Op 5: violent-brutal, vicious, savage

Q195. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : LEVITY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: bridge

Op 2: dam

Op 3: praise

Op 4: blame

Op 5: solemnity

Correct Op :5

Explanation: Levity actually means the treatment of a serious matter with humor or lack of due respect. The word which is directly opposite to it is Solemnity. It means the state or quality of being serious and dignified.

Q196. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : UNSEEMLY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: effortless

Op 2: proper

Op 3: conducive

Op 4: pointed

Op 5: informative

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Unseemly means (of behavior or actions) not proper or appropriate. Option 2 is the right answer.

197. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : AFFABLE (OPPOSITE) Op 1: rude

Op 2: ruddy

Op 3: needy

Op 4: useless

Op 5: conscious

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Affable means friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to. The right antonym is rude.

Q198. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : BLASÉ (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: fiery

Op 2: clever

Op 3: intriguing

Op 4: slim

Op 5: ardent

Correct Op :5

Explanation: Blasé means unimpressed with or indifferent to something because one has experienced or seen it so often before. Ardent means very enthusiastic or passionate. Thus, the correct answer is 5.

Q199. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: EQUILIBRIUM (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: imbalance
- Op 2: peace
- Op 3: inequity
- Op 4: directness
- Op 5: urgency

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Equilibrium means equal proportion of things whereas lack of proportion or relation between corresponding things i.e.imbalance. Thus, the correct answer is 1.

Q200. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: EXTROVERT (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: clown
- Op 2: hero
- Op 3: ectomorph
- Op 4: neurotic
- Op 5: introvert

Correct Op :5

Explanation: Extrovert means an outgoing, socially confident person. Introvert means a shy, reticent person which is the exact opposite. Thus, the answer is 5.

Q201. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: PERT (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: polite
- Op 2: perishable
- Op 3: moral
- Op 4: deliberate
- Op 5: stubborn

Correct Op :1

Explanation: pert is adjective which mean (of a girl or young woman) attractively smart, cheeky and prompt. So the opposite of it: Polite.

Q202. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: RUDDY (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: robust
- Op 2: witty
- Op 3: wan
- Op 4: exotic
- Op 5: creative

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Ruddy is (of a person's face) having a healthy red color. The correct antonym is Wan. (Of a person's complexion or appearance) pale and giving the impression of illness or exhaustion. For example -- "she was looking wan and bleary-eyed"

Q203. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word: PROVOCATION (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: Vocation
- Op 2: Pacification
- Op 3: Peace
- Op 4: Destruction
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: provocation means to boost, encouragement, goad, impetus, incentive, incitation, incitement, instigation. The correct opposite suits the above option is pacification i.e. to soothe.

Q204. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : QUIESCENT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: Indifferent

Op 2: Troublesome

Op 3: Weak

Op 4: Unconcerned

Op 5: Active

Correct Op :1

Explanation: This word means in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy. Thus, the right option which is exact opposite is active.

Q205. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : NIGGARDLY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: Frugal

Op 2: Thrifty

Op 3: Stingy

Op 4: Generous

Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Niggardly means ungenerous with money, time, etc. Thus, generous is the exact opposite of the given word.

Q206. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : FRUGAL (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: Copious

Op 2: Extravagant

Op 3: Generous

Op 4: Ostentatious

Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Frugal is someone who is economical as regards money or food. So, the exact opposite is Extravagant, someone who spends a lot.

Q207. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : SUBSERVIENT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: Aggressive

Op 2: Straightforward

Op 3: Dignified

Op 4: Supercilious

Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Subservient means "prepared to obey others unquestioningly".

Aggressive: Ready or likely to attack.

Straight forward: A person who is honest and frank.

Dignified: having or showing a composed or serious manner that is worthy of respect. "She maintained a dignified silence".

Supercilious: behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others.

Thus, the correct answer is option 3.

Q208. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : VALUABLE (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: Invaluable
- Op 2: Worthless
- Op 3: Inferior
- Op 4: Lowly
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Valuable means something having value or worth. Worthless means having no real value or use, which is the exact opposite of the given word.

Q209. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : IMPASSE (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: Resurgence
- Op 2: Breakthrough
- Op 3: Continuation
- Op 4: Combination
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Impasse means a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock. So the 'Breakthrough' is the right antonym.

Q210. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : Like poverty, **affluence** can sometimes create its own problems. (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: indigence
- Op 2: opulence
- Op 3: sorrow
- Op 4: exuberance
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Indigence means a state of extreme poverty, destitution; Affluent means wealthy. So, indigence is the exact opposite.

Q211. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : I abhor the ideas he sometimes expresses. (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: admire
- Op 2: respect
- Op 3: applaud
- Op 4: appreciate
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Abhor means to regard with disgust and hatred. Admire means to regard with respect or warm approval; thus, both are exact opposite. So, the answer is 1.

Q212. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : The members thought that the task was feasible. (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: impractical
- Op 2: impossible
- Op 3: difficult
- Op 4: impracticable
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Feasible means possible and practical to do easily or conveniently. Impractical means

not adapted for use or action; not sensible or realistic. Thus, the most appropriate answer is 1

Q213. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : They had an insipid conversation. (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: lively

Op 2: argumentative

Op 3: loud

Op 4: curious

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Insipid means lacking vigor. Hence the most suitable answer is option 1 - Lively.

Q214 Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : Ram displays enthusiasm whenever he is posed with a problem. (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: eagerness

Op 2: weakness

Op 3: indifference

Op 4: softness

Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Enthusiasm means intense interest. Hence the most suitable opposite is option 3- Indifference which means when we are not bothered or interested.

Q215. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : The incessant noise of the boring machine made it difficult for us to go to sleep at night. (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: intermittent

Op 2: harsh

Op 3: soft

Op 4: constant

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Incessant means continuous or constant. Therefore, the most suitable answer is option 1 – Intermittent which means something occurring at irregular intervals.

Q216. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : The leader was pragmatic in her approach to the problem facing the country. (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: indefinite

Op 2: vague

Op 3: idealistic

Op 4: optimistic

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Pragmatic means practical and realistic. Idealistic means unrealistically aiming for perfection. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3 - Idealistic

Q217. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : She used to disparage her neighbor every now and then. (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: please

Op 2: praise

Op 3: belittle
Op 4: denigrate
Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Disparage means to belittle; regard as something of little worth. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 2 – Praise which means to respect someone.

Q218. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : PROTRACT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: retrace
Op 2: distract
Op 3: curtail
Op 4: expose
Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Protract means to prolong. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3-Curtail as it means reduce in extent or quantity.

Q219. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : DECADENT (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: ethical
Op 2: impetuous
Op 3: succinct
Op 4: lewd
Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Decadent means a person who is declining morally. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 1- Ethical which means morally good or correct.

Q220. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : HAPLESS (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: cheerful
Op 2: consistent
Op 3: fortunate
Op 4: shapely
Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Hapless means an unfortunate situation. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3- Fortunate.

Q221. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : ORTHODOXY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: renown
Op 2: trepidation
Op 3: unconventionality
Op 4: remoteness
Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Orthodoxy means traditional or conventional. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3 – Unconventionality

Q222. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : SUMPTUOUS (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: open
- Op 2: frequent
- Op 3: partial
- Op 4: restrained
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Sumptuous means lavish or luxurious. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 4- Restrained which means something which is not excessively showy or ornate; understated.

Q223. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : DISSOLUTION (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: retribution
- Op 2: compliance
- Op 3: futility
- Op 4: establishment
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Dissolution means to formally end something. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 4- Establishment which means the action of establishing something or being established.

Q224. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : STILTED (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: informal
- Op 2: verbose
- Op 3: secretive
- Op 4: senseless
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Stilted means formal or stiff. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 1- Informal

Q225. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : DISPARITY (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: timidity
- Op 2: bigotry
- Op 3: likeness
- Op 4: influence
- Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Disparity means difference. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3- Likeness which means the fact or quality of being alike; resemblance.

Q226. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : BELLIGERENT (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: seditious
- Op 2: genial
- Op 3: corporal
- Op 4: wary
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Belligerent means hostile and aggressive. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 2- Genial which means someone who is friendly and cheerful.

Q227. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : BENEDICTION (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: antidote
- Op 2: intonation
- Op 3: endowment
- Op 4: anathema
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Benediction means utterance of blessing. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 4 – Anathema which means something or someone that one vehemently dislikes.

Q228. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : LISTLESS (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: energetic
- Op 2: confined
- Op 3: minuscule
- Op 4: enlisted
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Listless means lacking energy. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 1 – Energetic.

Q229 Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : FAR-FETCHED (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: ingenious
- Op 2: facile
- Op 3: myopic
- Op 4: credible
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Far-fetched means unconvincing. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 4- Credible which means able to be believed; convincing.

Q230 Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : GAUNT (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: emaciated
- Op 2: somber
- Op 3: plump
- Op 4: piquant
- Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Gaunt means lean and haggard especially because of suffering, hunger, age. Hence, the most suitable answer is option 3- Plump means of a person who is rather fat.

Q231. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : PRANKISH (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: whimsical
- Op 2: Machiavellian
- Op 3: impish
- Op 4: serious

Correct Op :4

Explanation: The meaning of the word “Prankish” is “Naughtily or annoyingly playful”. Hence, the word most opposite to it is “Serious”.

Q232. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : INGENUITY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: skillfulness

Op 2: cunning

Op 3: inventive

Op 4: dullness

Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: The meaning of the word "Ingenuity" is "the quality of being clever, original and inventive". So, the word most suitably opposite is "Dullness".

Q233. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : PHILANTHROPIC (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: uxorious

Op 2: parsimonious

Op 3: carnal

Op 4: chary

Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: The word "Philanthropic" means "Generous or benevolent" while "Uxorious" means "a person having great or excessive fondness for his wife". Carnal means "Sensuous" and "Chary" means "Cautious or watchful. However, "Parsimonious" means "miserly or mean" which is most suitably opposite to the word "Philanthropic"

Q234. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word : AUGUST (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: gloomy

Op 2: inglorious

Op 3: cherubic

Op 4: affable

Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: The meaning of the word "August" is "distinguished or respected" So the most nearly opposite word is "Inglorious" which means "Shameful or disgraceful" "Gloomy" means "sad". "Cherubic" is "Angelic" and "affable" is "friendly".

Q235. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. : VANITY (OPPOSITE)

Op 1: pride

Op 2: humility

Op 3: conceit

Op 4: ostentatious

Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: "Vanity" is "excessive pride in one's appearance, qualities, achievements and abilities" and "conceit" is its synonym. Thus, the opposite word would be "humility" which means "modesty or humbleness". Ostentatious" is an adjective which means "Showy or pretentious".

Q236. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : TANGIBLE (OPPOSITE) Op 1: ethereal

Op 2: concrete

Op 3: actual

Op 4: solid

Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: "Tangible" means "perceptible by touch". So, "concrete", "solid" and "actual" are its synonyms. Nevertheless, "Ethereal" means "Celestial or Heavenly". So, it is the most suitable opposite.

Q237. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : EPILOGUE (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: dialogue
- Op 2: prelude
- Op 3: post script
- Op 4: epigram
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: "Epilogue" is "a section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment on or a conclusion to the text or play". "Post script" is its synonym. "Dialogue" is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play or a film. "Epigram" is a "proverb or a saying". But, "Prelude" is "an action or event serving as an introduction to a play or a concert" Hence, the most suitable option.

Q238. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : PERTINENT (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: irrational
- Op 2: irregular
- Op 3: insistent
- Op 4: irrelevant
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: "Pertinent" means "Relevant or applicable to a particular matter". So, its "opposite is "Irrelevant". "Insistent "means "Adamant or determined". Rest other options have an altogether different meaning.

Q239. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word . : STATIONARY (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: active
- Op 2: mobile
- Op 3: rapid
- Op 4: busy
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: "Stationary" means "Motionless or Immobile". So, its antonym is "Mobile".

Q240. Select the option that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word : STARTLED (OPPOSITE)

- Op 1: amused
- Op 2: relaxed
- Op 3: endless
- Op 4: astonished
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: "Startled" means "a feel of sudden shock or alarm". So, "relaxed" is its most suitable opposite. "Amused" means happy and the meaning of "astonished" is "surprised"

Q241. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. :

- Agitate
- Op1: Sooth
- Op2: Suppress
- Op3: Disturb
- Op4: Refresh

Correct Op3

Explanation: "To agitate" means "to trouble or make nervous" Hence, "Disturb" is its nearest meaning. "Sooth" means "to relax someone". "Suppress" means "to subdue or restrain"

Q242. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the Opposite of the given word. :

Advent(Opposite)

Op 1: End

Op 2: Dawn

Op 3: Emergence

Op 4: Flexible

Op 5: Adamant

Correct Op 1

Explanation:The word “advent” means “arrival or appearance”. So, its opposite clearly is “End”. “Emergence” is the synonym of “advent”. “Dawn” refers to “the sunrise or daybreak”. “Adamant” means “firm or uncompromising” and “flexible” is its opposite.

Q243. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation,if any) :

(A) The teacher whom we met yesterday (B) is highly qualified and (C) with very good reputation.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: None

Correct Op 3

Explanation: “With” is a preposition which means “accompanied by”. The use of this preposition here is incorrect and the sentence structure demands an auxiliary verb “has” instead of “with”.

Q244. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) At the end of the year/(B) every student who had done adequate work/(C) was automatically promoted./(D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: The sentence correctly conveys the message in past tense. Hence, there is no error.

Q245. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) One of the members/(B) expressed doubt if/(C) the Minister was an atheist./(D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: The usage of the conjunction “that” is appropriate here as it introduces a subordinate clause more appropriately as compared to “if” which is used for a condition or a supposition.

Q246. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) The meeting adjourned abruptly/(B) by the CEO after/(C) about three hours of deliberation./ (D) No error

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: The error is in the first part where the use of “was” needs to be made to make it a correct sentence under passive voice formation. Hence, the sentence will be “The meeting was abruptly adjourned”

Q247. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) You will come/(B) to my party tomorrow,/ (C) isn't it ? /(D) No error

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Whenever the question tag is used, it takes the same auxiliary verb in question sentence as used in previous assertive sentence. So, here “Won’t you?” is required to be used instead of “Isn’t it?”

248. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) I had hoped to have met him yesterday/(B) to discuss the matter with him/(C) but he was not in his house, and so I could not meet him./ (D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: The use of perfect tense is invalid in the first part of the sentence as the sentence is not conveying the sense of “completion of work”. Here the usage of the infinitive “to meet” is more appropriate instead.

Q249. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) The retiring principal asked his old pupils/ (B) to take the interest in the school/(C) after he has retired./ (D) No error

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: We need to omit “the” in part “B” since misused as “ interest” is general not particularly special.

Q250. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) (A) Hemant persisted/(B) to do it/(C) in spite of my advice/(D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: The error is in part "B" as "to do it" needs to be replaced with "in doing it" as persisted means in continuity.

Q251. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) With little patience/(B) you will be able to/(C) cross this hurdle./(D) No error

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Insert "a" between "with" and "little", 'a little' denotes some at least.

Q252. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) It is true/(B) that God helps those/(C) who helps themselves./(D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: should be 'help' instead of 'helps' in part "C" . 'Those' is plural so verb is plural

Q253. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) Umesh is/(B) five years/ (C) senior than me./ (D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Replace 'than' with 'to' when comparative ending as in 'senior' is with 'or' then followed by 'to'

Q254. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) Can I lend/(B) your pencil/(C) for a minute, please ?/(D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Replace 'I' with 'you' since 'you' goes with 'your'

Q255. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) Ganguly is one of the finest batsmen/ (B) that India have produced/ (C) over the decades./ (D) No error

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Replace 'have' with 'has', India being singular, verb should be singular

Q256. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore - the errors of punctuation, if any) : (A) She sang/ (B) very well/(C)isn't it?./ (D) No error.

Op 1: (A)

Op 2: (B)

Op 3: (C)

Op 4: (D)

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Replace "isn't" with "wasn't" verb in past tense going with past tense 'sang'

Q257. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : To get one's name in the Rowland Ward's book of hunting records was the hot ambition of every serious hunter.

Op 1: extreme

Op 2: burning

Op 3: reluctant

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: "burning" signified "extreme desire"

Q258. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : Whatever to our other problems, we have no shortcoming to cheap labor in India.

Op 1: default

Op 2: deficit

Op 3: scarcity

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: 'shortcoming' is deficiency 'scarcity' is shortage and apply to the sentence.

Q259. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : Neha was fined for careless driving.

Op 1: got fined

Op 2: fined

Op 3: was to be fined

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Sentence is correctly constructed

Q260. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : You have come here with a view to insult me.

Op 1: to insulting me

Op 2: of insulting me

Op 3: for insulting me

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: In the sentence “view to insult me” needs to be replaced by “view of insulting me” as with a view is a phrase. We don’t need to use “to” with it. So, “of insulting me” being a gerund will be used.

Q261. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : I would have waited for you at the station if I knew that you would come.

Op 1: had known

Op 2: was knowing

Op 3: have known

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Instead of ‘I knew’ insert ‘had known’ since it is Past Perfect and shows what happened earlier.

Q262. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : When it was feared that the serfs might go too far and gain their freedom from serfdom, the Protestant leaders joined the princes at crushing them.

Op 1: into crushing

Op 2: in crushing

Op 3: without crushing

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: ‘at’ signifies location or time. ‘In’ is involved or surrounded by.

Q263. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : The dissidents hold a great problem in every political party.

Op 1: cause

Op 2: give

Op 3: pose

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation : “cause” is to ‘create’, should replace “hold” which means ‘grasp’ and does not fit in.

Q264. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : I shall not go until I am invited.

Op 1: till I am invited

Op 2: unless I am invited

Op 3: if not I am invited

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Replace ‘until’ with ‘unless’. ‘Unless’ is used with condition, ‘until’ is used with time. Hence ‘unless’ is more appropriate in this case.

Q265. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. ∴ They are social insects, living in communities, regulated by definite laws, each member of society bearing a well-defined and separate part in the work of a colony

Op 1: who are living in communities

Op 2: living among a communities

Op 3: who lives with a communities

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Sentence is meaningful. No error.

Q266. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : Please remind me of posting these letters to my relatives.

Op 1: by posting

Op 2: to post

Op 3: for posting

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: “of posting” to be replaced by “to post” as this is present infinity.

Q267. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : The reason why he wrote the letter was because he could not contact him over the phone.

Op 1: why he wrote the letter was since

Op 2: for which he wrote the letter was because

Op 3: why he wrote the letter was that

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: “was” and “because cannot be used together in the sentence. We cannot use option 1 as was and since cannot be used together. Option 3 is also irrelevant as “that” should be followed by the reason directly rather than the subject. So, the most appropriate answer is option 2.

Q268. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : While crossing the highway a five year old child was knocked out by a passing car.

Op 1: away

Op 2: up

Op 3: down

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Knocked down means to strike to the ground with or as if with a sharp blow: fell whereas Knocked out means to defeat (an opponent) in a boxing match by striking such a blow that the opponent is unable to rise within the specified time. To render (a person) unconscious. So, down is the correct answer.

Q269. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : Not a word they spoke to the unfortunate wife about it.

Op 1: did they speak

Op 2: they will speak

Op 3: they had spoken

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: The sentence is the negative sentence of simple past form. So, did they speak will be correct alternative.

Q270. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. : The mother has not seen the child for several months and now eagerly looks forward to seeing him.

Op 1: looks ahead to

Op 2: looks for

Op 3: looks onto

Op 4: No improvement needed

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: looks forward means to be excited and pleased about something that is going to happen. Looks ahead to means to think of and decide about the future. Looks for means to search for something or someone. Looks onto means to consider or think of someone or something in a stated way.

Q271. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. :
Today I am going to check that Raju will do his homework correctly.

Op 1: Raju must be doing his homework correctly

Op 2: Raju shall do his homework correctly

Op 3: Raju does his homework correctly

Op 4: No Change

Correct Op 3

Explanation: The sentence is the present form, so, Raju does his home-work correctly is the right answer.

Q272. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. :

As poorer nations industrialize aggressively, natural resources are being severely_____.

Op 1: Depleted

Op 2: Hit

Op 3: Worsened

Op 4: None

Correct Op 1

Explanation: Depleted means diminish in number or quantity. Hit means bring one's hand or a tool or weapon into contact with (someone or something) quickly and forcefully. Worsened means poorer quality or lower standard'; less good or desirable. So, depleted is the correct answer.

Q273. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The ruling party will have to put its own house order.

Op 1: in

Op 2: on

Op 3: to

Op 4: into

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: in order means according to a particular sequence. On order means requested but not yet received from the supplier or manufacturer (of goods); to order means according to a customer's particular requirements; into means expressing movement or action with the result that someone or something becomes enclosed or surrounded by something else. So, 'in' is the correct answer.

Q274. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Once he has signed the agreement, he won't be able to

Op 1: back up

Op 2: back in

Op 3: back at

Op 4: back out

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: back up means form into a queue due to congestion. In means express the situation of being enclosed or surrounded by something. At means expressing the means by which something is done. Back out means withdraw from a commitment. Back in and back at are not phrasal verbs so, this we are left with two options, where back out is the correct option.

Q275. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : In school many of us never realized the importance that grammar would in later life.

Op 1: figure

Op 2: portray

Op 3: play

Op 4: exercise

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: figure in means to plan on having someone or something included in something. Portray means play

the part of (someone) in a film or play; play in means to perform in a specific production; exercise in means to help someone or an animal to practice something. So, play is the correct answer.

Q276. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : 'Please' and 'Thank you' are the little courtesies by which we keep the of life oiled and running smoothly.

Op 1: path

Op 2: machine

Op 3: garden

Op 4: river

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Since in the statement we are relating courtesies with something which can be "oiled", so, the choices garden, river is irrelevant in this context. Thus, the answer is machine.

Q277 Countries which _____ still undergoing the economic processes _____ known as developing countries.

Op 1: Are, are

Op 2: were, is

Op 3: are, is

Op 4 is, were

Op 5 is, is

Correct Op 1

Explanation: Since the subject is plural, so, the helping verbs to be used in both the blanks should be plural. Thus, the answer is option 1.

Q278. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : He in wearing the old-fashioned coat in spite of his wife's disapproval.

Op 1: insists

Op 2: persists

Op 3: desists

Op 4: resists

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Insists means demand something forcefully. "Persists" means continued to do something. Desists means stop doing something and resist means try to prevent by action or argument. Thus, the correct option which goes well with the statement is "persists".

Q279. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Monika is quite intelligent but rather

Op 1: idealistic

Op 2: generous

Op 3: lazy

Op 4: optimistic

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: In the statement we are using connector but which means the two parts should have something opposite. Since "intelligent", idealistic, generous and optimistic all the qualities are in a positive sense so the only answer which justifies the statement will be "lazy".

Q280. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The boy fell the bicycle.

Op 1: of

- Op 2: off
- Op 3: from
- Op 4: under
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Here “of”, from, under and off all are prepositions. of is used to express the relationship between a part and a whole; from is used to define a starting point in a movement from one point to the other. Under is used when we want to say that something is placed directly below something else. Off is a preposition. Used to indicate actions in which contact is absent or rendered absent, as between an object and a surface. Thus, the correct answer is 2.

Q281. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Radha felt very much grateful . . . her boss for the kindness he had shown in granting her leave.

- Op 1: To
- Op 2: For
- Op 3: Towards
- Op 4: With
- Op 5: After

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: “to” is used to mark the indirect object of a verb in a sentence, which is the most appropriate preposition to be used in the sentence.

Q282. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. :
But each attempted in _____ failure just as attempts have failed all over the world including Britain and the US

- Op 1 Spectacular
- Op 2 Gloomy
- Op 3 Dismal
- Op 4 Intense

Correct Op 4

Explanation: “Gloomy” and dismal means “sad” which cannot be related to failure. Spectacular means beautiful in a dramatic and an eye – catching way; which again cannot be used with failure, thus, the only answer choice which goes well with the statement is “intense”.

Q283. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The consequence of his haughtiness was that his services were dispensed . . . by his master.

- Op 1: About
- Op 2: From
- Op 3: With
- Op 4: Round
- Op 5: Up

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: “Dispensed with” is a phrase used when you stop using something or you get rid of someone/ something that you do not need. Thus, option 3, is the right answer.

Q284. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Rati just chimes . . . the opinion of her husband and seems to have no mind of her own.

- Op 1: From
- Op 2: With
- Op 3: In with
- Op 4: On about

Op 5: Up with

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: “chimes in with” is a phrase used when we join in or agree with someone’s’ else opinion which goes appropriately with the statement.

Q285. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Most children remain school . . . the ages of seven and eight.

Op 1: In/in

Op 2: At/between

Op 3: Inside/of

Op 4: Under/beyond

Op 5: Beyond/under

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: In this sentence we are talking about a particular place “school” and age group range thus, we can use “at” in the first blank and “between” in the second blank.

Q286. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : When Shankar remembered his wife long dead he was moved tears.

Op 1: For

Op 2: With

Op 3: To

Op 4: Through

Op 5: Off

Correct Op :3

Explanation: to affect the feelings of (someone) or to cause (someone) to feel an emotion and especially sadness or sympathy, move is followed by ‘to’.

Q287. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The protracted illness has reduced him skeleton.

Op 1: Till

Op 2: Round

Op 3: Through

Op 4: To

Op 5: From

Correct Op :4

Explanation: to make (something) smaller in size, amount, number, etc. reduce is followed by ‘to’.

Q288. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Social psychology studies the behavior of human groups organized or unorganized.

Op 1: With

Op 2: Of

Op 3: In

Op 4: About

Op 5: None of these

Correct Op :5

Explanation: No need of any Preposition as ‘studies’ is the Verb and behavior is an Abstract Noun.

Q289. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Because she had a reputation for we were surprised and pleased when she greeted us so

Op 1: insolenceirately

- Op 2: insouciancecordially
Op 3: graciousnessamiably
Op 4: arrogancedisdainfully
Op 5: querulousnessaffably

Correct Op :5

Explanation: for expressing a complaint or grievance, Noun- **Querulousness** will be there in 1st blank and to show warmth and friendliness, **affably** will be there in 2nd blank.

Q290. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Raghav is not attracted by the life of the , always wandering through the country-side, begging for charity.

- Op 1: proud almsgiver
Op 2: noble philanthropist
Op 3: affluent mendicant
Op 4: natural philosopher
Op 5: peripateticvagabond

Correct Op :5

Explanation: In particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods, **Peripatetic** adjective is used and **Vagabond** means a person who wanders from place to place without a home or job.

Q291. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Legislation was passed to punish brokers who their clients' funds.

- Op 1: Devastate
Op 2: Devour
Op 3: Embezzle
Op 4: Defalcate
Op 5: Dawdled

Correct Op :4

Explanation: **Defalcate** means the taking or illegal use of money by someone who has responsibility for it

Q292. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Now that he was prosperous and affluent, he gladly contributed funds to assist the and the disabled.

- Op 1: Begging
Op 2: Impecunious
Op 3: Penitent
Op 4: Impervious
Op 5: Impetuous

Correct Op :2

Explanation: **Impecunious** is the Adjective which means having little or no money.

Q293. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : To the dismay of the student body, the class president was berated by the principal at a school assembly.

- Op 1: ignominiously
Op 2: privately
Op 3: magnanimously
Op 4: fortuitously
Op 5: inconspicuously

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Since, the sentence is in negative form, **ignominiously** is an Adjective which means causing public disgrace or sham which goes with the statement.

Q294. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The result does not my original conception of the master.

Op 1: Accord with

Op 2: Reconcile with

Op 3: Reconcile to

Op 4: Correspond with

Op 5: Correspond to

Correct Op :1

Explanation: **Accord with** means something is to agree with or be the same as something else. “Reconcile to” means to cause someone to accept something unpleasant. The expression reconcile with means to restore harmonious or friendly relations with another person. Correspond to or correspond with means to have a close similarity. Thus, the only option which justifies the statement is option 1.

Q295. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Patriotism, like so many other objects of this imperfect world, is a web of good and evil.

Op 1: Complicated

Op 2: Intricate

Op 3: Entrapped

Op 4: Entangled

Op 5: Tangled

Correct Op :5

Explanation: **Tangled** means complicated and confused. Complicated means involving complications. Intricate means very complicated or detailed. Entrapped means catch in or as in a trap. Entangled means cause to become twisted together with or caught in. So, the most appropriate answer is “tangled”.

Q296. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : The consequences of the growing materialism of the modern age will be

Op 1: Destructive

Op 2: Revolting

Op 3: Disastrous

Op 4: Unfailing

Op 5: Compounded

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Since we are talking about consequences, it cannot be “revolting”, “unfailing” or “compounded”. Destructive means causing great damage. Disastrous means “causing great damage”. Although, destructive and disastrous have the same meaning, still disastrous is the most appropriate answer.

Q297. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : We were amazed that a man who had been heretofore the most of public speakers could, in a single speech, electrify an audience and bring them cheering to their feet.

Op 1: enthralling

Op 2: accomplished

Op 3: pedestrian

Op 4: auspicious

Op 5: masterful

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Here we are concerned about an orator whose quality is to attract the audience and hence the adjective “enthralling” suits the most.

Q298. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : New concerns about growing religious tension in northern India were _____ this week after at least fifty people were killed and hundreds were injured or arrested in rioting between Hindus and Muslims.

- Op 1: lessened
- Op 2: invalidated
- Op 3: restrained
- Op 4: dispersed
- Op 5: fueled

Correct Op : 5

Explanation: Here, **Fueled** means something that maintains or stimulates an activity or emotion. Lessened means make or become less; diminish. Invalidated means make or prove an argument unsound or erroneous. Restrained means something which is characterized by reserve or moderation; unemotional or dispassionate. Dispersed means scattered. Thus, the most suitable option is fuelled.

Q299. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : In a revolutionary development in technology, several manufacturers now make biodegradable forms of plastic; some plastic six-pack rings, for example, gradually when exposed to sunlight.

- Op 1: harden
- Op 2: stagnate
- Op 3: inflate
- Op 4: propagate
- Op 5: decompose

Correct Op : 5

Explanation: Since, in the statement we are talking about biodegradable forms of plastic, so, it cannot relate to "harden", "stagnate means constant", inflate means fill with air or gas or increase by large amount, propagate means spread and promote. Thus, the only relevant option is decompose.

Q300. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Unlike other examples of verse, Milton's Lycidas does more than merely mourn the death of Edward King; it also denounces corruption in the Church in which King was ordained.

- Op 1: satiric
- Op 2: elegiac
- Op 3: free
- Op 4: humorous
- Op 5: didactic

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Here, in the statement we are talking about expressing sorrow on the death of King and **Elegiac – adjective** is used for expressing sorrow for that which is irrecoverably past.

Q301. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : In Japanese art, profound emotion is frequently couched in images of nature, observed with conditioned by life in a land of dramatic seasonal change, where perils of earthquake and typhoon make nature's bounty and its processes awesome and beautiful.

- Op 1: an intimacy precarious
- Op 2: a fidelity munificent
- Op 3: a skill excessive
- Op 4: an indifference chancy
- Op 5: a sensitivity distinctive

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Since, in the statement we are talking about we are talking about observing emotions, which cannot be done with fidelity, skill, indifference or sensitivity. Thus, the only option relevant to the statement is option 1.

Q302 Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : Because it arrives so early in the season, before many other birds, the robin has been called the of spring.

- Op 1: hostage
- Op 2: autocrat
- Op 3: compass
- Op 4: newcomer
- Op 5: harbinger

Correct Op : 5

Explanation: **Harbinger** means a person sent in advance of troops, a royal train, etc., to provide or secure lodgings and other accommodations which justifies the statement completely. Thus, option 5 is the answer

Q303. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete. : In place of the more general debate about abstract principles of government that most delegates probably expected, the Constitutional Convention put proposals on the table.

- Op 1: theoretical
- Op 2: vague
- Op 3: concrete
- Op 4: tentative
- Op 5: redundant

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: 1. Theoretical mean concerned with or involving the theory of a subject or area of study rather than its practical application.

2. Vague mean not clear

3. Concrete means existing in a material or physical form; not abstract.

4. Tentative mean not certain or fixed, provisional.

5. Redundant means not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.

As all the other words have a negative meaning, the best suited option is 3.

Q304. In the question, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. : It is easy to excuse

P: but it is hard

Q: in a boy of fourteen

R: the mischief of early childhood

S: to tolerate even unavoidable faults

- Op 1: RPQS
- Op 2: QRSP
- Op 3: QRPS
- Op 4: RPSQ
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: The first sentence will be 'R' as it is complete in itself and is the main agenda of the sentence, the next sentence which co-relates to 1st one is 'P' because it is stating contradiction. The next sentence will be 'S' because it is completing the previous one. So the order will be RPSQ.

Q305. In the question, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. : I saw that

P: but seeing my host in this mood

Q: I deemed it proper to take leave

R: as I had frequently done before

S: it had been my intention to pass the night there

- Op 1: QPSR
- Op 2: QRPS
- Op 3: SPQR
- Op 4: SRPQ

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: The 1st sentence would be 'S' because it is complete in itself. Moreover, when we see the rest of the sentences only 'R' is the one which makes a co-relation with previous sentence. Since no other option has this sequence, so the only correct option is 4.

Q306. We have to

P: as we see it

Q: speak the truth

R: there is falsehood and darkness

S: even if all around us

Op 1: RQSP

Op 2: QRPS

Op 3: RSQP

Op 4: QPSR

Correct Op 4

Explanation: The 1st sentence should be 'Q', as it starts with a verb, and according to the given sentence which ends with 'to' the next sentence should be followed by a verb only. The only part of sentence which completes the previous one is option 'P', as no other option can complete the formation. Moreover the only sequence which goes according to these options is 4.

Q307 In the question, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. : People

P: at his dispensary

Q: went to him

R: of all professions

S: for medicine and treatment

Op 1: QPRS

Op 2: RPQS

Op 3: RQSP

Op 4: QRPS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Since the opening word of this Para jumble is 'People', we have to relate it with a sentence which can state some quality of the subject. So the only sentence which goes with it is, 'R'. Now the subject being already defined we need to check the verb. So, the sentence which goes well at the 2nd place is 'Q'. As no other option has this sequence, the correct answer is 3.

Q308. In the question, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. : He told us that

P: and enjoyed it immensely

Q: in a prose translation

R: he had read Milton

S: which he had borrowed from his teacher

Op 1: RSQP

Op 2: QRPS

Op 3: RQSP

Op 4: RQPS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Since the opening sentence of this Para jumble is in indirect speech, we have to look for a sentence which compliments it and completes it. So, the first option would be 'R'. The next sentence which goes with it is, 'Q' as it defines that in what way he read Milton. Now, the 3rd sentence which co-relates with the previous one is option 'S' as it joins it to the previous sentence using a conjunction. Thus, the right sequence is RQSP.

Q309. In the question, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labeled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. : It was

P: in keeping with my mood

Q: a soft summer evening

R: as I walked sedately

S: in the direction of the new house

Op 1: SRPQ

Op 2: QRPS

Op 3: QPRS

Op 4: SQPR

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Since option "R" and "S" will come together as one is defining the action and the latter is defining the direction of the action and the only option in which both come together is option 3. So, it's the correct answer.

Q310 In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Metals are today being replaced by polymers in many applications.

S₆: Many Indian Institutes of Science and Technology run special programmes on polymer science. P: Above all, they are cheaper and easier to process, making them a viable alternative to metals. Q: Polymers are essentially long chains of hydrocarbon molecules.

R: Today polymers are as strong as metals.

S: These have replaced the traditional chromium-plated metallic bumpers in cars.

Op 1: QRSP

Op 2: RSQP

Op 3: RQSP

Op 4: QRPS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Since in the first sentence we are comparing metals with polymers. So, the next sentence which goes with the sentence should have some description related to polymers. So, the first sentence will be "Q". The next sentence which goes with "Q" is "R" as it is again stating few facts about polymers. As the sentence "P" starts with "Above all" so it can be at the last place. Thus, the correct option is "1".

Q311 In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: The cooperative system of doing business is a good way of encouraging ordinary workers to work hard.

S₆: The main object is to maintain the interest of every member of the society and to ensure that the members participate actively in the projects of the society.

P: If the society is to be well run, it is necessary to prevent insincere officials being elected to the committee which is solely responsible for the running of the business.

Q: They get this from experienced and professional workers who are not only familiar with the cooperative system, but also with efficient methods of doing business.

R: To a large extent, many cooperative societies need advice and guidance.

S: The capital necessary to start a business venture is obtained by the workers' contributions.

Op 1: SQPR

Op 2: PQSR

Op 3: SRQP

Op 4: PSRQ

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: The first sentence in the Para jumble should be "S" as it is complete in itself. The next sentence which goes with the previous one is "Q" as it states that from where they get the capital. According to this, the only correct answer choice is option 1.

Q312. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: American private lives may seem shallow.

S₆: This would not happen in China, he said.

P: Students would walk away with books they had not paid for.

Q: A Chinese journalist commented on a curious institution: the library.

R: Their public morality, however, impressed visitors.

S: But in general they returned them.

Op 1: PSQR

Op 2: QPSR

Op 3: RQPS

Op 4: RPSQ

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: The sentence which is complete in itself is Q because others have dependency on the rest of the sentences. So our answer will start with Q. Since in the 1st sentence the author is talking about 2 subjects, the next sentence which can go with the sentence is S, as 'we' is being used as a pronoun. The next sentence which co-relates with the previous one is R because he is talking about the same person who is standing there. Thus the correct answer is option 3

Q313 In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: On vacation in Tangier, Morocco, my friend and I sat down at a street cafe.

S₆: Finally a man walked over to me and whispered, "Hey buddy this guy's your waiter and he wants your order."

P: At one point, he bent over with a big smile, showing me a single gold tooth and a dingy face.

Q: Soon I felt the presence of someone standing alongside me.

R: But this one wouldn't budge.

S: We had been cautioned about beggars and were told to ignore them.

Op 1: SQRP

Op 2: SQPR

Op 3: QSRP

Op 4: QSPR

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation- The first sentence in the Para jumble will be related to Venice city, so the first sentence will be starting with a pronoun related to the city, which is "It". So, the first sentence will be "S". In "S" we are talking about 117 islands and in "R" description related to the same is given. According to this sequence, the correct answer will be 3.

Q314. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Venice is a strange and beautiful city in the north of Italy.

S₆: This is because Venice has no streets.

P: There are about four hundred old stone bridges joining the island of Venice.

Q: In this city there are no motor cars, no horses and no buses.

R: These small islands are near one another.

S: It is not an island but a hundred and seventeen islands.

Op 1: PQRS

Op 2: PRQS

Op 3: SRPQ

Op 4: PQSR

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: The given sentence states that subject keeps on flapping his ears. The first sentence which goes with the given statement is option "Q" as it asks a question relating to the previous one. Moreover "S" and "R" are bound to come together. According to this, the correct answer will be 2.

Q315. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: I keep on flapping my big ears all day.

S₆: Am I not a smart, intelligent elephant ?

P: They also fear that I will flap them all away.

Q: But children wonder why I flap them so.

R: I flap them so to make sure they are safely there on either side of my head.

S: But I know what I am doing.

Op 1: SRQP

Op 2: QPSR

Op 3: QPRS

Op 4: PSRQ

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: The given sentence states that subject keeps on flapping his ears. The first sentence which goes with the given statement is option "Q" as it asks a question relating to the previous one. Moreover "S" and "R" are bound to come together. According to this, the correct answer will be 2.

Q316. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Jawaharlal Nehru was born in Allahabad on 14 Nov, 1889.

S₆: He died on 27 May, 1964.

P: Nehru met Mahatma Gandhi in February, 1920.

Q: In 1905 he was sent to London to study at a school called Harrow.

R: He became the first Prime Minister of Independent India on 15 August, 1947.

S: He married Kamla Kaul in 1915.

Op 1: QRPS

Op 2: QSPR

Op 3: RPQS

Op 4: SQRP

Op 5: 4

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: In this Para jumble we can use the time approach using which we can see that the first option will be "Q" (1905) followed by "S" (1915) "P" (1920) and R(1947). Thus the correct option will be 2.

Q317. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Ms. Parasuram started a petrol pump in Madras.

S₆: Thus she has shown the way for many others.

P: A total of twelve girls now work at the pump.

Q: She advertised in newspapers for women staff.

R: They operate in two shifts.

S: The response was good.

Op 1: PQSR

Op 2: SQPR

Op 3: QSPR

Op 4: PQRS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Since in the given statement we are talking about a female, by using pronoun approach, the next sentence will be "Q". As per the given answer choices we have only one option starting from "Q". So, the answer will be 3.

Q318. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Politeness is not a quality possessed by only one nation or race.

S₆: In any case, we should not mock at others' habits.

P: One may observe that a man of one nation will remove his hat or fold his hands by way of greetings when he meets someone he knows.

Q: A man of another country will not do so.

R: It is a quality to be found among all peoples and nations in every corner of the earth.

S: Obviously, each person follows the custom of his particular country.

Op 1: RPQS

Op 2: RPSQ

Op 3: PRQS

Op 4: QPRS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Since the given sentence is talking about politeness, the next sentence which explains it further is "R". We have two options starting from "R" and both have "P" as the second sentence. Since "Q" is independent it can be kept as the last sentence. So, the correct answer will be "2".

Q319. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S.

Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: There is a difference between Gandhiji's concept of secularism and that of Nehru's.

S₆: Instead of doing any good, such secularism can do harm instead of good.

P: Nehru's idea of secularism was equal indifference to all religions and bothering about none of them.

Q: According to Gandhiji, all religions are equally true and each scripture is worthy of respect.

R: Such secularism which means the rejection of all religions is contrary to our culture and tradition.

S: In Gandhiji's view, secularism stands for equal respect for all religions.

Op 1: SQPR

Op 2: PSQR

Op 3: QSPR

Op 4: PRSQ

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: In the first sentence they are talking about the ideas of 2 different people, so the following sentence should start with the viewpoint of the first person mentioned in the previous sentence. According to that, 'Q' should be the first sentence in the sequence. In the given answer choices we have only one option starting from "Q", so the answer will be 1.

Q320. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S.

Select the proper order for the four sentences. : S₁: Once upon a time an ant lived on the bank of a river.

S₆: She was touched.

P: The dove saw the ant struggling in water in a helpless condition.

Q: All its efforts to come up failed.

R: One day it suddenly slipped into the water.

S: A dove lived in a tree on the bank not far from the spot.

Op 1: RQSP

Op 2: QRPS

Op 3: SRPQ

Op 4: PQRS

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Since in the given sentence S₁, we are talking about an ant, so the next event which co-relates with it is "R". As per the given answer choices we have only one option starting from "R". Thus the answer will be 1.

Q321. The sentences given in the question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a number. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph. : 1. But, we all helped in the first few days.

2. Chandrapur is considered as a rural area.

3. Manohar was transferred to his office recently.

4. Initially he was not getting adjusted to the city life.

5. Before that he was working in Chandrapur branch of our office.

Op 1: 54312

Op 2: 43215

Op 3: 12345

Op 4: 35241

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Part 3 contains noun Manohar which makes it the first sentence in the sequence. Since, we have only one option starting from 3. Thus, the answer is option 4.

Q322. The sentences given in the question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a number. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the four given choices to construct a coherent paragraph. : 1. Much of the argument that goes on around the alternative solution occurs because people hold different perceptions of the problem.

2. One of the reasons that Japanese Managers are perceived as making superior decisions compared to Western Managers is that they spend a great deal of effort and time determining that the problem is correctly defined.

3. Unfortunately, too often in the West, Managers assume that the initial definition of the situation is correct.

4. Up to half the time in meetings is spent in asking "Is this the real problem?"

Op 1: 2431

Op 2: 2341

Op 3: 3241

Op 4: 1342

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: The 2nd sentence is introducing the main topic of the paragraph and it is followed by 4th sentence which is in continuation to the second one. According to this sequence, the correct answer is 1.

Q323. Arrange the sentences A, B, C and D to form a logical sequence between sentences 1 to 6 : 1. Take the case of a child raised under slum conditions, whose parents are socially ambitious and envy families with money, but who nevertheless squander the little they have on drink.

A. Common sense would expect that he would develop the value of thrift; he would never again endure the grinding poverty he has experienced as a child.

B. He may simply be unable in later life to mobilize a drive sufficient to overcome these early conditions.

C. But in fact it is not so.

D. The exact conditions are too complex but when certain conditions are fulfilled, he will thereafter be aspend thrift.

6. This is what has been observed in a number of cases.

Op 1:DCBA

Op 2: ABCD

Op 3: ACDB

Op 4: BACD

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: In the given sentence we are talking about a child and the next sentence using pronoun approach will be "B". We have only one option starting from option B, thus, the answer will be 4.

Q324. Arrange the sentences A, B, C and D to form a logical sequence between sentences 1 to 6 : 1. The three colonial cities - Calcutta, Bombay and Madras were born at around the same time.

A. Sadly today it has also become the most virulent symbol of the violent trends in body politic that is tearing apart the society along suicidal lines.

B. Of the three, Bombay had been most enterprising in industrial and commercial exploration.

C. Whether it is one caste against other or the most pervasive of all trends - Hindus against Muslims.

D. It is indeed a metaphor for modern India.

6. This is about two tales of acity.

Op 1: ABCD

Op 2: BACD

Op 3: BDCA

Op 4: DABC

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: Part B mentioned 'of the three', wherein in the given sentence, all the three cities are named and 'it' is followed in part A addressing the city Bombay. According to this, the correct sequence will be "BACD" i.e. option 2.

Q325. Arrange the sentences A, B, C and D to form a logical sequence between sentences 1 to 6 : 1. Indian golfers contemplating a round or two in China would do well to familiarize themselves with the grazing habits of water buffalo.

A. However, it is rare that these bulky beasts of burden meander across the manicured greens of China's golf courses.

B. Chuangshan - located 90 minutes north of Hongkong was constructed to make the most of the area's natural attributes - an undulating valley ringed by blue mountains.

C. But it is not very rare to find a bamboo hatted worker excitedly directing a moving hazard.

D. Particularly not so if it is Chuangshan Hot spring Golf Club.

6. Chuangshan is unique for more than a highly picturesque phenomenon.

Op 1:ABCD

Op 2: ACDB

Op 3: ADCB

Op 4: ADBC

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: The sentence A in the sequence starts with “however” and it can be paired with sentence “C” starting from “but” , thus, it should come together in the sequence and the only option having this sequence is option 2. Thus, it will be the answer.

Q326. Arrange the sentences A, B, C and D to form a logical sequence between sentences 1 to 6 : 1. Hunger lurks unseen in every village and city of our country.

A. What goes unrecognized is that death of starvation is only the most dramatic manifestation of a much more invisible malaise - of pervasive, stubborn, chronic hunger.

B. Yet it surfaces into public consciousness only transiently, in moments when there are troubling media reports of starvation deaths.

C. Among these are entire communities, utterly disenfranchised and assetless.

D. And, that there are millions of forgotten people in India who live routinely at the very edge of survival, with hunger as a way of everydaylife.

6. Like the Musahaars, a proud and savagely oppressed Dalit community in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, who own not even the land on which their tenuous homesteads are built.

Op 1: CBAD

Op 2: BDAC

Op 3: ADCB

Op 4: BADC

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: In the given sentence, we are talking about “hunger lurks”. As we use pronoun approach “hunger lurks” can be addressed using it, which is done in sentence B. The next thing which goes in continuation is “deaths due to starvation” which has been explained in sentence A. Thus, according to this sequence, the correct answer will be 4.

Q327. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : FACILE

Op 1: Face

Op 2: Fragile

Op 3: Soft

Op 4: Easily done

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Facile means something which is “easily accomplished or done”. Thus, the answer is option 4.

Q328. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : APPROBATION

Op 1: Self-confidence

Op 2: Probe

Op 3: Approval

Op 4: Distress

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Approbation means an act of approving formally or officially. Thus, the correct option will be option3.

Q329. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : ASPERSION Op 1:

Discipline

Op 2: To go away

Op 3: Deceit

Op 4: Slander

Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Slander and aspersion both means ‘a false or misleading charge meant to harm someone’s

reputation. Thus, the correct answer is option 4.

Q330. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : BOORISH

- Op 1: Beautiful
- Op 2: Distasteful
- Op 3: Boring
- Op 4: Crude
- Op 5:

Correct Op :4

Explanation: Boorish and crude both means resembling or befitting a rude or insensitive person. Thus, the correct answer is option 4.

Q331. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : BLITHE

- Op 1: Disturb
- Op 2: Carefree
- Op 3: Distress
- Op 4: Emotive
- Op 5:

Correct Op :2

Explanation: Blithe means casual or lightsome. Disturb and distress is not relevant in this context. Emotive means emotional. Thus, the correct answer is option 2.

Q332. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : CREDULITY

- Op 1: Credible
- Op 2: Discipline
- Op 3: Gullible
- Op 4: Weakness
- Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Credulity and Gullible both means readiness or willingness to believe especially on slight or uncertain evidence. Thus, the correct answer is 3.

Q333 Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : DELUGE

- Op 1: Delude
- Op 2: Fancy
- Op 3: Flood
- Op 4: Illusion
- Op 5:

Correct Op :3

Explanation: Deluge means an overflowing of the land by water. Thus, the answer which is relevant to the question is "flood" i.e. option 3.

Q334. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : DISCOURSE

- Op 1: Conversation
- Op 2: Speech
- Op 3: Function
- Op 4: Religion
- Op 5:

Correct Op :1

Explanation: Discourse means verbal interchange of ideas. Conversation also means the same, which is the most appropriate answers.

Q335. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : DISPARATE

- Op 1: Discreet
- Op 2: Disturb
- Op 3: Different
- Op 4: Defame
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Disparate means different or distinct in quality and character. Clearly, the synonym is “different”. Thus, the answer is 3.

Q336. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word. : ENTICE

- Op 1: Flee
- Op 2: Enter
- Op 3: Trap
- Op 4: Tempt
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Entice means to attract artfully or by arousing hope or desire, tempt. Thus, the correct answer is 4

Q337 In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part is given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative. :Due to these reason we are all in favor of universal compulsory education.

- Op 1: Out of these reasons
- Op 2: For these reasons
- Op 3: By thesereasons
- Op 4: No improvement needed
- Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: “these” is a plural pronoun and we are talking about all the reasons here, so, the correct answer will be 2.

Passage

The Indian government’s intention of introducing caste based quotas for the —Other Backward Classes in centrally funded institutions of higher learning and the prime minister’s suggestion to the private sector to voluntarily go in for reservation has once again sparked off a debate on the merits and demerits of caste-based reservations. Unfortunately, the predictable divide between the votaries of —social justice on one hand and those advocating —merit on the other seems to have once again camouflaged the real issues. It is necessary to take a holistic and non-partisan view of the issues involved. The hue and cry about —sacrificing merit is untenable simply because merit is after all a social construct and it cannot be determined objectively in a historically unjust and unequal context. The idea of competitive merit will be worthy of serious attention only in a broadly egalitarian context. But then, caste is not the only obstacle in the way of an egalitarian order. After all, economic conditions, educational opportunities and discrimination on the basis of gender also contribute to the denial of opportunity to express one’s true merit and worth. It is interesting to note that in the ongoing debate, one side refuses to see the socially constructed nature of the notion of merit, while the other side refuses to recognize the multiplicity of the mechanisms of exclusion with equal vehemence. The idea of caste-based reservations is justified by the logic of social justice. This implies the conscious attempt to restructure a given social order in such a way that individuals belonging to the traditionally and structurally marginalized social groups get adequate opportunities to actualize their potential and realize their due share in the resources available. In any society, particularly in one as diverse and complex as the Indian society, this is going to be a gigantic exercise and must not be reduced to just one aspect of state policy. Seen in this light, caste-based reservation has to work in tandem with other policies ensuring the elimination of the structures of social marginalization and denial of access. It has to be seen as a means of achieving social justice and not an end in itself. By the same logic it must be assessed and audited from time to time like any other social policy and

economic strategy.

Ques 338. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What is the phrase 'Sacrificing merit' referring to?

Op 1: Killing merit.

Op 2: Selection on basis of merit.

Op 3: Encouraging reservation

Op 4: None of these

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: As given in the passage, 'Sacrificing merit' means encouraging the reservation based on caste and social injustice and ignoring the real potential of the people. Thus, the correct answer is 3.

Ques 339. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What do you mean by the word 'Egalitarian'?

Op 1: Characterized by belief in the equality of all people.

Op 2: Characterized by belief in the inequality of all people.

Op 3: Another word for reservations.

Op 4: Growth

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: Egalitarian means believing in or based on the principle that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities. And in the given paragraph the discussions is about the equal rights for the people.

Ques 340. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What does the statement- and not to convert it into a fetish of 'political correctness' in the passage imply?

Op 1: Reservation issue should not be converted into a political propaganda.

Op 2: Reservation issue should not be based on caste alone.

Op 3: Reservation issue should be left to the ruling government.

Op 4: None of these.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: The term political correctness is nowhere mentioned in the passage. Thus, the answer will be none of these.

Ques 341. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What is the author most likely to agree with?

Op 1: Caste-based reservation is the answer to India's problems.

Op 2: Gender-based reservation is the answer to India's problems.

Op 3: There is no solution to bridge the gap between privileged and under-privileged.

Op 4: None of these.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: The option D is correct because in the paragraph none of the above options are discussed.

Ques 342. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What do you mean by the word 'Votaries'?

Op 1: Advocates

Op 2: Types

Op 3: Demerits

Op 4: People

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: In the paragraph votaries means advocates as they talk is about justice.

Ques 343. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What do you infer from the sentence ' The idea of caste-based reservations is justified by the logic of social justice' ?

Op 1: Caste-based reservation will help in providing opportunities to the socially backward classes.

Op 2: Caste-based reservation will lead to social equality amongst all classes.

Op 3: Caste-based reservation will help backward classes actualize their potential.

Op 4: All of these

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: Every above option is considered in the given paragraph. Thus, the answer is 4.

Ques 343. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : Why does caste-bases reservation system needs to be assessed and audited from time to time?

Op 1: To measure its economic advantage to the Nation.

Op 2: To make sure that it achieves social justice for all.

Op 3: To do a cost analysis.

Op 4: None of these.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: As in the end of the paragraph it is discussed that caste-based reservation has to work in tandem with other policies ensuring the elimination of the structures of social marginalization and denial of access. It has to be seen as a means of achieving social justice and not an end in itself.

Ques 344. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What is the tone of the passage?

Op 1: Neutral

Op 2: Biased

Op 3: Celebratory

Op 4: Critical

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: option 1 is correct answer as the aspects discussed in the question 343 is discussed in the paragraph.

Passage

The economic transformation of India is one of the great business stories of our time. As stifling government regulations have been lifted, entrepreneurship has flourished, and the country has become a high-powered center for information technology and pharmaceuticals. Indian companies like Infosys and Wipro are powerful global players, while Western firms like G.E. and I.B.M. now have major research facilities in India employing thousands. India's seemingly endless flow of young, motivated engineers, scientists, and managers offering developed-world skills at developing-world wages is held to be putting American jobs at risk, and the country is frequently heralded as "the next economic superpower." But India has run into a surprising hitch on its way to superpower status: its inexhaustible supply of workers is becoming exhausted. Although India has one of the youngest workforces on the planet, the head of Infosys said recently that there was an "acute shortage of skilled manpower," and a study by Hewitt Associates projects that this year salaries for skilled workers will rise fourteen and a half per cent, a sure sign that demand for skilled labor is outstripping supply. How is this possible in a country that every year produces two and a half million college graduates and four hundred thousand engineers? Start with the fact that just ten per cent of Indians get any kind of post-secondary education, compared with some fifty per cent who do in the U.S. Moreover, of that ten per cent, the vast majority go to one of India's seventeen thousand colleges, many of which are closer to community colleges than to four-year institutions. India does have more than three hundred universities, but a recent survey by the London Times Higher Education Supplement put only two of them among the top hundred in the world. Many Indian graduates therefore enter the workforce with a low level of skills. A current study led by Vivek Wadhwa, of Duke University, has found that if you define "engineer" by U.S. standards, India produces just a hundred and seventy thousand engineers a year, not four hundred thousand. Infosys says that, of 1.3 million applicants for jobs last year, it found only two per cent acceptable.

There was a time when many economists believed that post-secondary education didn't have much impact on

economic growth. The really important educational gains, they thought, came from giving rudimentary skills to large numbers of people (which India still needs to do—at least thirty per cent of the population is illiterate). They believed that, in economic terms, society got a very low rate of return on its investment in higher education. But lately that assumption has been overturned, and the social rate of return on investment in university education in India has been calculated at an impressive nine or ten per cent. In other words, every dollar India puts into higher education creates value for the economy as a whole. Yet India spends roughly three and a half per cent of its G.D.P. on education, significantly below the percentage spent by the U.S., even though India's population is much younger, and spending on education should be proportionately higher. The irony of the current situation is that India was once considered to be overeducated. In the seventies, as its economy languished, it seemed to be a country with too many engineers and Ph.D.s working as clerks in government offices. Once the Indian business climate loosened up, though, that meant companies could tap a backlog of hundreds of thousands of eager, skilled workers at their disposal. Unfortunately, the educational system did not adjust to the new realities. Between 1985 and 1997, the number of teachers in India actually fell, while the percentage of students enrolled in high school or college rose more slowly than it did in the rest of the world. Even as the need for skilled workers was increasing, India was devoting relatively fewer resources to producing them.

Since the Second World War, the countries that have made successful leaps from developing to developed status have all poured money, public and private, into education. South Korea now spends a higher percentage of its national income on education than nearly any other country in the world. Taiwan had a system of universal primary education before its phase of hyper growth began. And, more recently, Ireland's economic boom was spurred, in part, by an opening up and expansion of primary and secondary schools and increased funding for universities. Education will be all the more important for India's well-being; the earlier generation of so-called Asian Tigers depended heavily on manufacturing, but India's focus on services and technology will require a more skilled and educated workforce.

India has taken tentative steps to remedy its skills famine—the current government has made noises about doubling spending on education, and a host of new colleges and universities have sprung up since the mid-nineties. But India's impressive economic performance has made the problem seem less urgent than it actually is, and allowed the government to defer difficult choices. (In a country where more than three hundred million people live on a dollar a day, producing college graduates can seem like a low priority.) Ultimately, the Indian government has to pull off a very tough trick, making serious changes at a time when things seem to be going very well. It needs, in other words, a clear sense of everything that can still go wrong. The paradox of the Indian economy today is that the more certain its glowing future seems to be, the less likely that future becomes

Ques 345. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : Which of these could you infer according to the passage?

Op 1: Wages in the Developing countries are less as compared to wages in the developed countries

Op 2: Wages in the Developing countries are more as compared to wages in the developed countries

Op 3: Wages in the Developing countries are same as wages in the developed countries

Op 4: None of these

Op 5:

Correct Op : 1

Explanation: option A is the correct answer as in the given paragraph India is still in the race of developing countries.

Ques 346. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What does "American jobs" in the last line of the first paragraph of the passage imply?

Op 1: Jobs provided by American companies

Op 2: Jobs held (or to be held) by American people

Op 3: Jobs open to only American citizens

Op 4: Jobs provided by the American government

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: In the starting of the first paragraph it is given that Indian companies like Infosys and Wipro are powerful global players, while Western firms like G.E. and I.B.M. now have major research facilities in India employing thousands. India's seemingly endless flow of young, motivated engineers, scientists, and managers offering developed-world skills at developing-world wages.

Ques 347. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : According to the passage, why India does not have enough skilled labor?

Op 1: The total amount of young population is low

Op 2: The total number of colleges are insufficient

Op 3: Students do not want to study

Op 4: Maximum universities and colleges do not match global standards.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: In the second paragraph it is given that, every dollar India puts into higher education creates value for the economy as a whole. Yet India spends roughly three and a half per cent of its G.D.P. on education, significantly below the percentage spent by the U.S.

Ques 348. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What can you infer as the meaning of 'stifling' from the passage?

Op 1: Democratic

Op 2: Liberal

Op 3: Impeding

Op 4: Undemocratic

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3

Explanation: Stifling means very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating. Whereas impeding means causing delay or to prevent. So option 3 is the correct answer.

Ques 349. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : What is an appropriate title to the passage?

Op 1: Growing Indian Economy

Op 2: Higher education in India

Op 3: India's Skill Shortage

Op 4: Entrepreneurship in India

Op 5:

Correct Op : 3..

Explanation: According to the information shared in the given paragraph the title should be "India's skills shortage" because there is still no clear sense of everything as The paradox of the Indian economy today is that the more certain its glowing future seems to be, the less likely that future becomes.

Ques 350. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : In the third sentence of the third paragraph of the passage, the phrase "closer to community colleges " is used. What does it imply?

Op 1: Near to community colleges

Op 2: Like community colleges

Op 3: Close association to community colleges

Op 4: None of these

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: closer to the community colleges means that the India has taken tentative steps to make the Indian colleges like community colleges.

Ques 351. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : According to the passage, what is the paradox of the Indian economy today?

Op 1: The economic progress is impressive, but the poor (earning one dollar per day) are not benefited.

Op 2: The economic progress is impressive disallowing the government to take tough decisions.

Op 3: There is not enough skilled workforce and the government does not realize this.

Op 4: Government is not ready to invest in setting up new universities.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 2

Explanation: As given in the last paragraph the Indian government has to pull off a very tough trick, making serious changes at a time when things seem to be going very well. It needs, in other words, a clear sense of everything that can still go wrong. The paradox of the Indian economy today is that the more certain its glowing future seems to be, the less likely that future becomes.

Ques 352. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. : Why are salaries for skilled workers rising?

Op 1: Companies are paying hire to lure skilled people to jobs.

Op 2: American companies are ready to pay higher to skilled workers.

Op 3: Entrepreneurship is growing in India.

Op 4: There is not enough skilled workers, while the demand for them is high.

Op 5:

Correct Op : 4

Explanation: In the first paragraph it is given that Although India has one of the youngest workforces on the planet, the head of Infosys said recently that there was an “acute shortage of skilled manpower,” and a study by Hewitt Associates projects that this year salaries for skilled workers will rise fourteen and a half per cent, a sure sign that demand for skilled labor is outstripping supply.

Q353.(A) The whole thing moves/ (B) around the concept of building a small dynamic/(C) organization into a larger one. / (D) No error.

a (A)

b (B)

c (C)

D (D)

Ans:c

Explanation: instead of larger, large should be there since there is no comparison.

354. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed.

She gave most of her time to music.

1. Spent

2. Lent

3. Devoted

4. No improvement

Ans :devoted

Explanation: Music is something that relates to your passion and devotion would be contextually relevant word for it.

355. Select the word or phrase that is SIMILAR in meaning to the given word: NONCHALANCE 1.Neutrality

2.Indifference

3.All-knowing

4.Ignorance

5.Untimeliness

Ans:Indifference

Explanation: Nonchalance means feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm which is similar to indifference.

356. Select the word which is OPPOSITE in the meaning of the given word: INDISCREET

1.Reliable

2.Honest

3.Prudent

4.Stupid

Ans :Prudent

Explanation: Indiscreet means having, showing, or proceeding from too great a readiness to reveal things that should remain private or secret. So the opposite will be showing care and thought for the future, which is prudent.

357. Director ,he ,said, would----- the matter atonce

A. invigilator

B.explore
Investigate
urvey

Ans: Investigate

Explanation: The sentence needs a verb after would. So option A is discarded. Among options B,C,D. Investigate means: To conduct an official inquiry. Through the sentence point of view the matter needs official inquiry hence Investigate seems to be the right option.

358. WORSEN(OPPOSITE)

1) complicate 2) relieve 3) intensify 4) aggravate

Ans :Relieve

Explanation: Worsen: make or become worse, unpleasant, and painful

Opposite: Relieve: to set free, to be free from burden. Hence relieve is the best option.

359. Do not move towards the car _____ you have finished your milk

- 1) as
- 2) while
- 3) until
- 4) in spite

Ans: Until

Explanation: Until is used as a function word to indicate continuance (as of an action or condition) to a specified time. Hence until is the correct option.

360. Anita was not happy with the bank's interest rate policy. They offered a fixed rate on all loans while she wanted a _____ rate

- a) moving
- b) floating
- c) free
- d) market

Ans: Market

Explanation: Option A, B, C are void as those aren't technical words. The only option that goes along Fixed rate is Market rate (which is a technical word for rates)

361. INVINCIBLE(OPPOSITE)

- a) Voluble
- b) Victorious
- c) Vulnerable
- d) Visible

Ans: Vulnerable

Explanation: Invincible: incapable of being conquered, overcome, or subdued

Vulnerable: open to attack or damage. Hence this seems to be the best opposite.

362. We want to become internationally _____ in terms of technological research

- a. Equipped
- b. Great
- c. Renowned
- d. Notorious
- e. Familiar

Ans: Renowned

Explanation: Through the sentence we can predict that the author is wishing for something internationally in terms of technological research. Hence Renowned seems to be perfect as it fits well through the author's point of view.

363. _____ being poor, Kaveri still dresses more appropriately than most of her groupmates

- a) Despite
- b) Although
- c) Since
- d)

However

Ans: Despite

Explanation: Despite is used when there is tone of “without being affected by” or in spite of something. Thus, the answer is “a”.

364. FOOLISHLY (Opposite)

- a) Shrewdly
- b) Cannily
- c) Wisely
- d) Astutely

Ans: Wisely

Explanation: Foolishly means in an unwise manner; stupidly. Wisely: in a way that shows experience, knowledge, and good judgment. Hence this seems to be the right option.

365. LACE(synonym)

- a) Paper
- b) Cloth
- c) Wood
- d) Person

Ans: cloth

Explanation: Lace: It's a piece of cloth used for wrapping or decorating. Hence Cloth seems to be the right option.

366. HUMOROUS(OPPOSITE)

- a) Entertaining
- b) Witty
- c) Comical
- d) Depressing

Ans: Depressing

Explanation: Humorous: possessing, indicating, or expressive of an ability to be funny or to be amused by things that are funny

Depressing: To sadden, discourage. Hence this seems to be the correct opposite.

367. IMMINENT(OPPOSITE)

- a) Impending
- b) Eminent
- c) Pending
- d) Distant

Ans: Distant

Explanation: Imminent: about to happen/ready to take place.

Distant: far away in space or time, this is the exact opposite and thus the right answer.

368. _____ to be a good swimmer, you should know how to hold your breath for awhile

- a) Forwhile
- b) Howeversince
- c) Inplace
- d) In order

Ans: d

Explanation: The use of in order to with an infinitive form of a verb is used to express the purpose of something, which is the correct answer.

369. Arrange between 1 and 6

- (1) My Uncle,
 - (6) for this purpose
 - (P) that have been built in the country districts of India
 - (Q) camping out in the inspection bungalows
 - (R) who is a government engineer
 - (S) frequently has to stay for several days in very remote places.
- a) SRQP
 - b) RSQP
 - c) RQSP
 - d) RSPQ
 - e) SQPR

Ans: d

Explanation: After "The uncle", R is a perfect fit as "who" is perfect reference for "the uncle". Option S follows smoothly after engineer explaining about "my uncle".

370. Error correction

(A) Big brands like Sony, Samsung and (B) Nokia have been launched many phones having latest (C) features like Facebook application Orkut tool and much more

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) No error

Ans: b

Explanation: Eliminate "been". As we are not talking in present perfect continuous.

371. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- a) At the end of the function, a lot of food was thrown away in the dustbin
- b) At the end of the function, a lot of food were thrown away in the dustbin
- c) At the end of the function a lot of food was thrown away in the dustbin
- d) At the end of the function, a lot of food was threw away in the dustbin.
- e) At the end of the function, a lot of food were thrown away in the dustbin

Ans: c

Explanation: As present perfect is the correct form of tense used here. Thus, the answer is c.

372. PARTIAL (synonym)

- a) Equitable
- b) Unbiased
- c) Half
- d) Incomplete

Ans: d

Explanation: Partial: of or relating to a part rather than the whole: not general or total
Incomplete: not complete. Hence this is the closest synonym.

373. jumbled words and arrange between s1 and s6

- S1 I have a flight to catch at 7.30 a.m. tomorrow morning
- S6 As the check-in process will also take some time
- P) I would better put an alarm for 6 a.m.
- Q) Also another half an hour to reach airport.
- R) It would take me around half an hour to get ready

5)It is always better to reach the airport early

- 1) SQRP
- 2) QSPR
- 3) SRPQ
- 4) PRQS

Ans: 4

Explanation: Option P follows correctly after time to catch flight and time to wake up. Hence 4 is the right option as no other options start with "P". The rest of the sentences also follow correctly with the later.

374. In the question, a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence, Select the correct alternative

But which director from Bollywood would remake this film, (*will be made secret for the time being.*) words between brackets is been italicized

- a) Is being kept a secret
- b) Is being secret
- c) Can be secret
- d) Will be kept this secret

Ans: a

Explanation: Here present participle form with the verb should be used. Hence option A fits perfectly.

375. I did not go to school in a week after an accident

- a) through
- b) within
- c) for
- d) after

Ans : c

Explanation: Since we are talking about time duration, we need to use "for" at the place of "in". Thus, the correct answer is c.

376. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error-, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.
Question

(A) There is a lot (B) of milk left in the jar (C) for the rest of us (D) No error

Options are:

- a (A)
- b (B)
- c (C)
- d (D)

Ans: a

Explanation: It should be lot instead of lots which refers to the quantity and not to any countable object, hence A is the correct option.

377. The company _____ increase her salary before the appraisal

- a) was being refused
- b) refused to
- c) refused of
- d) refuse to

Ans: b

Explanation: Refused is always followed by preposition 'to', especially when it precedes the first form of verb. Therefore B is the only right answer as compared to other options.

378. Scientists believe that during initial years of the _____ of the Earth water bodies increased in size due to continuous rainfall

- a) Formative
- b) Formations
- c) Formation
- d) Formed

Ans: c

Explanation: “formation”, being a noun is the appropriate usage here, whereas “formative” and “formations” are absolutely irrelevant with different connotation.

379. Find the correct arrangement between S1 and S6

- S1) Aradhana has bought a new red color gypsy
- S6) Her father runs a garment export house

- S. She drives to college in her new car
- P. Before this red gypsy, she used to drive a black SUV
- R. Her car changes almost every six months
- Q. She comes from a rich family

Options are:

- a) RSQP
- b) PSRQ
- c) QRPS
- d) SPRQ

Ans: b

Explanation: Since in the first sentence, noun is used. The next sentence which correlates with the given sentence is “P” and we have only one answer choice which starts with “P”. Thus, the answer is 2.

380. _____ the shirt was washed twice, still he refused to wear it

- a) Though
- b) Because
- c) However
- d) Since
- e) While

Ans: a

Explanation: No other option except ‘A’ sounds valid as it refers to in spite of; however is also incorrect because it should be followed by yet and not still. So the right answer is A

381. PHOTOGRAPHIC (synonym)

- a) Distant
- b) Exact
- c) Distinguish
- d) Similar

Ans: b

Explanation: The synonym of photographic is “Exact” that represents nature and human being with exactness with a vivid impression, an exact replica or facsimile. Other options are irrelevant in terms of their meaning.

382. The car is in such a terrible state _____ it can cause serious damage

- a) Thus
- b) Since
- c) That
- d) So

Ans: c

Explanation: The options A, B and D are grammatically incompatible in this context and “that” function word, verbal auxiliary which indicates emphatic repetition of the idea expressed by a previous verb. It is also definite

article and demonstrative pronoun.

383. The power of music is known _____ us all _____ capacity to improve our holistic health is perhaps underestimated

- a) By, but the
- b) By, but it is
- c) To, but its
- d) To, but it has
- e) by, but it

has **Ans: c**

Explanation: Grammatically “known” is always followed by “to” and not by any other preposition; moreover, the sentence is not in perfect tense so “but it has” will not be the correct option. Hence, the only correct option is c.

384. Tuna fish hunters use small aircrafts and helicopters to hunt for _____ of the fattest fish

- a) Packs
- b) Shoals
- c) Classes
- d) Waves

Ans: b

Explanation: “Shoal” refers to ‘a large group or number or a crowd of fish’ who throng the shallow water, hence B is the right option negating all other options.

385. TRUST (synonym)

- a) Insincere
- b) Faith
- c) Lie
- d) Tease

Ans: b

Explanation: Faith is the only right synonym of Trust as the other given options are antonyms.

386. FAMISHED (synonym)

- a) Finished
- b) Full
- c) Hungry
- d) Thirsty

Ans: c

Explanation: The options A, B and D are nowhere relevant to the meaning of Famished. Hence Hungry is the right synonym.

387. REQUISITE (OPPOSITE)

- a) Vital
- b) Avoidable
- c) Necessary
- d) Basic

Ans: b

Requisite means the most essential imperative and required, therefore avoidable is only right opposite word.

388. NONCHALANT (synonym)

- 1) Keen
- 2) Indifferent
- 3) Concerned
- 4) Handsome

Ans: nonchalant = indifferent

Explanation: The word nonchalant refers to a relaxed, apathetic and unconcerned person, therefore this is the right option to be culled from the rest of the options which are opposite in the sense.

389. Give the antonym for the underlined word, in the given blank

He was very healthy before he got sick. Now he is very _____ (healthy is underlined word)

- 1) Well
- 2) Weak
- 3) Uneasy
- 4) Strong

Ans: healthy = weak

Human illness marks a transition from health to weakness; hence weak is the most appropriate option as compared with the other ones which have entirely different meaning in this context.

390. AUDACIOUS(OPPOSITE)

- 1) Sad
- 2) Cowardly
- 3) Gloomy
- 4) Dim

Ans: audacious = cowardly

Explanation: The word audacious refers to very confident, daring and bold personas such as cowardly is the most befitting antonym to this word, hence B is the right option.

391. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any

(A) Sita has a hobby of writing poems (B) whenever she had been (C) free and in the mood of writing

- 1) (A)
- 2) (B)
- 3) (C)
- 4) No error

Ans: b

Explanation: Since the start of the sentence is in "present perfect tense", therefore "had been" cannot be used in part B, which is the answer.

392. In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative.

After Michael typed the letter, (he gave it to Jane to sign.)

() - within brackets the portion is underlined

- 1) He was giving it to Jane to sign
- 2) He gives it to Jane to sign
- 3) He had been giving it to Jane to sign
- 4) No change

Ans: No change

Explanation: The sentence is grammatically correct, thus, the answer is "4".

393. The movie can be categorized as average, _____ the thrilling and unexpected ending.

- 1) Apart
- 2) Except
- 3) In spite
- 4) Despite

Ans: In spite

Explanation: It should be 'despite' because after 'in spite' 'of' should be there which is missing in the above sentence. 'Despite' is often followed by fact and also by 'ing' verb form.

394. Sediments_____the footprints of moving animals when they become rocks .This helps geologists to find information aboutdinosaurs.

- 1) Preserve
- 2) Keep
- 3) Take
- 4) Etch

Ans: Preserve

Explanation: 'Preserve' means to maintain or protect something in its original or existing state which is related with natural process. While 'etch' means to engrave artificially. Thus, the answer will be 1.

395. ENCHANT (OPPOSITE)

- 1) Repel
- 2) Evoke
- 3) Bewitch
- 4) Entice

Ans: evoke

Explanation: 'Enchant' & 'Bewitch' means to mesmerize. 'Entice' means to tempt. 'Repel' means to repulse. Thus, the only option opposite to enchant is evoke.

396. An honestmannever_____to lies in order to fulfill his goals

- 1) Helps
- 2) Tells
- 3) Resorts
- 4) Forms

Ans: Resorts

Explanation: Here resorts means "to take support of" which is the most appropriate option to complete the sentence.

397. Sincere people remain loyal----- their friends in allcircumstances.

- 1) Against
- 2) In
- 3) By
- 4) With
- 5) To

Ans: To

Explanation: Preposition 'to' is showing relationship between the two at a particular condition. Here, the prepositions are not relevant. Thus, the answer is "5".

398. TENTATIVE (OPPOSITE)

- 1) Faltering
- 2) Probationary
- 3) Speculative
- 4) Confident
- 5) Trial

Ans: Confident

Explanation: 'Tentative' means hesitant so 'confident' is the correct one. While 'Faltering' means hesitate, 'Probationary' means something relating to a process of testing, 'speculative' means uncertain, and 'trial' means test.

399. ELUSION (OPPOSITE)

- 1) Confront
- 2) Skirting
- 3) Evasion
- 4) Illusion

Ans: Confront

Explanation: 'Elusion' is the act of successfully hiding or escaping from someone, so 'confront' is the appropriate

one. While 'Skirting' means to go around the edge of, 'Evasion' means elusion & 'Illusion' means 'mirage'.

Passage:

Vacations are a chance to take a break from work, see the world and enjoy time with family. But do they make you happier?

Researchers from the Netherlands set out to measure the effect that vacations have on overall happiness and how long it lasts.

They studied happiness levels among 1,530 Dutch adults, 974 of whom took a vacation during the 32-week study period. The study, published in the journal *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, showed that the largest boost in happiness comes from the simple act of planning a vacation. In the study, the effect of vacation anticipation boosted happiness for eight weeks.

After the vacation, happiness quickly dropped back to baseline levels for most people. How much stress or relaxation a traveler experienced on the trip appeared to influence post-vacation happiness. There was no post-trip happiness benefit for travelers who said the vacation was "neutral" or stressful." Surprisingly, even those travelers who described the trip as "relaxing" showed no additional jump in happiness after the trip. "They were no happier than people who had not been on holiday," said the lead author, Jeroen Nawijn, tourism research lecturer at Breda University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands. The only vacationers who experienced an increase in happiness after the trip were those who reported feeling "very relaxed" on their vacation. Among those people, the vacation happiness effect lasted for just two weeks after the trip before returning to baseline levels.

"Vacations do make people happy," Mr. Nawijn said. "But we found people who are anticipating holiday trips show signs of increased happiness, and afterward there is hardly an effect." One reason vacations don't boost happiness after the trip may have to do with the stress of returning to work. And for some travelers, the holiday itself was stressful.

"In comments from people, the thing they mentioned most referred to disagreements with a travel partner or being ill," Mr. Nawijn said.

The research controlled for differences among the vacationers and those who hadn't taken a trip, including income level, stress and education. However, Mr. Nawijn noted that questions remain about whether the time of year, type of trip and other factors may influence post-vacation happiness. The study didn't find any relationship between the length of the vacation and overall happiness. Since most of the happiness boost comes from planning and anticipating a vacation, the study suggests that people may get more out of several small trips a year than one big vacation, Mr. Nawijn said. "The practical lesson for an individual is that you derive most of your happiness from anticipating the holiday trip," he said. "What you can do is try to increase that by taking more trips per year. If you have a two week holiday you can split it up and have two one week holidays. You could try to increase the anticipation effect by talking about it more and maybe discussing it online." Mr. Nawijn said that while he expected the study results to show a pre-vacation happiness boost, he was surprised that the study showed that relaxed holidays didn't affect post-trip happiness levels. "People start working again," he said. "They have to catch up. Usually there is a big pile of work for them when they get back from the holiday."

400. In which of the following cases is post-vacation happiness minimum?

- a) People who thoroughly enjoyed their vacation.
- b) There are pending issues to solve at home and workplace.
- c) Vacations lasting longer than eight weeks.
- d) Those who described the vacation as "Neutral".

Ans: D

Explanation: As clearly stated in the line no.7 & 8 of the above mentioned paragraph, the correct answer is option "d".

401. What can be a suitable title for the passage?

- a) Stress level higher during vacations.
- b) Can vacation time make a person happy?
- c) Beat the stress, stay away from vacations altogether.
- d) Vacations being sidelined which increased stress at workplace.

Ans: B

Explanation: The first two introductory questions state that this is the appropriate option. And in the whole paragraph answer to those questions has been mentioned.

402. Why are numerous small trips recommended for people?

- a) Shorter duration of trips leads to increase in enjoyment.
- b) Exploring new places often gives more satisfaction.
- c) There is lesser work pressure after short vacations.
- d) Planning trips makes people happy.

Ans: D

In the last paragraph it has been stated clearly that planning trips makes people happy so numerous small trips recommended for people. Thus, the answer is "D".

403. Which of the following affects post-vacation happiness?

- a) An encounter with stressful situations such as losing luggage.
- b) Unplanned vacations result in more happiness than planned ones.
- c) Dealing with huge pile of work after returning from vacation.
- d) Increase in level of anger and frustration.

Ans: C

Explanation: As the last line of the paragraph suggested so this is the appropriate option.

404. Karen's neighborhood _____ most comprises of small shop owners.

- a. most
- b. all
- c. mostly
- d. together

Ans: All

Explanation: It should be 'almost'; which is the appropriate adverb that has modified the verb in the sentence.

405. She woke up _____ start in the middle of night.

- a. on
- b. with
- c. in
- d. as

Ans: with

Explanation: Here, with start is a phrase used to express sudden occurrence of something. Thus the correct answer is "b".

406. The rival team won the match _____ they foul played.

- a. since
- b. while
- c. yet
- d. because

Ans: Yet

Explanation: 'yet' is the appropriate conjunction as it means but at the same time, but nevertheless.

407. His coach tells me that he _____ in the league since he was 16 years old.

- a) has played

- b) will be playing
- c) is playing
- d) has been playing

Ans: d

Explanation: As the sentence is representing the action which is still continuous from some past time period, thus the tense used will be present perfect cont. tense and "d" is the correct answer.

408. In any case, it seems like a travesty to reduce Gandhian values to a _____ ban on liquor

- a) prosaic
- b) characterless
- c) imaginative
- d) outdated

Ans: imaginative

Explanation: The word 'imaginative' means over here visionary so it is the appropriate one. While 'Prosaic' means unimaginative which is the accurate one as Liquor and Gandhian values are compared in the statement and both are opposite to each other.

409. Residents of north pole have different lifestyles and requirements than _____ living in the other part of the world

- a) their
- b) them
- c) those
- d) residents

Ans: Residents

Usage of pronoun is not applicable as noun form required to be used for different subjects which has been compared over here.

410. At the end of the close fight, Paes emerged _____ in the Davis cup finals

- a) victory
- b) victorious
- c) Victorian
- d) victoriful

Ans: Victorious

'Victorious' is the adjective appropriate to describe the noun.

Passage:

Two decades ago, a Thai gardener climbed into the palace of a Saudi prince through a second-story window, busted open a safe with a screwdriver and stole some 200 pounds of jewelry. The former Saudi charge d'affaires in Bangkok told the Washington Post the gardener stuffed "rubies the size of chicken eggs" in his vacuum cleaner bag, along with a huge, nearly flawless blue diamond, which at 50-carats would be one of the largest blue diamonds in the world. In January, five Thai policemen were arrested and charged for a murder allegedly connected to the case, raising hopes that some of the questions surrounding what has come to be known in Thailand as the Blue Diamond Affair would finally be answered. For Thailand, it could mean improved diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia, potentially bringing back hundreds of thousands of jobs in the oil-rich nation to Thai migrant workers. After the 1989 jewel heist, the gardener, Kriangkrai Techamong, airmailed the loot to his home in northern Thailand and hightailed it back. Soon after, three Saudi diplomats in Bangkok were shot execution style in two different attacks on the same night. Despite the deaths, the police tried to return the gems that weren't yet sold by Kriangkrai in an official visit to Saudi Arabia, hoping this would end the scandal. It didn't take long, however, for Saudi Arabia to claim that most of the returned goods were imitation baubles. To add insult to injury, local press reported rumors of photos of the wives of bureaucrats wearing new diamond necklaces at charity gala, ones awfully similar to ones taken from the Saudi royalty. Needless to say, Saudi Arabia was not amused. In June 1990, the country would stop renewing the visas of more than a quarter million Thai workers who were working in Saudi Arabia and would give out no further ones, cutting Thailand off from billions of dollars in remittances. Saudi Arabia also barred its citizens from traveling to Thailand as tourists.

411. What is highlighted in the passage?

- a) The story of disappearance of Blue Diamond.
- b) The conflict of the ownership of jewels
- c) The consequence and outcome of stealing the blue Diamond
- d) Saudi Arabia in talks with Thailand to solve existing issues

Ans:c.

Explanation: We have to look for the theme that has been highlighted in the entire passage. Passage is about the loot of blue diamond. Option c is the correct option as it mentioned in the entire paragraph that what cost Thai people had to pay after this act came to be known.

Option a, is not correct as it was clear from the beginning that it did not disappear, it was stole. There was no conflict of ownership, as Thai police returned the jewelry without any problem, so option b is also wrong. As per passage, Saudi Arabia was not in talks instead it was the other way round, so this eliminates option d also.

412. What is known as the the Blue Diamond Affair?

- a) Precious jewelry was stolen from the vault in the basement of the palace.
- b) A blue diamond was stolen from the safe, along with other precious stones.
- c) A gardener stole rubies and blue diamond with the help of insiders in the palace.
- d) 200 pounds of jewelry were stolen in Thailand by a gardener

Ans:b

Explanation: The blue diamond was stolen from the safe along with other precious stones by a gardener; this was the blue diamond affair. Thus, option b is the right answer. Other options give some or other information that is not mentioned in the passage.

413. What action did Saudi Arabia take against this insult?

- a) Citizens of Saudi Arabia were not allowed to interact with Thai people
- b) Thai tourists were barred from entering Saudi Arabia
- c) Thailand was cut off from revenues generated by oil-rich countries
- d) Visas of Thai workers were not renewed

Ans:d

Explanation: From the last lines it is clear that Saudi Arabia took some serious actions like “the country would stop renewing the visas of more than a quarter million Thai workers who were working in Saudi Arabia and would give out no further ones, cutting Thailand off from billions of dollars in remittances. Saudi Arabia also barred its citizens from traveling to Thailand as tourists”. So, after looking at the options, only the information given in option d matches with the passage information.

414. Why did the gems returned by Thailand fail to impress Saudi Arabia?

- a) The gems did not resemble the ones that were stolen
- b) The gems were fake, and people were spotted wearing similar jewelry
- c) The gems were substitutes, and the original were still with Thai Police.
- d) All the stones except the blue diamond were returned to Saudi royalty.

Ans:b

Explanation: From the lines “It didn't take long, however, for Saudi Arabia to claim that most of the returned goods were imitation baubles. To add insult to injury, local press reported rumors of photos of the wives of bureaucrats wearing new diamond necklaces at charity gala, ones awfully similar to ones taken from the Saudi royalty.” it is clear that the gems were fake, and people were spotted wearing similar jewelry. So, the correct option is b. Information furnished in other options is not correct according to the one given in passage.

415. Three types of flooring materials can be used for renovation – wood, stone and tile.

Rules for choosing the material are as follows:

Wood flooring is used for houses with 2 or more bedrooms.

Stone flooring is used for 1 or 2 bedroom houses.

Tile flooring may be used along with wood flooring in houses with more than 4 bedrooms.
More than 1 small kitchen must have tile flooring.
Houses with a big and small kitchen require stone flooring.
A big kitchen can either have tile or wood flooring.
Which flooring materials will be used for a house with 3 bedrooms and a big kitchen?

- a) Tile
- b) Wood or Stone
- c) Stone
- d) Wood

Ans: d)

Explanation: Wood flooring material would be used because according to 1st rule house with more than 2 bedrooms uses wood flooring also as per 6th rule a big kitchen is also furnished by tile or wood flooring. So, according to this option d is the right answer.

416. A) we all know that Shakespeare is B) the better novelist C) than poet
A) B) C) D) no improvement

Ans: B

Explanation: In part b "the" is to be replaced by "a" as a comparison is drawn between he being a better novelist than a poet. So, in comparative degree is always preceded by "a" instead of "the".

417. A) The study did not said B) how the countries would C) implement the plan.
Opt: A) B) C) D) NO error

Ans: A

Explanation: The sentence is in negative past indefinite where first form of verb is always used when preceded by did. So, said is to be replaced by say.

418. S1: He is a famous novelist.

S6: But I doubt he would ever stop writing novels, as he makes tremendous profit of these.

P: I think he would be more successful as a columnist.

Q: I prefer reading his magazines editorials.

R: however I am not fond of his books.

S: All his books have been completely sold out.

Opt: A) PQRS B) SQPR C) PSRQ D) SRQP

Ans: D

Explanation: D is the right option. As it conforms the logical sequence of the essence of the paragraph or context as no other arrangement gives us a comprehensive understanding. Hence other options can be ruled out.

419. PRIMAL-Synonym

1) Approved 2) Cardinal 3) Precise 4) Permanent

Ans: Cardinal

Explanation: Primal means most important; primary or fundamental. Out of the given options option 2 cardinal also expresses the same meaning i.e. of the greatest importance; fundamental.

420. Torture (opp)- 1) Friendly 2) Generous 3) polite 4) Aid

Ans: Aid

Explanation: Torture means to inflict severe pain on (someone or something). The word that is exact opposite of the word torture is "aid" which means to help or support (someone or something).

Passage:

Class and money has always strongly affected how people do in life in Britain, with well-heeled family breeding affluent children just as the offspring of the desperately poor tend to be poor. All that supposed to have ceased by the end of the Second World War, with the birth of welfare state designed to meet basic needs and promote

social mobility. But despite devoting much thought and more money to improve the lot of the poor, governments have failed to boost those at the bottom of the pile as much as those on top of the pile have boosted themselves. Although the study found that some of the widest gaps between social groups have diminished over time (between men and women on pay, for example and between various ethnic minorities), deep-seated differences between haves and have-nots, persists blighting the life chances of less fortunate. Looking at earnings, income, education, employment or wealth, a similar pattern emerges. By the age of three, a poor child is outperformed in verbal ability and behavior by a rich one. Much of the difference is explained by ethnicity: unsurprisingly, poor children who did not speak English at home know fewer words in what is their second or third language. A child's ethnicity becomes less important as he grows: by the age of 16, but Chinese and Indian students are performing extremely very well at school. But throughout his classroom career how well a child does is dominated by how highly educated his parents are and how much money they bring home. Politicians of all stripes talk about equality of opportunity, arguing that it makes for a fairer and more mobile society and a more prosperous one. The difficulty arises in putting these notions into practice, through severe tax increases for the middle-class and wealthy, or expanding government interventions.

421. Which of the following is highlighted in the passage?

- a) An insight into the economy of Britain and the failure of the government
- b) The widening gap between the affluent and the poor
- c) The problems of putting ideas into practice
- d) The performance of children of various ethnic groups in school

Ans: c

Explanation: Right from the start of the passage lines like "All that supposed to have ceased by the end of the Second World War, with the birth of welfare state designed to meet basic needs and promote social mobility. But despite devoting much thought and more money to improve the lot of the poor, governments have failed to boost those at the bottom of the pile as much as those on top of the pile have boosted themselves" imply that the passage highlights option c i.e. the problems of putting ideas into practice.

422. What is the pattern noticed while studying the social groups?

- a) The gap will only grow since implementing policies is difficult
- b) The ethnicity of the child becomes less important as he grows
- c) The gap is somewhat narrowing, but there is still a long way to go
- d) The poor person always remains poor

Ans: b

Explanation: According to the lines given in the passage "Although the study found that some of the widest gaps between social groups have diminished over time (between men and women on pay, for example and between various ethnic minorities....." more or less the pattern noticed while studying in a social group shows that the ethnicity of the child becomes less important as he grows.

423. Which of these can be inferred from the passage as one of the key solutions to reduce the gap between various social groups?

- a) Encouraging ethnic social groups to converse in English even at home so as to develop their verbal ability
- b) Implementing higher tax rates for the middle class and wealthy so that gap between the rich and poor can be reduced
- c) By not disclosing the child's ethnicity and background of parents at school so as to remove bias from coming in
- d) Making the affluent people responsible for the poorer people, since they have been better at generating wealth than the government

Ans: c

Explanation: As the lines suggest that throughout a child's classroom career how well a child does is dominated by how highly educated his parents are and how much money they bring home. So, the key solutions to reduce the gap between various social groups would be by not disclosing the child's ethnicity and background of parents at school so as to remove bias from coming in. Thus, option C is the right answer.

424. The leaves_____yellow anddry?

1) were 2) being 3) had 4) have

Ans: were

Explanation: Leaves being a plural subject will take a plural verb with it and “be” form of verb will be used because sentence tells the state of leaves. Out of the given options, option 1. “Were” is the most suitable option.

425. When we found her _____ the romantic ruins and back papers, she was busy chasing dogs.

1) Amidst 2) between 3) Among 4) Beyond 5) outside

Ans: outside

Explanation: Chasing dogs phrase gives a hint that something was happening outside the ruins. As amidst and among the ruins is not possible, because romantic ruins are building kind of a thing. So, correct option is d.

426. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

a. I have been in Ladakh.

b. I has been in Ladakh.

c. I has been to Ladakh.

d. I have been to Ladakh

Ans: D

Explanation: “I” is always followed by have, so this eliminates option b and d. When one stays or currently is in that place we use “in” as a preposition, but when one talks about going or have gone to a place, we always use “to” as a preposition.

427. he _____ his chances at the university interview by wearing a pair of jeans and t-shirt.

a) lowered

b) improved

c) jeopardized

d) enhanced

Ans : c

Explanation: Option b and d can be directly eliminated as wearing jeans and t-shirt in an interview could not bring something positive. On the other hand we are talking about chances, which can be jeopardized as it is still uncertain i.e. to put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure. So, option c is correct.

428. INTENT (Opposite)

Op1: Distant

Op2: Target

Op3: Reluctant

Op4: Content

Op5: Rap

Correct Op: 3

Explanation: Intent means determined to do (something). The word that is exactly opposite of the word Intent is op3 “reluctant” which means unwilling and hesitant or disinclined.

429. TREACHEROUS (Opposite)

Op1: Faithful

Op2: Fake

Op3: Unsurpassable

Op4: True

Correct Op: 1

Explanation: Treacherous means guilty of or involving betrayal or deception. Op1 i.e. faithful is opposite of the word treacherous as it means unswerving adherence to a person or thing or to the oath or promise by which a tie was contracted.

430. SUFFOCATE (Opposite)

Op 1: Curb

Op 2: Restrain

Op 3: Release

Op 4: Stifle

Correct Op: 3

Explanation: Suffocate means cause to die from lack of air or inability to breathe. Curb means restrain or keep in check. Restrain means condition that keeps someone or something under control. Release means allow or enable to escape from confinement; set free. Stifle means make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate. So, Release is the opposite to suffocate.

431. Find out error:

A)the phrase 'be the change you want(B)to see in the world' was (C)said through Mahatma Gandhi

a)A

b)B

c)C

d)No error

Correct Op: C

Explanation: Replace 'through' with 'by'. As, 'through' is from one side to other whereas 'by' is used for passive person.

432. His dream of holding an exhibition -----into reality when she shifted to Delhi

a)was beingturning

b)had turned

c)is turning

d)will turn

Correct Op: B

Explanation: the sentence is in past perfect form so 'had turned' is the right answer.

433. Choose the alternative to the quotation part:

Munnar "IS THE MOST REFRESHING AND TRANQUIL" hill station in the state of Kerala.

a)is most refreshing and tranquility

b)is most refresh and tranquil

c)is a most refreshing and tranquil

d)no change

Correct Op: D

Explanation: This phrase compares all the hill station. So, superlative form is used with 'the'. The sentence is correct, thus requires no change.

434. choose the alternative to the quoted part:

The boss was unsure as to what "TRIGGERED" the argument between Shym and

Shankar. a)spread

b)broke

c)Halted

d)provoked

Correct Op: D

Explanation: Triggered means caused by particular action, process, or situation. Spread means extend over a large or increasing area. Broke means past form of break and separate into pieces as a result of a blow, shock, or strain. Halted means bring or come to an abrupt stop. Provoked means stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone. So, here provoked has the closest meaning to triggered, therefore it is the correct answer.

435. The petrol price has been rising for the past 5 years. it is highly-----that it will decrease in the near future

a)unrealistic

b)unlikely

c)unnatural

d)unacceptable

Correct Op: B

Explanation: unlikely means not likely to happen, be done, or be true; improbable and this sentence is showing the possibility of occurrence of some situation. So, unlikely will be used.

436. choose the alternative to the quoted part:

Rashid was "TAKEN ABACK" when he got his health reports.

- a) surprised
- b) shocked
- c) afraid
- d) worried

Correct Op: B

Explanation: taken aback means startled, astonished, shocked, or disconcerted. So, shocked is the correct answer.

437. choose the alternative part to the quoted part

She "HAS LIVED" in Chennai since she was eight years

- a) Lived
- b) Has been Living
- c) Had Stayed
- d) is living

Correct Op: B

Explanation: The sentence has lived is used along with 'since she was eight years' which states that the action started in past and is still going on. So, the correct form of the sentence is present perfect continuous. So, 'has been living' is the best alternative.

438. Find out error?

(A) India is a vast country (B) that offers immeasurable experiences (C) to all visitors

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) No error

Correct Op: B

Explanation: Replace 'that' with 'which'.

Passage:

The Stratosphere, specifically, the lower Stratosphere has, it seems, been drying out. Water vapor is a greenhouse gas, and the cooling effect on the Earth's climate due to this desiccation may account for a fair bit of the slowdown in the rise of global temperatures seen over the past ten years. The Stratosphere sits on top of the Troposphere, the lowest, densest layer of the atmosphere.

The boundary between the two, the Tropopause, is about 18km above your head, if you are in the tropics, and a few kilometers lower if you are at higher latitudes (or up a mountain). In the Troposphere, the air at higher altitudes is in general cooler than the air below it, an unstable situation in which warm and often moist air below is endlessly buoying up into cooler air above. The resultant commotion creates clouds, storms and much of the rest of the world's weather. In the Stratosphere, the air gets warmer at higher altitudes, which provides stability.

The Stratosphere-which extends up to about 55km, where the Mesosphere begins, is made even less weather-prone by the absence of water vapor, and thus of the clouds and precipitation to which it leads. This is because the top of the Troposphere is normally very cold, causing ascending water vapor to freeze into ice crystals that drift and fall, rather than continuing up into the Stratosphere.

A little water manages to get past this cold trap. But as Dr Solomon and her colleagues note, satellite measurements show that rather less has been doing so over the past ten years than was the case previously. Plugging the changes in water vapor into a climate model that looks at the way different substances absorb and emit infrared radiation, they conclude that between 2000 and 2009 a drop in the Stratospheric water vapor of less than one part per million slowed the rate of warming at the Earth's surface by about 25

Such a small change in Stratospheric water vapor can have such a large effect precisely because the Stratosphere is already dry. It is the relative change in the amount of a greenhouse gas, not its absolute level, which determines how much warming it can produce.

439. What is the order of layers in the atmosphere, starting from the lowermost and going to the topmost?

- a) Tropopause, Troposphere, Mesosphere, Stratosphere
- b) Troposphere, Tropopause, Stratosphere, Mesosphere
- c) Troposphere, Tropopause, Mesosphere, Stratosphere
- d) Troposphere, Stratosphere, Tropopause, Mesosphere

Answer: B

Explanation: From the lines "The Stratosphere sits on top of the Troposphere, the lowest, densest layer of the atmosphere"; "the Tropopause, is about 18km above your head, if you are in the tropics, and a few kilometers lower if you are at higher latitudes" and "The Stratosphere-which extends up to about 55km, where the Mesosphere begins". So, B is the correct option.

440. What accounts for the absence of water vapor in the stratosphere?

- a) The layer of Stratosphere is situated too far above for the water vapor to reach
- b) Rising global temperatures, leading to reduced water vapor that gets absorbed in the Troposphere
- c) The greenhouse gas gets absorbed by the clouds in the Troposphere and comes down as rain
- c) Before the vapor can rise up, it has to pass through below freezing temperatures and turns into ice

Answer: D

Explanation: The line "the Mesosphere begins, is made even less weather-prone by the absence of water vapor, and thus of the clouds and precipitation to which it leads. This is because the top of the Troposphere is normally very cold, causing ascending water vapor to freeze into ice crystals that drift and fall, rather than continuing up into the Stratosphere" states the account for the absence of water vapor.

441. What in the passage has been cited as the main reason affecting global temperatures?

- a) Relative change in water vapor content in the Stratosphere
- b) Drop in Stratospheric water vapor of less than one part per million
- c) The extreme dryness in the Stratosphere
- d) Absorption and emission of infrared radiation by different substances

Answer: B

Explanation: This line clearly shows the reason "Plugging the changes in water vapor into a climate model that looks at the way different substances absorb and emit infrared radiation, they conclude that between 2000 and 2009 a drop in the Stratospheric water vapor of less than one part per million slowed the rate of warming at the Earth's surface by about 25". So, B is the correct option.

442. Why is the situation in the troposphere defined as unstable?

- a) Because, unlike the Stratosphere, there is too much water vapor in the Troposphere
- b) Because the Troposphere is not directly linked to the Stratosphere, but through the Tropopause which creates much of the world's weather
- c) Because of the interaction between warm and cool air which is unpredictable in nature and can lead to storms
- d) Because this layer of the atmosphere is very cloudy and can lead to weather-related disruptions

Answer: C

Explanation: It can be referred from the line "In the Troposphere, the air at higher altitudes is in general cooler than the air below it, an unstable situation in which warm and often moist air below is endlessly buoying up into cooler air above. The resultant commotion creates clouds, storms and much of the rest of the world's weather". So, C is the correct option.

443. The glass lay _____ on the table

- a) not touch
- b) untouched
- c) untouched
- d) not touch

Answer :b

Explanation: untouched means not affected, changed, or damaged in any way.

444. DISTANCE :MILE

- a. liquid :pint
- b. weight :scale
- c. ton :iron
- d. well : water

Answer :a

Explanation: Distance is measured in miles and Liquid is measured in pint. So, A is the correct option.

445. Diaspora(Opposite)

- a. Spread
- b. Movement
- c. Focus
- d. Scattering

Answer:c

Explanation: Diaspora means the dispersion or spread of any people from their original homeland whereas, Focus means an act of concentrating interest or activity on something. So, Focus is the correct answer.

Passage

The unique Iron Age Experimental Centre at Lejre, about 40 km west of Copenhagen, serves as a museum, a classroom and a place to get away from it all. How did people live during the Iron Age? How did they support themselves? What did they eat and how did they cultivate the land? These and a myriad of other questions prodded the pioneers of the Lejre experiment.

Living in the open and working 10 hours a day, volunteers from all over Scandinavia led by 30 experts, built the ÷rest village in the ancient encampment in a matter of months. The house walls were of clay, the roofs of hay - all based on original designs. Then came the second stage - getting back to the basics of living. Families were invited to stay in the 'prehistoric village' for a week or two at a time and rough it IronAge-style.

Initially, this experiment proved none too easy for modern Danes accustomed to central heating, but it convinced the centre that there was something to the Lejre project. Little by little, the modern Iron Agers learnt that their huts were, after all, habitable. The problems were numerous - smoke belching out from the rough-and-ready ÷replaces into the rooms and so on. These problems, however, have led to some discoveries: domed smoke ovens made of clay, for example, give out more heat and consume less fuel than an open ÷re, and when correctly stoked, they are practically smokeless.

By contacting other museums, the Lejre team has been able to reconstruct ancient weaving looms and pottery kilns. Iron Age dyeing techniques, using local natural vegetation, have also been revived, as have ancient baking and cooking methods.

Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

446. What is the main purpose of building the Iron Age experimentalcenter?

- a) Prehistoric village where people can stay for a week or two to get away from modernliving
- b) Replicate the Iron Age to get a better understanding of the time and people of thatera
- c) To discover the differences between a doomed smoke oven and an open re to identify the more efficient of the two
- d) Revive activities of ancient women such as weaving, pottery, dyeing, cooking and baking

Answer :b

Explanation: The first paragraph clearly states the purpose of Iron Age. "How did people live during the Iron Age? How did they support themselves? What did they eat and how did they cultivate the land? These and a myriad of other questions prodded the pioneers of the Lejre experiment".

447. What is the meaning of the sentence "Initially, this experiment proved none too easy for modern Danes accustomed to central heating, but it convinced the centre that there was something to the Lejreproject."?

- a) Eventhoughstayinginthehutswasn'teasyforthemodernpeople,thecentresawmeritinthetimpleliving within huts compared to expensiveapartments

- b) Staying in the huts was quite easy for the modern people and the centre also saw merit in the simple living within huts compared to expensive apartments
- c) The way of living of the Iron Age proved difficult for the people of the modern age who are used to living in luxury
- d) The way of living of the Iron Age proved very easy for the people of the modern age since it was hot inside the huts, and they were anyway used to heated rooms

Answer : c

Explanation: The line following helps us to understand it "Little by little, the modern Iron Ages learnt that their huts were, after all, habitable. The problems were numerous - smoke belching out from the rough- and-ready replaces into the rooms and so on".

448. What can be the title of the passage?

- a) Modern techniques find their way into pre-historic villages
- b) Co-existence of ancient and modern times
- c) Glad to be living in the 21st Century
- d) Turning back time

Answer : d

Explanation: The answer is D because it describes all the habits of people in past era. So we can say that this passage is taking us back in the ancient time.

449. From the passage what can be inferred to be the center's initial outlook towards the Lejre project?

- a) It initiated the project
- b) It eagerly supported it
- c) It felt the project was very unique
- d) It was apprehensive about it

Answer : a

Explanation: The correct option is 'A' because in the second paragraph of this passage it is written that 'Initially, this experiment was proved none too easy'. This depicts that project was started by the Centre.

450. Appeal: Refusal :: ?

- Op 1: Obesity: Over-eating
- Op 2: Deny : Affirmation
- Op 3: Try : Failure
- Op 4: Struggle : Victory

Answer : Op 3

Explanation: Appeal means to request and refuse means to show unwillingness. Similarly, pairing of word Try and failure is as same as Appeal to Refusal. As try means to make an effort and failure means an act that did not achieve its purpose.

Option A is not right because over-eating is the cause of obesity.

Option B is also not appropriate because Deny is to accept something and Affirmation means a judgment by a higher court that the judgment of lower court was correct and should stand out.

451. Umbrella is to Rain what Goggles are to

- Op 1: Light
- Op 2: Glare
- Op 3: Beam
- Op 4: Sun

Answer : Op 2

Explanation: As Umbrella protects us from rain similarly Goggles protect us from the bright reflection of Sun and any other shiny surface.

As all other options like beam, light, Sun reflect some light but glare is most appropriate option.

452. Humanitarian is to Altruism what Host is to

- Op 1: Hostage
- Op 2: Hospitality

Op 3: Service
Op 4: Welcome

Answer : Op 2

Explanation: Humanitarian means some devoted to the promotion of welfare and to social reforms and Altruism also means the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. So being humanitarian has the quality of altruism. Host invites guests to a social event and he has quality of hospitality that means a quality to of kindness in welcoming guests.

Hostage is a prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms.

Service is an act of help or assistance. Welcome means to accept gladly.

453. Surplus is related to Sufficient as is related to Need.

Op 1:Gathering
Op 2: Demand
Op 3: Excess
Op 4: Storage

Answer : Op 3

Explanation: Surplus means a quality much larger than is needed.

Sufficient is a quantity that can fill the need or requirement.

Similarly, need is a requirement of something. Excess is quantity much larger than is needed.

454. Sheaf is related to Corn as is related to Books.

Op 1:Library
Op 2: Pile
Op 3: Anthology
Op 4: Shop

Answer : Op 2

Explanation: Sheaf is a number of wheat or corn plants that have been cut down.If Corns are collected in a sheaf similarly books are collected in form of piles. Pile is a stack of things placed on one another.

Library means a building that houses a collection of books and other materials.

Shop is a place where stuff related to anything is sold out. Anthology means a collection of literary or musical works, such as poems or short stories.

455. Income Tax : Direct :: ?

Op 1: Import : Custom Duty
Op 2: Sale Tax :Indirect
Op 3: Export : Subsidy
Op 4: Wealth Tax : Wealth

Answer : Op2

Explanation: Taxes are of two types direct and indirect. Income tax falls under category Direct Tax whereas Sale Tax comes under category Indirect Tax.

Op 1: Custom duty is levied on the imported goods as well as the goods exported from India.

Op 3: Subsidy is a grant that is paid by government so that it can benefit the other party.

Op 4: A wealth tax is a levy on the total value of the personal assets.

456. Newton : Gravitation :: ?

Op 1: Marie Curie : Uranium
Op 2: Kalpana :Rocket
Op 3: Archimedes : Buoyancy
Op 4: Davies : Safety Lamp

Answer : Op 3 .

Explanation: Option 3 is correct option because Newton found the Gravitation Law and Archimedes discovered the Buoyancy Law.

Safety Lamp is a type of lamp that was invented by Sir Humphrey Davy.

457. Polygon : Perimeter :: ?

Op 1: Triangle :Angles

Op 2: Circle : Circumference

Op 3: Semi-circle : Arc

Op 4: Square : Area

Answer : Op 2

Explanation: Perimeter can be defined as the continuous line forming the boundary of a closed geometrical figure. So, Circumference is also enclosing boundary of any curved figure, especially a circle. Area is a region that is being occupied by any two dimension figure.

Arc is a particular part of a curve. So, Op 2 is right with respect to the statement.

458. Confute : Rebut :: Repellent : ?

Op 1:Pusher

Op 2: Attractive

Op 3: Repugnant

Op 4: Spray

Answer : Op 3

Explanation: In the statement, Confute and Rebut are synonyms. Their meaning is to prove to be false. Repellent means to be offensive. So, among the options repugnant has the same meaning.

Pusher means someone who pushes.

Spray means a quantity of small objects flying through the air.

459. Abduct : Kidnap :: ?

Op 1: Pilfer :Steal

Op 2: Derail : Further

Op 3: Jump: Enjoy

Op 4: Clarify :Cuneal

Answer : Op 1

Explanation: Abduct and Kidnap is synonyms and their meaning is to take away to an undisclosed location against their will and usually in order to extract a ransom.

The correct option is 1 because Pilfer and steal also has same meaning. Their meaning is to make off with belongings of others.

460. Monolith : Rock :: ?

Op 1: Continent : Ocean

Op 2: Tor :Lea

Op 3: Grain : Sand

Op 4: Cataract : Waterfall

Answer : Op 4

Explanation: A monolith is a geological feature consisting of a single massive stone or rock. Cataract is a type of waterfall.

461. Electrical Engineers : Grid :: Cosmologists : ?

Op 1:Group

Op 2: Faculty

Op 3:Galaxy

Op 4: Syndicate

Answer : Op 3

Explanation: Electrical Engineers' workplace is grids or power stations whereas Cosmologists study the origin and development of Universe, so "Galaxy" becomes their workspace

462. Abjure : Adopt :: Forfeit : ?

Op 1:Squander

Op 2: Lavish

Op 3: Redeem

Op 4: Deposit

Answer : Op 3

Explanation: Abjure means to refuse and adopt is to take up. Both are antonyms. Forfeit is to lose something and redeem means to receive something in exchange.

463. Dividend: Shares :: ? : Debenture

Op 1: Bonus

Op 2: Gift Voucher

Op 3: Profit

Op 4: Interest

Answer : Op 4

Explanation: Dividend and Shares have same meaning which mean that a number to be divided by another number. Debenture is a long-term security yielding a fixed rate of interest, issued by a company and secured against assets. So, Interest will be right option.

464. Pascal: Programming::Oracle:?

Op 1: Internet

Op 2: Greek

Op 3: Java

Op 4: Teletext

Answer : Op 4

Explanation: As Pascal is a kind of programming language whereas Oracle is a priest or priestess who gives some response or message, which goes well with Teletext.

Internet is a network of networks.

Greek is a language.

Java is also a programming language.

465. Films are becoming a medium of cultural contacts, goodrelationsand_____among different countries.

a) wars

b) love

c) harmony

d) conformity

Answer : c

Explanation: Option C is most suitable for this option because harmony is something compatibility among the various members.

Passage

The Kingdom of Spain was created in 1492 with the unification of the Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon. For the next three centuries Spain was the most important colonial power in the world. It was the most powerful state in Europe and the foremost global power during the 16th century and the greater part of the 17th century. Spain established a vast empire in the Americas, stretching from California to Patagonia, and colonies in the western Pacific.

Spain's European wars, however, led to economic damage, and the latter part of the 17th century saw a gradual decline of power under an increasingly neglectful and inept Habsburg regime. The decline culminated in the War of the Spanish Succession, where Spain's decline from the position of a leading Western power, to that of a secondary one, was conformed, although it remained the leading colonial power. The eighteenth century saw a new dynasty, the Bourbons, which directed considerable effort towards the institutional renewal of the state, with some success, peaking in a successful involvement in the American War of Independence. The end of the eighteenth and the start of the nineteenth centuries saw turmoil unleashed throughout Europe by the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, which finally led to a French occupation of much of the continent, including Spain. This triggered a successful but devastating war of independence that shattered the country and created an opening for what would ultimately be the successful independence of Spain's mainland American colonies. Following a period of growing political instability in the early twentieth century, in 1936 Spain was plunged into a bloody civil war. The war ended in a nationalist dictatorship, led by Francisco Franco which controlled the Spanish government until 1975.

Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

466. What was the result of Napoleonic wars?

- a) A small part of the continent was occupied by French people
- b) Spain was occupied by the French
- c) War of independence was unable to yield any positive result
- d) American colonies were destroyed after the war

Answer : b

Explanation: In the given passage it being a historical fact, option b is the most suitable answer whereas other options are not discussed in the history during Napoleonic wars. Historical facts can never be changed.

467. What is the meaning of the term 'culminated'?

- a) Follow a particular path
- b) Guide or transform
- c) Reach the highest point
- d) Introduce on a grand scale

Answer : b

Explanation: according to the passage culminated means guide or transform otherwise it means reaching the highest point or leading to the war.

468. What is the summary of the passage?

- a) The rise and fall of a national empire
- b) The downfall of successive regimes in Spain
- c) The history of Spain
- d) Spain in eighteenth century

Answer : c

Explanation: The essence of the passage revolves around the history of Spain negating all other given options.

469. What occurred in the latter part of 17th century?

- a) War of succession confirmed the leading position of Spain
- b) Spain was no longer regarded as the ruling colonial power
- c) A vast empire was established in Europe
- d) Power steadily declined under Habsburg regime

Answer : d

Explanation: According to the passage (d) is the right option as it is a historical fact and it cannot be changed other options are not discussed in the latter part.

470. These clothes are very nice, but they are terribly _____

- a) ugly
- b) overpriced
- c) desired
- d) adorable

Answer : b

Explanation: According to the sentence better things demand higher price therefore opt (b) seems to be the valid one. ugly and adorable used to describe personality of somebody and desired is also not valid in terms of relevant meaning.

Passage

Personal development is the pursuit of developing, honing and mastering the skills that help us become the best that we can, with all that we have. It is the reaching for, and the realizing of, our full potential as human beings. We all want to live full, productive lives but, sometimes we just don't know where to begin. There is so much information 'out there' that it can be overwhelming and hard to sort. Depending on the problem, what seems to work for one person, may not necessarily work for everyone. There are so many different programs, strategies and techniques that it is hard to choose the right one.

One thing, however, is certain. If we want to accomplish anything in life and realize our full potential, we must have some skills - in this case, life skills. You begin by establishing a firm foundation. That foundation is "you". You must know who you are, what you want, and what you are capable of. You must then determine which values, goals and principles you will set up to guide your actions.

Often, the hardest part in any endeavor is getting started, however once you do, there is a surprising snowball effect. You will begin to feel good about what you're doing and you'll want to continue. You will want to keep improving yourself and you'll want to become the best that you can be. As you continue on the journey of personal development you will become aware that there is so much knowledge and information to be discovered and uncovered than you ever thought possible; knowledge about yourself, knowledge about others, knowledge about life and the world around you.

The good news is that acquiring Essential Life Skills will not only contribute to your personal growth and development, it will make you a more interesting and dynamic individual. What good is all the financial success in the world if you don't have self-confidence or high self-esteem, know who you really are, what you want, or what you're doing here? We've all witnessed many outwardly successful and famous people who have not been able to find personal happiness. No amount of fame or fortune could fill the void they felt inside.

471. Select the correct answer option based on the passage. Why are life skills essential for personal growth?

- a) It is important to acquire skills that help one fit into the society
- b) Growth of an individual is incomplete without proper skills and manners
- c) One can be happy by acquiring life skills, not by measuring success
- d) These skills highlight the negative aspects of our personality

Correct Op:B

Explanation: The option (b) appears to be most legitimate one in comparison with the other options since it is a pre requisite attitude for anyone to grow in this intellectual world for the survival of the fittest. Which is obvious from the Para 4.

472. What can you infer from the term 'snowball effect'?

- a) Downward trends such as feeling low about oneself are observed in people
- b) to pursue knowledge, and improve oneself
- c) Excess of knowledge can confuse a person
- d) Improving life skills requires tremendous effort and determination

Correct Op:B

Explanation: this fact is vividly clear that snowball effect refers to a continuous pursuit of self-improvement in term of knowledge too, which is manifest from paragraph 3 other options are ruled out.

473. Which of the following best describes the 'foundation'?

- a) Be clear about life and occurrence of circumstances
- b) Be free and explore unseen dimensions of living life
- c) Discover yourself and your qualities
- d) Master the skills that will help you achieve your goals

Correct Op:C

Explanation: in the 2nd Para it is clearly mentioned that foundation refers to discovering your strength and weakness so as to improve further on them as other options are not implicit in this context.

474. What problems can we face in the beginning of personality development?

- a) Abundance of problems makes it difficult to deal with them
- b) Personality has various sides which are difficult to comprehend
- c) There is no proper channel through which one can learn about personality
- d) Different methods available to help us may not work effectively for all

Correct Op:D

Explanation : in the first para as discussed about problems according to that the most suitable option is (d) and there are different programs and strategies to overcome the problem of personality development. As other options are not relevant and not mentioned in the passage.

Passage

In response to recent rise in gas prices, we are once again hearing calls for the government to "do something" to force prices lower. But no matter what the price of gasoline is, such calls are wrong. All market fluctuations in the price of gasoline, up or down, are a good thing and none of the government's business.

In the realm of business, a higher price means that firms will only purchase oil or gasoline to the extent that they can make profitable use of it at those prices. An efficient airline will still be able to offer low prices while using high-priced jet fuel; a less efficient airline may not be able to. A company in China or India that uses oil to run highly efficient factories can make profitable use of oil at \$70 a barrel; their laggard competitors may not be able to.

There is no moral or economic justification for any politician or consumer to declare market prices "too high," and to use the government to force lower prices. Doing so violates both the rights of gasoline producers and their productive customers to set voluntary prices and thus causes destructive shortages.

The government is right in taking action if an oil company provably threatens or harms a person's property. But to impose huge costs on oil companies and their customers in the name of preserving untouched nature is unconscionable. What should the government do about gasoline prices? Get its hands out of the market and keep them off.

475. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

How do high oil prices affect companies?

- a) Efficient companies can make profitable use of these prices
- b) Inefficient factories are provided subsidies by the government
- c) It provides stability for the fluctuating market
- d) There is a marginal effect on profits

Correct Op: A

Explanation: the second paragraph justifies the statement given in opt (a) as in other options seem to be inadequate in ensuring their stability due to one reason or the other like high oil prices, offer of low prices and seeking govt subsidies etc. hence, the option a is only the right option.

476. What is the meaning of 'laggard'?

- a) Complicate situations for one's benefit
- b) Move or respond slowly
- c) Respond fast in crucial circumstances
- d) Increase efficiency in short period of time

Correct Op: B

Explanation: According to the passage meaning of laggard refers to respond slowly as other options have the opposite meaning to it.

477. What is the conflict regarding market fluctuation in prices?

- a) Oil prices are being lowered forcefully by companies
- b) Companies are making no effort to stabilize prices
- c) Importance of government intervention is negligible, contrary to popular belief
- d) Market is suffering with government's future plans of control

Correct Op: B

Explanation : The option a, c and d are not adequate in term of their adequate meaning since, the prices are not subjected to the discretion of the govt that has no intervention in regulating oil prices. the option (b) sounds the most suitable answer.

478. Why should the government not intervene in lowering prices?

- a) Market prices are governed by monopolistic competition
- b) Rights of producers will be violated with the intervention
- c) Massive costs to companies are not advisable during financial crisis
- d) Preserving oil for future generations should be in the hands of organizations

Correct Op:B

Explanation: In the given passage any intervention on the part of the govt amounts to violation of the producer's right resulting in the govt decision to stay away from it. Opt a,c and d are out rightly over ruled.

Passage

China's massive subsidization of its steel industry is having consequences that are truly global. By expanding its steel industry by Government fiat, rather than in response to the demands of the market, China has skewed the entire world market in steel and in the inputs used to make steel. In doing so, it has directly injured both foreign steel producers and steel consuming industries in other countries.

China's explosive growth between 2000 and the present required massive amounts of steel, and indeed, during much of this period China was the world's leading steel importer. By building up its steel industry to artificial levels, though, China deprived steel producers in other countries of valuable sales. This is significant, because steel is a highly cyclical industry.

Not surprisingly, the rapid expansion of steelmaking capacity in China led first to the replacement of imports, and then to a boom in exports. In product line after product line, Chinese exports have flooded world markets, driving down prices.

The world in many ways constitutes an integrated market for steel. Through a dramatic expansion in capacity fueled largely by subsidies and Government-directed lending, the Chinese steel industry is destabilizing that market. Foreign steel producers are not the only ones harmed by the subsidized expansion of the Chinese steel industry. Foreign steel consumers have also been injured. The expansion of the steel industry is only part of the Chinese Government's plan for the development of the Chinese economy. The Chinese Government is also encouraging the development of manufacturing industries that use steel.

Manufacturers of products that are steel-intensive, such as automotive parts and appliances, are seeing increasing competition from Chinese producers who have access to subsidized domestic steel. Subsidized steel is going to manufacture components in China that ultimately end up in the United States and replace American steel. Indeed, American consumers report that they can import finished parts cheaper from China than they can buy the steel here. At the same time that U.S. steel producers are seeing increased imports caused, directly and indirectly, by increased Chinese production, we are also seeing many of our domestic customers move production to China, or go out of business altogether.

479. Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

Which of the options most closely describes 'by Government fiat'?

- a) In response to Government order
- b) Before the Chinese Government ordered
- c) With the help of Chinese owned fiat company
- d) In keeping with Government intuition

Correct Op:B

Explanation: A thorough study of the entire passage reveals the dominance of Chinese steel industry over the entire world in term of import export policy manufacturing and setting up of more steel industries in china giving an edge to all its foreign competitors .from this study it is inferred that (b) is the only correct Answer. the other options do not spell any comprehensive understanding of the context.

480. How have US steel consumers gotten affected as a result of Chinese steel?

- a) Import from China has become very easy and hence there is no need to manufacture the finished product in the US
- b) Subsidized Chinese steel which is not of very high quality is affecting quality of finished product
- c) Demand for steel is less than supply from China, leading smaller US steel consumers to shut down business
- d) Raw material in America costs more than the finished product in China and hence production is unfeasible

Correct Op:D

Explanation: in the last para the status of American steel industry is clearly explained in term of shifting of the American steel industry to china or leaving America in lurch, a closer look at this para leads us to understand that d) is the best implied answer visavis the other options which provide fractured information.

481. What does "dramatic expansion" indicate?

- a) Artificial expansion
- b) Noticeable expansion
- c) Unstable expansion
- d) Unreal expansion

Correct Op: A

Explanation : Dramatic expansion implies a sudden and steady upsurge of the steel manufacturing industries in China resulting in a nosedive in steel business in foreign countries in general and America in particular therefore it is becoming the central hub of steel manufacturing.

482. What is the main motive behind expansion of steel industry in China?

- a) Increased returns as a result of higher market share globally
- b) Replacing imports and growth of Chinese economy
- c) Driving out foreign producers and consumers from the world market of steel
- d) Make a global impact in all industries, beginning with steel industry

Correct Op: B

Explanation: Empowering the Chinese economy by increasing export and lowering the import hence b is the right option and other options are just creating ancillary effects which cannot be held as the sole responsible reason.

483. Efficiency is all right in its place, in shop, the factory, the store. The trouble with efficiency is that it wants to rule our play as well as our work; it won't be content to reign in the shop, it follows us home

- 1. Efficiency can become allpervading.
- 2. Efficiency does not always pay.
- 3. Efficiency can be more of a torture than blessing.
- 4. None of these.

Correct Op: 1

Explanation : the argument in the passage is that once the notion of the efficiency builds up in the workplace it does not stop there and goes on to infiltrate the lives of the people in their homes, in playgrounds and elsewhere too. It spreads everywhere, be it work shop or home. Option 1 is the correct option .option b and c says that this won't always pay or could be tortured respectively. Nothing of this order has been indicated in this passage.

484. Choose the alternative to quotation part

They were going home "WHEN IT WAS STARTING TO RAIN".

- a) when it started to rain
- b) When it was raining
- c) when it is starting to rain
- d) No change

ANS: a) when it started to rain

Explanation: In the sentence we are using past continuous tense, second option is not valid as we don't use another continuous tense for mentioning a point of time. Third option is not at all valid for being in present tense. The only valid answer is "a".

485. Find out any error

(A) All the guests on the (B) boat got frightened (C) when they heard the alarm

- A) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) No Error

ANS: D: NO ERROR

Explanation: The sentence is grammatically correct, thus the answer is option "d".

486. There was ----- in the country when their cricket team won the worldcup

- a)Happiness
- b)Energy
- c)Shock
- d) Jubilation

ANS: d)JUBLIATION

Explanation: Jubilation means rejoicing which results from a sense of victory. Option "A" is not valid as happiness is used in a general sense and the other options are not similar in meaning. Thus, the most appropriate answer is "A".

487. Arrange the correct sequence:

S1:Hi.Sandeep .hope all is well with you

S2:nonetheless.we had great fun whilerafting

P:We all went for a short trip last weekend to rishikesh for camping and rafting

Q:it was a lot of fun as we all stayed in camp at the river side

R:Everybody here is doing is great

S:there weren't many rapids in the river this year due to less rain.

- a)PSRQ
- b)SPQR
- c)RPQS
- d)QPRS

ANS: c)RPQS

Explanation: Since, in the first sentence we are asking about well-being of the person. The next sentence which correlates to the previous sentence is "R". According to this, the correct sequence is option "c".

488. NOVICE(opposite)

- a)Neophyte
- b)Adept
- c)Probationer
- d)Greenhorn

ANS: b)Adept

Explanation: Neophyte, Probationer, and Greenhorn are similar meaning words but they are used in different contexts. Neophyte means a person who is new to a religion. Probationer: a person new to a profession. Greenhorn: a person new to certain customs or norms of behavior. Novice means a person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation. Adept means very skilled or proficient at something; is the exact opposite of novice.

489. Fickle(opposite)

- A)fiddle
- b)Stable
- c)volatile
- d)Lame

ANS: b)Stable

Explanation: Fickle means "changing frequently". The only option which is exact opposite of this is "stable".

490. VANISH(Meaning)

- a)Evacuate
- b) Decrease
- c)Disappear
- d)Harm

ANS: c)Disappear

Explanation: Vanish means disappear suddenly and completely. Thus, the answer is option c.

491. Choose the alternate word to PREDICTION

As per weather "PREDICTION", it will rain heavily for the next one week

- a) observation
- b) report
- c) news
- d) forecast

ANS: d) forecast

Explanation: Forecasting is a scientific estimate about future situations. Prediction is used in unscientific situations. Other options are not similar. Thus, "d" is the correct option.

492. Find out any grammatical error or not?

(A) His Low marks in English (B) suggested that he did (C) not know nothing (D) about the language (E) No error

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D
- e) E

ANS: C

Explanation: The error is in part "C" as we cannot use not and nothing together in a single sentence. We need to replace "nothing" with "anything" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

493. Find out any grammatical error or not?

(A) Yauhan do not understand (B) the importance of money as (C) he never had to earn himself

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) No error

ANS: A

Explanation: "Yahun" is a singular subject. So, according to SVA, singular subject is followed by singular verb. So, we need to replace "do" with "does" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

494. The guest wanted to know ----- the hotel was offering him an extra overnight stay that they promised him

- a) for
- b) was
- c) whether
- d) As

ANS: whether

Explanation: Here we are talking about choices and whether denotes "choices". So, the correct answer is "c".

495. To find whether there is any error or not?

A) Green home cleaning can be a tiny (B) and imperative step in (c) balancing and preserving our nature

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) No error

ANS: b

Explanation: We need to replace "and" with "but" as in the sentence, two opposite actions are stated. Thus, the correct answer is "B".

496. Arrange the fragments of A, B, C, D, E, F in order to form a meaningful sentence?

- A) disappointed if
- B) not fulfilled
- C) do not be

- D) or
- E) promises are
- F) friends let you down

- a) CFDAEB
- b) CABDEF
- c) CAFDBE
- d) CAFDEB
- e) CBAEDF

ANS: d) CAFDEB

Explanation: Since all the answer choices start with C, it gives us an idea about the start of the sentence. As "C" ends with be, it will be followed by a verb, which is in Part A. The next main entity in the sentence is friends, thus the sequence will follow "F" and the answer will be "D".

497. Fatimah is a girl of principle, and she (B) would never go against her values (C) to get admission in that institute.

(A) (B) (C) No error find error in above statement

ANS: B

Explanation: The error is in part "B" as when we are saying that Fatimah is a girl of principle, we are sure about it and when we need to represent something we are sure of, we need to use "will". Thus, we need to replace "would" with "will" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

498. what is the meaning of trust

ANS: Faith

Explanation: Trust and faith are synonyms to each other. It means firm belief in something.

499. the meaning of primal

ANS: being first intime

Explanation: Primal means relating to an early stage in evolutionary development; primeval. It also means primary or fundamental.

500. what is the meaning of placid?

ANS: quiet, calm, peaceful, phlegmatic.

Explanation: Placid means calm and peaceful, which is the answer.

501. Funds are Scarce, so ----- are needed to re-build homes destroyed by the food.

1. patience
2. volunteers
3. workers
4. materials

ANS: 2. volunteers

Explanation: "Volunteers" is the most comprehensive word in the context. Volunteers will themselves arrange for workers and materials. *Patience* does not fit the context.

501. ABSURD (SIMILAR WORD)

1. absent
2. present
3. equitable
4. level
5. Inane

ANS: 5. Inane

Explanation: Absurd means something illogical and senseless. Inane means stupid or absurd. All other choices are not even similar in any context. Thus the correct answer is inane.

502. ENFORCE (OPPOSITE)

1. Administer

2. Accomplish

3. Abandon

4. Exert

ANS: 3. Abandon

Explanation: Enforce means to put a force or rule on someone. Administer means to rule. Accomplish means to attain something. Abandon means to leave behind or free someone. Thus, it is the exact opposite.

503. All the efforts of the batsmen went _____ vain as the bowlers failed to perform well

Option

a) in

b) on

c) for

d) off

ANS: a) in

Explanation: As we are explaining that all the efforts were wasted due to bowlers, thus the right preposition to be used here is "in".

504. It was a see-saw battle but Manpreet _____ ahead in the third round and won

Option

a) flowed

b) Ebbled

c) perched

d) surged

ANS: d) surged

Explanation: Flowed cannot be used in context to persons. Ebbled means to drop, decay. Perched means to sit and rest. Surged means to move ahead; which is the only relevant answer.

505. A writer always is having his own vision of life

1. always has

2. always had

3. always have

4. have always

5. no improvement needed

ANS: 4 always has

Explanation: Since, it is a general statement; we need to use present tense. Thus, the answer is "always has".

506. (A) Western culture have (B) influenced many people in (C) India in a very powerful way.

1. (A)

2. (B)

3. (C)

4. no

ANS: 1. (A)

Explanation: The error is in part A as "Western culture" is a singular subject, so it will take singular form of verb. So, we need to replace "have" with "has" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

507. Singers from all over the world (gathered there to paying tribute) to a legend music...

Alternate sentence

ANS: Singers from all over the world gathered there to pay tribute to a legend music.

Explanation: To being an infinitive should always be followed by first form of verb.

508. The Oriental Express is Hyderabad bound train from Delhi and it goes

_____ Bhopal

ANS: To

Explanation: Whenever we talk about movement between two given points, we use "to" preposition with

destination.

509. He wanders here and there in search of silence and peace. Helivesa_____life.

- [a]nomadic
- [b]boring
- [c]religious
- [d]busy

ANS: [d]nomadic

Explanation: Nomadic is someone who moves from place to place. Thus, it is the only option which goes well with the statement.

510. Rima avoids travelling by flight as she feels afraid during take_____and landing.

- [a]on
- [b]up
- [c]off
- [d]away

ANS: [c]off

Explanation: Whenever we talk about flying of an aero plane, we use the term “take off” for that. Thus, the answer is “C”.

511. Astronauts have completed a major mission in space it was_____a replacement of the fuel tank in one of the space stations

- [a]concerns
- [b]concern
- [c]concerning
- [d]concerned

ANS: [c]concerning

Explanation: Since in the second part of sentence, the helping verb used is “was” it will be followed by ing form of verb. Thus, the correct answer is “c”.

512. All party members, when the reporters_____had supported the leaders for introducing the anti-poverty program

- [a]interview
- [b]interviews
- [c]interviewed
- [d]interviewing

ANS: [c]interviewed

Explanation: In the sentence, past perfect tense is used. So, we need to use 3rd form of verb. Thus, the answer will be “c”.

513. The labor union decided to go on strike since the management was against and did not agree to their terms

The discussion had reached a/an_____

- [a]climax
- [b]obstacle
- [c]impetus
- [d]impane

ANS: [b]obstacle

Explanation: Since, the statement is in negative sense, as the management did not agree, so, the option climax becomes invalid. Impetus means force and impane has no meaning in context to the statement. Thus, the only appropriate answer is “obstacle”.

514. Chicago is widely known for its stuffed pizza and pizza pie JOINTS HAVE ALWAYS BUSTING with innumerable people.

- (a)joints which were busting
- (b)joints that are always busting

(c) joints that have always been busting

(d) no improvement needed

ANS: (b) joints that are always supposed to be busting

Explanation: Since we are using present tense, so, the correct option will be "b".

515. The success that he has gained, though striking enough, does not, however, commensurate . . . the efforts made by him.

a. About

b. From

c. With

d. Beside

e. Over

ANS: c. With

Explanation: Commensurate means correspond and we can always use "correspond with" something rather than using any other preposition. Thus, the answer will be "with".

516. it is preposterous on your part to look for a job without first completing your education.

a. Wise

b. Imperative

c. Advisable

d. Most admirable

e. Very absurd

ANS: e. Very absurd

Explanation: Preposterous means completely contradictory to nature, ridiculous or absurd. Thus, the answer will be "e".

517. a) when captain called the crew b) each of the crew member ran towards c) the deck of ship

1) a

2) b

3) c

ANS: b

Explanation: According to SVA whenever "each" comes in the sentence, it is followed by singular form of verb. So, we need to replace "member" with "members" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

518. The protracted illness has reduced him _____ skeleton

a) through

b) till

c) to

d) round

e) from

ANS: c) to

Explanation: To can be used to talk about a condition when something is getting affected due to something else. Here, we are saying that illness is affecting a person, thus "to" will be the right preposition to be used.

519. The institute reserves the right to make any change in the items _____ in the itinerary.

1) contains

2) contained

3) contain

4) includes

ANS: 2) contained

Explanation: past tense: contained is used as the past tense refers to things that happened in the past. To make the past tense of regular verbs, the ending -ed is added to the infinitive the sentence is in present perfect tense that's why contained so "contained" is the best suited option among all.

520. Heritage languages which are rich in culture are becoming _____

- 1) extinct
- 2) extinguish
- 3) extinction
- 4) extinctive

ANS: 1) extinct

Explanation: extinct: no longer existing or no longer extant according to the sentence structure "extinct" is the best suited option among all as other options will change the meaning of the sentence.

521. BROADLY(OPPOSITE)

- (a) Specifically (b) Individually (c) Separately (d) Hardly

ANS: (a) Specifically

Explanation: Broadly: means widely and openly the most opposite word among all other options is specifically which means in a way that is exact and clear; precisely.

Individually: means one by one; singly; separately.

Separately: as a separate entity or entities; not together.

Hardly: scarcely (used to qualify a statement by saying that it is true to an insignificant degree).

522. Profession(Opposite)

1. Pastime
2. Idleness
3. Subordinate
4. Joblessness

ANS: Pastime

Explanation: Pastime: an activity that someone does regularly for enjoyment rather than work; a hobby the most opposite word among all other options is pastime.

524. (A) Fishermen is (B) spotted catching on (C) the bank of the river.

1. (A)
2. (B)
3. (C)
4. No error

ANS: (A)

Explanation: Fisherman, just one (1) man. Fishermen, means two (2) or more men, Man - Singular (1), Men - Plural (2, 3...) so error is in part A as plural noun needs to be followed by plural verb.

525. Select the correct alternative.

Many (peoples of world keep) procrastinating and then they lose in the end.

1. Many people in the world keeps
2. Many people in world keep
3. Many people in the world keep
4. No improvement needed

ANS: Many people in the world keep

Explanation: people - human being considered collectively. It is the entire body of persons who constitute community. So (many people in the world keep) is the correct answer. People itself is plural, it need not associated with "s".

526. Find the Grammatical error.

(A) Widespread use of internet has created (B) a panic in the music industry, which face a problem (C) of lesser sales, as more of its customers get their desired music files from the internet, free of cost.

1. (A)
2. (B)

3. (C)

4. No error

ANS: (B)

Explanation: subject verb agreement: in present tense= 3rd person singular+v1+smusic industry+face+s
so the answer is which faces. Music industry is considered singular and needs to be followed by singular verb.

527. After being promoted, she is not bothered _____ the office gossip about her private life.

1. for

2. in

3. from

4. by

ANS: . from

Explanation: From: is used to show the reason for something or used to show the reason for making a judgment
Use of "by" to indicate means. The preposition of "by" is used to indicate how something is done so according to the sentence structure from is the best suited option among all.

528. The great epics of ancient India took shape in the course of several hundred years, and _____, many additions were made to them.

1. following

2. then

3. subsequently

4. otherwise

ANS: Subsequently

Explanation: subsequently: means after a particular thing has happened; afterwards according to the sentence structure subsequently is the correct answer as other options given are inappropriate.

Following: what follows or comes next. Then: at that time, at the time in question. Otherwise: in circumstances different from those present or considered; or else.

529. Radha did not get a promotion _____ her consistent performance throughout the year.

1. besides

2. in spite

3. despite

4. although

ANS: . despite

Explanation: despite: means without being affected by; according to the sentence structure despite is the correct answer as other options given are inappropriate.

Besides: in addition to.

In spite: regardless of; notwithstanding.

Although: in spite of the fact that; even though.

530. Excessive amounts of mercury in drinking water, associated with certain types of industrial pollution have been shown to cause Hobson's disease. Island L has an economy based entirely on subsistence level agriculture. Modern industry of any kind is unknown. The inhabitants of Island L have unusually high incidence of Hobson's disease.

a) Mercury in drinking water is actually perfectly safe

b) Mercury in drinking water must have sources other than industrial pollution

c) Hobson's disease must have causes other than mercury in drinking water

d) Both options (1) and (2)

e) Both options (3) and (2)

ANS: e) Both options (3) and (2)

Explanation: Option 3 and 2 are the correct answer as first and second option cannot be the answer as its combination is incorrect according to the meaning of the sentences given.

531. Nothing _____ convinced her to cancel her trip to Goa

- a. Was going to
- b. Could have
- c. Could
- d. Will have

ANS: b. Could have

Explanation: convinced: past tense is used as the past tense refers to things that happened in the past. To make the past tense of regular verbs, the ending -ed is added to the infinitive. The sentence is in present perfect tense that's why could have is the best suited option among all as it expresses the simple past.

532. He had no interest in _____ obligatory dinners and social events

- a. Attend
- b. Attending
- c. Attends
- d. Attend to

ANS: b. Attending

Explanation: Attending: This verb form is used as a present participle, as a gerund, and sometimes as an independent noun or adjective so option B is the correct answer among all other options.

533. The experiment led to the emission of _____ vapor, which resulted in immediate termination of the research

- a. Noxious
- b. Non-toxic
- c. Innocuous
- d. Bland

ANS: a. Noxious

Explanation: Noxious: harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant according to the sentence structure noxious is the best suited answer among all other options as other options given are inappropriate according to the meaning of the sentence.

Non-toxic: not poisonous or toxic.

Innocuous: not harmful or offensive.

Bland: lacking strong features or characteristics and therefore uninteresting.

534. Salim could not make it to the party as he _____ to finish his assignment

- a. Had
- b. Has
- c. Have
- d. Want

ANS: Had

Explanation: had: We use the verb had and the past participle for the past perfect in the sentence "could" is used to express possibility or past ability as well as to make suggestions and requests so according to the sentence structure A is the correct option.

535. A contract must be honored. You cannot _____ on it.

- A) Back out
- B) Give Up
- C) Renege
- D) Renounce

ANS: C) Renege

Explanation: renege, back out and renounce are synonyms, but the option that best fits is "RENEGE" because renounce and back out are in case of surrendering, not dishonoring any commitment or word.

536. He worked really hard thus _____ to be promoted

- a)deserves
- b)deserve
- c)merit
- d)warranted

ANS: a)deserves

Explanation: he is singular so the verb used is also singular plain form: deserve, Third person singular: deserves according to the sentence structure deserves is the correct answer as other options given are inappropriate.

537. Transient (Opposite)

- a)temporal
- b)persistent
- c)emigrating
- d)transitory

ANS: b)persistent

Explanation: Transient means which last for short period of time. Hence, persistent is the correct option as persistent means which exists over a prolonged period.

538. I always wanted a basketball and _____ iPod in my collection

option:

- a)The
- b)a
- c)an

ANS: AN

Explanation: "An" is the correct option because iPod starts with I which is a vowel.

539. The firefighting team reached the venue quickly and extinguished the fire _____ saving many life.

option:

- a)Therefore
- b)hence
- c)thereby
- d)then

ANS: thereby

Explanation: You use **thereby** to introduce an important result or consequence of the event or action you have just mentioned.

540. a) Farm fare was the largest rage b) on social networking sites these day and c) has a big fan following d) No error

ANS: b

Explanation: Here the rest of the sentence is in present tense. Hence, in the option A there should be is in place of was.

541. A) Shalini win the race b) as she practiced too hard c) for the tournament d) no error

ANS: a

Explanation: The task has been done in the past so there should be won in place of win in the first option.

542. What it mean??

Every cloud has silver lining

Ans: after every bad time there comes a good

one...cloud refers to Hard times or sorrow;

Silver lining refers to success or happiness.

So, the complete meaning is; after every hard time, success comes.

Explanation: After every after every bad time there comes a good one, cloud refers to hard times or sorrows and silver lining refers to success and happiness. So the complete meaning is, after every hard time, comes the success.

543. A firework suddenly . . . unexpectedly
(1) fired off (2) went off (3) blew off (4) broke up

Ans: 3.

Explanation: Fire off: to send something to someone immediately, by a very rapid means. Whereas blew off means to demolish by the force of an explosion. Hence C is the correct option.

544. Opposite of SUPPRESS
(1) stimulate (2) curb (3) allay (4) redress

Ans: 1. Stimulate

Explanation: Suppress means to reduce whereas Stimulate means to increase. However the other options like Allay, Curb and redress are the synonyms of Suppress.

545. choose the opposite (antonym) of CONFUSE

(1) puzzle (2) orthodox
(3) sink (4) gratitude

answer-(4) gratitude

Explanation: gratitude-quality of being thankful puzzle-confusing; sink-shrink
Orthodox-beliefs of religion

555 .opposite of discreet

(1) prudent (2) indiscreet
(3) careful (4) cautious

answer- 2) indiscreet

Explanation: Synonym: careful, circumspect, cautious, wary, chary, guarded, close-lipped, close-mouthed.
Antonym: obtrusive, conspicuous, prominent, noticeable, obvious, pronounced, unmistakable, inescapable, indiscreet. Thus, the answer is 2.

556. Find the correct sentence structure:

i want Ramesh and she to be the captain for the rest of the year.

a her to be the captains for the rest of the year.

b she to be the captain for the rest of the year.

c her as the captains for the rest of the year.

d she both be captains for the rest of the year.

ans - "a".

Explanation: "A" because when 'her' is the pronoun used for third person. Here 'I' is the first person or subject and 'her' represents third person along with Ramesh.

557- passive form of –anybody wants to come with me ?

a does anybody want to come with me ?

b is anybody want to come with me ?

c anybody want to come with me ?

d anybody wants to come with me ?

answer-A

Explanation: This is an interrogative sentence. In Passive voice does is used with noun phrase. Hence the best suitable answer is A.

558. it took me awhile to _____ to the new job

- a adapt
- b refresh
- c renew
- d dismiss
- a. adapt

Ans: a

Explanation: Since adapt means 'to become accustomed'. This is the only word that fits into the blank.

559 .Fill in the blank with correct preposition

This brand of TV is quite inferior _____ that one.

- A) than
- B) to
- C) with
- D) over

ans : (B) to

Explanation: The comparative adjectives, senior, junior, superior, inferior, posterior, anterior, prior are always followed by "TO" instead of "THAN"

560. The stenographer is very efficient. He is _____ to his firm.

- A) an asset
- B) a credit
- C) a blessing
- D) a boon

Ans) an asset

Explanation: Asset means valuable person. so option A best suits the sentence.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions carefully.

Since the late 1970s when the technology for sex determination first came into being, sex selective abortion has unleashed a saga of horror. Experts are calling it "sanitised barbarism". Demographic trends indicate the country is fast heading towards a million female foetuses aborted each year.

Although foetal sex determination and sex selection is a criminal offence in India, the practice is rampant. Private clinics with ultrasound machines are doing brisk business. Everywhere, people are paying to know the sex of an unborn child. And paying more to abort the female child. The technology has even reached remote areas through mobile clinics. Dr. Puneet Bedi, obstetrician and specialist in foetal medicine, says these days he hardly sees a family with two daughters. People are getting sex determination done even for the first child, he says.

Spreading like a virus

A recent media workshop on the issue of sex selection and female foeticide brought home the extent of the problem. Held in Agra in February, the workshop was organized by UNICEF, Business Community Foundation, and the Centre for Advocacy and Research. Doctors, social scientists, researchers, activists, bureaucrats, journalists told their stories of what they were doing to fight the problem.

If the 1991 Census showed that two districts had a child sex ratio (number of girls per thousand boys) less than 850; by 2001 it was 51 districts. Child rights activist Dr. Sabu George says feticide is the most extreme form of violence against women. "Today a girl is several times more likely to be eliminated before birth than die of various causes in the first year. Nature intended the womb to be a safe space. Today, doctors have made it the most unsafe space for the female child," he says. He believes that doctors must be held responsible — "They have aggressively promoted the misuse of technology and legitimized feticide."

Researchers and scholars use hard-hitting analogy to emphasize the extent of the problem. Dr. Satish Agnihotri, senior IAS officer and scholar who has done extensive research on the issue, calls the technology "a weapon of mass destruction". Dr. Bedi refers to it as genocide: "More than 6 million killed in 20 years. That's the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust."

Related issues

Feticide is also one of the most common causes of maternal mortality. The sex of the fetus can be determined only around 14-16 weeks. This means most sex selective abortions are late. Abortion after 20 weeks is illegal in India. Donna Fernandes, Vimochana, a Bangalore-based NGO, says feticide is related to a host of other social

problems as varied as privatization of medical education and dowry. Karnataka has the highest number of private medical colleges. Healthcare turning commodity has led to terrifying consequences. Adds Fernandes, "Wherever green revolution has happened feticide has increased. With more landholdings and wealth inheritance dowry has increased. Daughters are considered an economic liability. Today, people don't want their daughters to study higher — a more well-educated groom will demand more dowry."

Ironically, as income levels increase, sex determination and sex selection is increasing. The most influential pockets have the worst sex ratios. Take Punjab for instance — 793 girls for every 1,000 boys against the national figure of 927. Or South Delhi — one of the most affluent localities of the Capital — 760. According to Satara-based advocate Varsha Deshpande, small families have come at the cost of the girl child.

In patriarchal States like Rajasthan where infanticide has existed for centuries, this new technology has many takers. Meena Sharma, 27, television journalist from Rajasthan, who did a series of sting operations across four States last year, says, "Today, people want to pretend they are modern and that they do not discriminate between a girl and a boy. Yet, they will not hesitate to quietly go to the next village and get an ultrasound done."

Sharma was determined to expose the widespread malpractice. She travelled with pregnant women as "decoys" across four States and more than 13,000 km to do a series of sting operations. She says more than 100 doctors of the 140 they met were ready to do a sex selective abortion, some as late as the seventh month. "We were shocked at the greed we saw — doctors did not even ask why we wanted to abort, far from dissuading us from doing so," she says.

What's the solution? Varsha Deshpande says the PCPNDT Act (Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques — Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) is very well conceived and easy to use. "We have done 17 sting operations across Maharashtra and got action taken against more than 25 doctors," says Varsha. She adds that other laws for violence against women such as dowry, domestic violence, rape, put the control in the hands of the police which is biased. Therefore, even though the law exists, offenders get away. This law preventing sex determination and sex selection is much easier to use, she says.

Regulating technology

Akhila Sivadas, Centre for Advocacy and Research, Delhi, agrees that the law is very well conceived and the need of the hour is legal literacy to ensure the law is implemented. "The demand and supply debate has been going on for some time. Doctors say there is a social demand and they are only fulfilling it. They argue that social attitudes must change. However, in this case supply fuels demand. Technology will have to be regulated. Technology in the hands of greedy, vested interests, cannot be neutral. There is a law to prevent misuse and we must be able to use it," she says. CFAR is currently partnering with local NGOs in six districts of Rajasthan to help ensure implementation of the law.

On the "demand" side, experts such as Dr. Agnihotri argue that women's participation in workforce, having disposable incomes and making a contribution to larger society will make a difference to how women are seen. Youth icons and role models such as Sania Mirza are making an impact, he says.

Others feel there needs to be widespread visible contempt and anger in society against this "genocide" — "the kind we saw against the Nithari killings," says Dr. Bedi. "Today nobody can say female feticide is not their problem." Time we all did our bit to help save the girl child. Time's running out.

561. what does the word 'sanitized' imply in the 1st para of passage?

- a) unforgivable
- b) legitimate
- c) free from dirt
- d) none of these

Answer-b

Explanation: Legitimate is the best suitable word for sanitized as here as barbarism is represented in legal form . Hence legitimate is the only substitute for legal.

562. Which to people suggest 2 similar problem

- a) agnihotri and george
- b) bedi and agnihotri
- c) george and bedi
- d) george and sivadas

Answer-d

Explanation: Here both George and sivadas represent same problem, they argue that social attitudes must

change. However, in this case supply fuels demand. Technology will have to be regulated. Technology in the hands of greedy, vested interests cannot be neutral.

563. which demand does the author refer to in para 5

- a) demand for principled doctor
- b) demand for high income jobs for women
- c) demand for youths
- d) demand for sex determination and demand

Answer- b

Explanation: Dr Agnihotri argue that women's participation in workforce, having disposable incomes and making a contribution to larger society will make a difference to how women are seen. So here demand is referred to demand for high income jobs for women.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions carefully.

Sixty years ago, on the evening of August 14, 1947, a few hours before Britain's Indian Empire was formally divided into the nation-states of India and Pakistan, Lord Louis Mountbatten and his wife, Edwina, sat down in the vice regal mansion in New Delhi to watch the latest Bob Hope movie, "My Favorite Brunette." Large parts of the subcontinent were descending into chaos, as the implications of partitioning the Indian Empire along religious lines became clear to the millions of Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs caught on the wrong side of the border. In the next few months, some twelve million people would be uprooted and as many as a million murdered. But on that night in mid-August the bloodbath—and the fuller consequences of hasty imperial retreat—still lay in the future, and the Mountbattens probably felt they had earned their evening's entertainment.

Mountbatten, the last viceroy of India, had arrived in New Delhi in March, 1947, charged with an almost impossible task. Irrevocably enfeebled by the Second World War, the British belatedly realized that they had to leave the subcontinent, which had spiraled out of their control through the nineteen-forties. But plans for brisk disengagement ignored messy realities on the ground. Mountbatten had a clear remit to transfer power to the Indians within fifteen months. Leaving India to God, or anarchy, as Mohandas Gandhi, the foremost Indian leader, exhorted, wasn't a political option, however tempting. Mountbatten had to work hard to figure out how and to whom power was to be transferred.

The dominant political party, the Congress Party, took inspiration from Gandhi in claiming to be a secular organization, representing all four hundred million Indians. But many Muslim politicians saw it as a party of upper-caste Hindus and demanded a separate homeland for their hundred million co-religionists, who were intermingled with non-Muslim populations across the subcontinent's villages, towns, and cities. Eventually, as in Palestine, the British saw partition along religious lines as the quickest way to the exit.

But sectarian riots in Punjab and Bengal dimmed hopes for a quick and dignified British withdrawal, and boded ill for India's assumption of power. Not surprisingly, there were some notable absences at the Independence Day celebrations in New Delhi on August 15th. Gandhi, denouncing freedom from imperial rule as a "wooden loaf," had remained in Calcutta, trying, with the force of his moral authority, to stop Hindus and Muslims from killing each other. His great rival Mohammed Ali Jinnah, who had fought bitterly for a separate homeland for Indian Muslims, was in Karachi, trying to hold together the precarious nation-state of Pakistan.

Nevertheless, the significance of the occasion was not lost on many. While the Mountbattens were sitting down to their Bob Hope movie, India's constituent assembly was convening in New Delhi. The moment demanded grandiloquence, and Jawaharlal Nehru, Gandhi's closest disciple and soon to be India's first Prime Minister, provided it. "Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny," he said. "At the stroke of the midnight hour, while the world sleeps, India will awaken to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance."

Posterity has enshrined this speech, as Nehru clearly intended. But today his quaint phrase "tryst with destiny" resonates ominously, so enduring have been the political and psychological scars of partition. The souls of the two new nation-states immediately found utterance in brutal enmity. In Punjab, armed vigilante groups, organized along religious lines and incited by local politicians, murdered countless people, abducting and raping thousands of women. Soon, India and Pakistan were fighting a war—the first of three—over the disputed territory of Kashmir. Gandhi, reduced to despair by the seemingly endless cycle of retaliatory mass murders and displacement, was shot dead in January, 1948, by a Hindu extremist who believed that the father of the Indian nation was too soft on Muslims. Jinnah, racked with tuberculosis and overwork, died a few months later, his

dream of a secular Pakistan apparently buried with him.

Many of the seeds of postcolonial disorder in South Asia were sown much earlier, in two centuries of direct and indirect British rule, but, as book after book has demonstrated, nothing in the complex tragedy of partition was inevitable. In "Indian Summer" (Henry Holt; \$30), Alex von Tunzelmann pays particular attention to how negotiations were shaped by an interplay of personalities. Von Tunzelmann goes on a bit too much about the Mountbattens' open marriage and their connections to various British royals, toffs, and fops, but her account, unlike those of some of her fellow British historians, isn't filtered by nostalgia. She summarizes bluntly the economic record of the British overlords, who, though never as rapacious and destructive as the Belgians in the Congo, damaged agriculture and retarded industrial growth in India through a blind faith in the "invisible hand" that supposedly regulated markets. Von Tunzelmann echoes Edmund Burke's denunciation of the East India Company when she terms the empire's corporate forerunner a "beast" whose "only object was money"; and she reminds readers that, in 1877, the year that Queen Victoria officially became Empress of India, a famine in the south killed five million people even as the Queen's viceroy remained adamant that famine relief was a misguided policy.

Politically, too, British rule in India was deeply conservative, limiting Indian access to higher education, industry, and the civil service. Writing in the New York Tribune in the mid-nineteenth century, Karl Marx predicted that British colonials would prove to be the "unconscious tool" of a "social revolution" in a subcontinent stagnating under "Oriental despotism." As it turned out, the British, while restricting an educated middle class, empowered a multitude of petty Oriental despots. (In 1947, there were five hundred and sixty-five of these feudatories, often called maharajas, running states as large as Belgium and as small as Central Park.)

564. in the view of author what is the phrase "tryst with destiny" symbolize today?

- a) a celebration of Indian independence
- b) an inspirational quote
- c) a reminder of Gandhi's assassination
- d) a symbol of ills of partition

Answer d) a symbol of ills of partition

Explanation: Nehru talks about how enduring have been the political and psychological scars of partition. "The souls of the two new nation-states that immediately found utterance in brutal enmity". Hence the best suitable answer is 'd'.

565. what does the author imply about the future of Pakistan?

- a) it becomes a secular country
- b) it becomes unsecular
- c) it is unprosperous
- d) it becomes a rough state

3 - b) it becomes unsecular

Explanation: It's clearly stated in paragraph that Jinnah, racked with tuberculosis and overwork, died a few months later, his dream of a secular Pakistan apparently buried with him. Thus the obvious future of Pakistan is a clear unsecular nation.

566. the author persists on talking about the "Bob Hope movie" in article. Why?

- a) because the movie was classified in 1947
- b) he thinks it caused the partition of sub-continent
- c) he uses it to show the apathy of Britishers to sub-continent
- d) it was Mountbatten's favorite movie

4 - c)

Explanation: While India and Pakistan were in war with each other, Britishers were enjoying the then released "Bob Hope movie" so clearly it represented the passiveness of Britishers towards India (sub-continent).

567. My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to _____ paying taxes was to set up an offshore bank account.

- a) get away with
- b) get by with
- c) get down to

d get around

Ans: a

Explanation: 'Get away with' means succeed in doing something wrong. We can figure out that author does not want to pay taxes thus his accountant suggested him to set up an offshore bank account. Now the only option that can state 'to get rid of' is option 'a' that is 'get away with'.

568. Either the committee on course design or the committee on college operations _____ these matters.

a decide

b decide on

c decide in

d decides

Ans: d

Explanation: Here the action being stated is a permanent action and the action is to decide on the matter. In case of permanent action first form of verb is used i.e. simple present. Now the subject is either of the two committees hence singular verb will be used with singular subject. Hence 'decides' best suits the blank.

569. Wewereno _____ thana man _____ in his ownhouse.

a) more shy , will be

b) less shy , would be

c)shyer , wouldbe

d) more shyer , would have been

Answer : Option B.

Explanation: Because there is no word like Shyer exists. More shy and less shy is the comparative degree of shy. Here the first line uses "were" so the sentence cannot have "will be". so it will have "would be". So option B is correct answer.

570. Put the correct form of tense-

I _____ just one proper meal since yesterday morning.

a had

b ate

c have had

d would have eaten

c) have had

Ans: "Have had"

Explanation: "Have had" is using the verb have in the present perfect tense. 'Since' is always used with perfect form. Here 'Have' is the helping verb and 'had' is main verb.

571. Directions: In the following question a part of the sentence is underlined. Beneath each sentence there are four ways of phrasing the underlined part. Choose the answer that expresses most effectively what is presented in the original sentence.

The boss was very displeased for my conduct.

(1) on myconduct

(2) to myconduct

(3) at myconduct

(4) in myconduct

Answer (3) at my conduct

Explanation: Conduct means behavior. Preposition that is used before behavior is 'at', hence the best suitable answer is 'at my conduct'.

572. Pick one odd word from these words

1.fair

2.pair

3.hair

4. chair

Answer 4 Chair

Explanation: Chair is the only option that comes with 'ch' sound while rest do not . Hence 'Chair' is the only odd word among others.

573. Off all the fitness and wellness activities customary in India, Artistic yoga is the new kid in town. It has successfully earned a pat on the back from whosoever has lent an ear to the latest advancements. Artistic yoga combines the suaveness of yoga and the frenzy of modern cardio-vascular exercises. The technique involves performance of various aasanas and pranayams followed by walking on treadmill, stair climbing, cycling and so on. The activities are performed in a cyclic order and the aasana or pranayam that is done in the beginning is repeated in the end. This helps an individual at the physical level as well as the mental and spiritual level, thus helping bring about a complete transformation of body, mind and soul.

- A. Artistic yoga helps in the overall development of those who practice it
- B. Artistic yoga has been adopted by modern people since it is in fashion these days
- C. All the activities performed at the beginning of artistic yoga are also repeated in the end
- D. Since it combines yoga and exercises, artistic yoga will replace other fitness and wellness programmes.

Correct Option: A

Explanation: As the whole passage is about artistic yoga and it's uses.

574. The aspect where the film "Bombay" loses out is where every commercial film congenitally goes awry - it was too simplistic to address serious issues and failed to translate real life to reel.

- A. The film was successful inspite of its shortcomings
- B. The film's director aimed at recreating real life on the silver screen
- C. The film was too simplistic for the audience's taste
- D. None of these

Correct answer: D

Explanation: As none of the above options matched the passage's concern. The passage is from author's point of view, where he concludes "- it was too simplistic to address serious issues and failed to translate real life to reel", hence none of the options supports the author, where he is opposing the movie 'Bombay.'

575. Excessive amounts of mercury in drinking water, associated with certain types of industrial pollution have been shown to cause Hobson's disease. Island L has an economy based entirely on subsistence level agriculture; modern industry of any kind is unknown. The inhabitants of Island L have unusually high incidence of Hobson's disease.

- A. Mercury in drinking water is actually perfectly safe
- B. Mercury in drinking water must have sources other than industrial pollution
- C. Hobson's disease must have causes other than mercury in drinking water
- D. Both options (1) and (2)
- E. Both options (3) and (2)

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: Option 2 and 3 sounds most appropriate as both the options are best suited for reasons for high incidence of Hobson's disease at island L.

576. Deepa Mehta's *Fire* was under fire from the country's self-appointed moral police. Their contention was that the film was a violation of the Indian cultural mores and couldn't be allowed to influence the Indian psyche. According to them, such films ruin the moral fabric of the nation, which must be protected and defended against such intrusions at all cost, even at the cost of cultural dictatorship.

- A. The assumption underlying the moral police's critique of *Fire* was that the Indian audience is vulnerable to all types of influence
- B. The assumption underlying the moral police's critique of *Fire* was that the Indian audience is impressionable and must be protected against 'immoral' influence
- C. The moral police thinks it has the sole authority to pass judgment on films screened in India
- D. None of these

Correct answer: B

Explanation: Option B sounds the most correct option as through the passage it seems moral police is scared that her movie is inappropriate for the Indian audience and might influence them.

577. _____ not being well, he still scored well in his exams.

- A. Although
- B. Despite
- C. Instead
- D. However

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: The meaning of the preposition "Despite" is "Without being affected by" or "Regardless of". "Although" carries the same meaning but its usage with "being" becomes awkward grammatically. Rest other options have an altogether different meaning.

578. We as human being get easily _____ by materialistic pleasures of modern age. (VAMT-18)

- A. Distracted
- B. Attentive
- C. Devoted
- D. Diligent

Correct Option: A

Explanation: "Distracted" closely relates to "diverted" whereas "Attentive" or "Devoted" are the antonyms of "Distracted". The meaning of "Diligent" is "Hard working" which is not appropriate as per the context of the statement.

579. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

580. (A) One need to acquire many talent and master (B) plenty of disciplines to make (C) a profitable and reputed business.

- A. (A)
- B. (B)
- C. (C)
- D. No error

Correct Option: A

Explanation: As per the rule, Singular in a Simple present tense carries “s or es” with the verb. So, “needs” is required to be used instead of “need”

The second error is that the determiner “many” is always accompanied with a plural object as it reflects “quantity”. Hence, “talents” is required to be used instead of “talent”

580. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word: AGILE

- A. Clumsy
- B. Athletic
- C. Inept
- D. Sluggish

Correct Option: B

Explanation: “Agile” is a positive word and can be best related to the word “Athletic” as the meaning of the word is “being able to move quickly and easily”. Rest other words have a negative meaning.

581. Select the option that is most nearly opposite to the given word: SLOTHFUL

- A. Lazy
- B. Animal
- C. Summit
- D. Industrious

Correct Option: D

Explanation: The meaning of the word “Slothful” is “Lazy”. So the opposite word is “Industrious” which means “active” or “energetic”

Passage

India lives in several centuries at the same time. Somehow we manage to progress and regress simultaneously. As a nation we age by pushing outward from the middle—adding a few centuries on either end of the extraordinary CV. We growen like the maturing head of a hammerhead shark with eyes looking in diametrically opposite directions.

I don't mean to put a simplistic value judgment on this peculiar form of “progress” by suggesting that Modern is Good and Traditional is Bad—or vice versa. What's hard to reconcile oneself to, both personally and politically, is the schizophrenic nature of it. That applies not just to the ancient/modern conundrum but to the utter illogic of what appears to be the current national enterprise. In the lane behind my house, every night I walk past road gangs of emaciated laborers digging a trench to lay fiber-optic cables to speed up our digital revolution. In the bitter winter cold, they work by the light of a few candles.

It's as though the people of India have been rounded up and loaded onto two convoys of trucks (a huge big one and a tiny little one) that have set off resolutely in opposite directions. The tiny convoy is on its way to a glittering destination somewhere near the top of the world. The other convoy just melts into the darkness and disappears. A cursory survey that tallies the caste, class and religion of who gets to be on which convoy would make a good Lazy Person's concise Guide to the History of India. For some of us, life in India is like being suspended between two of the trucks, one leg in each convoy, and being neatly dismembered as they move apart, not bodily, but emotionally and intellectually.

Sixty years after independence, India is still struggling with the legacy of colonialism, still flinching from the “cultural insult. “As citizens were still caught up in the business of “disproving” the white world's definition of us. Intellectually and emotionally, we have just begun to grapple with communal and caste politics that threaten to tear our

582. What does the phrase “cultural insult” imply?

- A. People from one culture do not respect people from the other cultures
- B. Disrespect of British towards Indian culture
- C. White people's definition for us
- D. III- treatment at hands of British

Correct Option: B

Explanation: The context of “Colonialism” defines the dislike of White World (British) towards Indian culture.

583. Why does the response towards ‘Globalization in India’ differ in different parts of India?

- A. Due to different literacy levels
- B. Due to religious diversity in India
- C. It will not benefit all sections of the society
- D. It may not have all the answers to India’s current problems

Correct Option: C

Explanation: The concept of “social inequality” in reference to “Globalization” in the passage suggests that it varies for different sections of the society.

584. I said to my teacher that I was not well and wanted to leave early.

- A. I told my teacher that I was not
- B. I said to my teacher that I am not
- C. I told to my teacher that I am not
- D. No improvement needed

Correct Option: A

Explanation: “Said to” is used in direct speech. Whereas as per the rule of Narration, “told” should be used in “Indirect speech”.

585. The concerned representative _____ the names of contestants for the inter-school quiz.

- A. Announced
- B. Announces
- C. Produced
- D. Featured

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The word “Concerned representative” reveals that it cannot be a “Simple present” tense. Hence, “announced” is the best option to provide the right meaning to the sentence.

586. EMINENT (OPPOSITE)

- A. Inferior
- B. Credited
- C. Prestigious
- D. Important

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The literal meaning of the word “Eminent” is “Renowned or distinguished” The word has a positive meaning. So, the only choice available as an opposite is “Inferior”.

587. Microsoft created a revolution _____ making the personal computer affordable for the middle class.

- A. Following
- B. After
- C. By
- D. Through

Correct Option: C

Explanation: One of the meanings of the preposition “by” is “through a medium of” which is most suitable as per the requirement of the sentence. “Following” and “After” means “next in time” and “through” means “crossing from one end to another”

588. David played a brilliant series for _____ he was given man of the series award.

- A. It
- B. That
- C. Which
- D. Whom

Correct Option: C

Explanation: “Which” is used to refer to something previously mentioned while introducing a clause giving further information. In this case, it is referring to “brilliant series”.

589. Ranthambore National Park houses endangered species of tigers that cannot be find anywhere else in the whole country.

- A. Cannot be found anywhere else in the
- B. Cannot be found anywhere other in
- C. Cannot found any other place in the
- D. No improvement needed

Correct Option: A

Explanation: “Find” is the first form of verb. But in the context of the statement “found” (the second form is appropriate).

590. WEIRD (OPPOSITE)

- A. Friendly
- B. Normal
- C. Creepy
- D. Genuine

Correct Option: B

Explanation: The word “Weird” means “strange” or “peculiar”. Hence, its opposite will be “Normal”.

591. SOOTHING (OPPOSITE)

- A. Irritating
- B. Calming
- C. Loud
- D. Frenzy

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The meaning of the word “Soothing” is “Calming” or “Easing”. So, its antonym clearly is “Irritating”.

Passage

The most avid users of social-networking websites may be exhibitionist teenagers, but when it comes to more grown-up use by business people, such sites have a surprisingly long pedigree. LinkedIn, an online network for professionals that signed up its ten-millionth user this week, was launched in 2003, a few months before MySpace, the biggest of the social sites. Consumer adoption of social networking has grabbed most attention since then. But interest in the business uses of the technology is rising. Many companies are attracted by the marketing opportunities offered by community sites. But the results can be painful. Pizza Hut has a profile on MySpace devoted to a pizza-delivery driver called Ted, who helpfully lets friends in on the chain's latest promotional offers (—Dude, I just heard some scoop from the Hut, ran one recent post). Wal-Mart started up and rapidly closed down a much-derided teenage site called The Hub last year. Reuters hopes to do better with its forthcoming site for those in the financial-services industry. Social networking has proved to be of greatest value to companies in recruitment. Unlike a simple jobs board, social networks enable members to pass suitable vacancies on to people they know, and to refer potential candidates back

to the recruiter. So employers reach not only active jobseekers but also a much larger pool of passive candidates through referrals. LinkedIn has over 350 corporate customers which pay up to \$250,000 each to advertise jobs to its expanding network. Having lots of people in a network increases its value in a —super-linear fashion, says Reid Hoffman, LinkedIn's founder. He says corporate use of his service is now spreading beyond recruiters: hedge funds use it to identify and contact experts, for example. Jobster, a Seattle-based social-networking site, is entirely devoted to recruitment. Jobseekers can post their own profiles and tag their skills; these tags are then used to match candidates against jobs posted by employers. Unlike on LinkedIn, companies can set up private networks to ensure that the right kinds of people are alerted to openings and that the data they post remain under their control. Information needs to stay behind when a user leaves the company, argues Jason Goldberg, Jobster's founder. Where LinkedIn emphasizes scale and Jobster emphasizes specialization, Visible Path, a startup based in New York, focuses on the strength of individual relationships. The firm analyses email traffic, calendars and diary entries to identify the strongest relationships that exist inside and outside a company. An obvious application is to generate leads: a salesman can use the service to identify who within his network has the closest links to a prospect, and request an introduction. Such techniques are also gathering momentum in —knowledge management. IBM recently unveiled a social-software platform called Lotus Connections, due out in the next few weeks, that lets company employees post detailed profiles of themselves, team up on projects and share bookmarks. One manufacturer testing the software is using it to put inexperienced members of its customer-services team in touch with the right engineers. It can also be used to identify in-house experts. Software firms will probably start bundling social features of this kind into all sorts of business software. To work well in the business world, social networking has to clear some big hurdles. Incentives to participate in a network have to be symmetrical, for one thing. The interests of MySpace members—and of jobseekers and employers—may be aligned, but it is not clear why commission-hungry salespeople would want to share their best leads with colleagues. Limiting the size of the network can reduce its value for companies, yet confidentiality is another obvious concern for companies that invite outsiders into their online communities. —Social networking sounds great in theory, but the business benefits are still unproven, says Paul Jackson of Forrester, a consultancy. But if who you know really does matter more than what you know, it has obvious potential.

592. What meaning of avid could you infer from the passage?

- A. Dormant
- B. Unprincipled
- C. Unwanted
- D. Enthusiastic

Correct Option: D

Explanation: In the context of the passage, “Avid users” means the ones who use the social websites actively. Hence, other three options are ruled out.

593. What are the hurdles that social networking has to overcome in order to benefit the business world?

- A. Issue of confidentiality
- B. Misalignment of interests
- C. Misalignment of interests and confidentiality
- D. None of these

Correct Option: C

Explanation: The last paragraph of the passage states that interests and confidentiality both need to be aligned.

594. Why does the author call “Lotus Connections” a social software platform?

- A. Because it is used for knowledge management
- B. It has a feature to allow employees to interact and cooperate with each other
- C. Because IBM developed it
- D. Because the service team can get in touch with the right engineers using it

Correct Option: B

Explanation: In the context, it has been clearly mentioned that employees can team up on project and share bookmarks. This reveals that their interaction becomes easier through it. Option “D” is just an example quoted for the same reference.

595. What is the most probable context in which the author is talking about Pizza Hut?

- A. Social networking did not benefit it
- B. Social networking was a big success for it
- C. Social networking created problems for it
- D. None of these

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Pizza Hut has been referred to as one of the examples of painful results of Social Networking.

Essay Writing

1. Nature provides us a lot, but when we abuse it, it manifests as havoc.

Write a response expressing your views on the given statement. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this? Justify your stand.

With modernization, people have learned to turn wild natural areas to dream land, exploit minerals to adapt their needs and build roads and houses to expand their territories. People continuously improve their knowledge and develop technologies to improve their lives. It is undeniable that these activities of human beings make their lives better than ever before. Nevertheless, these activities bring adverse effects to the Mother Nature because of pollution, deforestation, and exaggerated natural resources exploitation.

To begin with, pollution has become one of the most alarming problems. Because of ever-increasing factories, the industrialized areas and population explosion, too much pollutants spill out every day. Consequently, all of these things bring adverse repercussions to the Earth. The purity of atmosphere has suffered a setback and reduced substantially. The Earth is continuously warmed up, and ozone layer is depleting at a faster rate.

Additionally, forests are asking for help in desperation. For last few decades, the forest areas have been reduced to 50 percent because of human deforestation. Green forestland of the Earth has been invaded by humans extensively for their own benefit. Mass- deforestation has resulted in utter imbalance of the environment. This has resulted in reducing the tolerance of nature against human activities.

Researches show that the natural means are limited, but today, they are exploited tremendously to meet infinite human needs that someday, all mineral can end up. Due to serious pollution, alarming deforestation and progressive mineral exploitation, the ecosystem has completely imbalanced. Consequently a lot natural calamities occur each year such as floods, droughts and unexpected weather changes. A lot of wild creatures are exposed to narrow places to shelter and they are made to live in an uncongenial environment. For these reasons, the nature has been made to suffer considerably.

To sum up, it can be established that the nature has been suffering intensely due to human intervention. Human beings themselves have experienced a lot of adverse outcomes due to their interference. Hence, with the awareness already in place, humans need to come up with stringent solutions and strict regulations in order to not only improve their lives but also keep and maintain the Earth fresh and green.

2. The increasing gap between rich and poor is plaguing our society today.

Write a response stating the reasons and consequences of this problem. Half of earth's wealth lies in the hands of one percent of its people while a quarter of the population cannot feed itself a day's meal. What can be an effective remedy?

Even in developed countries, a sizable degree of disparity between rich and poor exists. In many developing countries, this has become an issue of concern as the numbers of poor people continue to increase. There are various factors leading to this imbalance and this need to be addressed.

The first factor is the current global economic system. This system reinforces inequality between rich and poor people since it allows resources to be distributed unequally among different sections of the society. In addition, the global economic system can favor the investment strategies of large transactional corporations which often pay sub-standard wages to their workers.

Another reason of this variability is illiteracy. Many people around the world do not have access to education. As a result, they do not learn to read or write. They are, therefore, precluded from well-paid employment and so cannot improve their living conditions.

In order to deal with this variation, these problems need to be resolved. Firstly, the international community has to establish a fairer economic system in which the wealth of each country can be shared equitably amongst the people. Moreover, all countries around the world should make it a priority to eradicate illiteracy by providing comprehensive education for all citizens invariably so that everyone becomes equally capable of improving their living standards by getting access to education.

To conclude, it can be said that the disparity between the poor and the rich will always exist. Nevertheless, countries around the world must take actions to reduce poverty by ensuring that there is a fair distribution of wealth amongst people and by making sure that people have access to education and work opportunities.

3. Family, friends and society play a major role in the education of an individual.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the role of family, peers and society in one's education? Write your response expressing your views on it. In developing and supporting your views, you should also consider ways in which the statement opposes your view. Ensure you accommodate such opposing views in your response.

Sociologists from various schools of thought generally agree that socialization at all levels plays an important role in shaping people and their roles in society, through institutions like the family, society and most importantly their friends circle. This essay is an effort to figure out the contribution of these three elements in the education and development of an individual.

To begin with, family and society is important in developing moral values of a child. There is a close contact between the parents and children which determines the personality of a child. Family is the foundation on which values are built. Moral values like truthfulness, happiness, peace and justice are instilled in children's thoughts, feelings and actions and they function as ideals and standards that govern their actions in their life. The value system practiced in the family becomes automatic to the young family members if they are taught moral values systematically. However, it may impact the learning and development of the child adversely if the moral standards of the family are not in conjunction with the social norms.

Apart from this, society and friends also have a crucial role to play. After home, the child gets introduced to the school where he gets an essence of social behavior, friendship and learning. In school, children become members of a small society that exerts huge influence on their overall development. Teachers serve as role model to students in school.

Peers at school help children learn co-operation, help, sharing and learning the academic inputs together. The negative aspect of this influence however may be that peers at school diffuse boldness about cheating, lying and stealing. Nevertheless, there are rules and regulations. The educational institutions infuse the value education to the children in both – formal and informal way. Other than these attributes, the virtues like accountability, appreciation, perseverance and patience are also developed by the young members of the society.

Overall, it can be deduced that every aspect of child's life brings new experiences and learning. It may be in the form of parents, peers, teachers and the members of the society. So, for the overall development of an individual, the presence of all these elements in a constructive way is vital.

4. The tightly defined curriculum of our education system leaves no room for imagination and creativity.

Write a response expressing your views on the given statement. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this? Justify your stand.

It is generally argued that the today's education system fails to provide students the skills like creativity and imagination. Rather, they are pushed into a fixed curriculum which builds their theoretical knowledge only. In my view, the education system needs to be a blend of both the aspects as both are crucial for developing successful students.

The first aspect to highlight in this context is that the academic knowledge of a particular subject is essential and its value cannot be ignored. Specialization in a particular subject makes a person well-versed with the intricacies of the subject which helps him to perform efficiently in his professional life later. A person equipped with knowledge is way better than the one who needs to develop it. The fixed curriculum also inculcates the attributes like discipline and commitment to a particular task. These virtues are important for the overall development of the personality of a student.

On the other hand, creativity also has a significant role to play. It makes the learning process easier and unconstrained. In fact, it helps learning to become natural and helps students to develop spontaneity. When the students become creative, they tend to ask questions and challenge. Creative pupils are curious and imaginative. They make connections, see possibilities, find alternatives and analyze things from different viewpoints. Imagination in the classroom empowers pupils to explore ideas and opinions, reflect critically and make perceptive observations.

Hence, it can be inferred from the above analysis that academic knowledge based on defined curriculum is as important as creativity and imagination. The roots of creativity lie in basic education. Both go hand in hand. The answer therefore, lies in reforming our educational methods so that the students are encouraged to ask about "know why" as well as "know how".

Q 596. The fire- fighting team reached the venue quickly and extinguished the fire _____ saving many lives

- a. Therefore
- b. Hence
- c. Thereby
- d. Then

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Thereby means- as a result of that or by that means

Q597. I always wanted a basket ball and _____ I-pod in my collection

- a. The
- b. A
- c. An
- d. None of the above

Correct Option: C

Explanation- I is a vowel, therefore the prefix used will be an

Q598. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation if any

(A) it have been / (B) ages since I/ (C) played the guitar/ (D) No error

- a. (A)
- b. (B)
- c. (C)
- d. (D)

Correct Option: A

Explanation- Have will be replaced by has as the subject 'it' is singular

Q599. Improve the sentence by selecting the correct alternative in the *Italicized* part of the sentence
Rashid was *taken aback* when he got the health reports

- a. Surprised
- b. Shocked
- c. Afraid
- d. Worried

Correct Option: B

Explanation- Taken Aback means to deal with sudden information leaving you in a shock

Q600. Select the correct option that fills the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete

I would like to _____ a reservation for next Wednesday

- a. Seek
- b. Keep
- c. Make
- d. Book

Correct Option: C

Explanation: You make a reservation when you are sure about going to a certain place and that facility is available whereas you seek reservation when you are asking for your right for example seeking reservation in education.

Q601. Select the option that is most nearly opposite to the given word

ACCENTUATE

- A. Exaggerate
- B. Increase
- C. Suppress
- D. Low

Correct Option: C

Explanation- Accentuate means to make something more prominent and noticeable

Q602 Select the option that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the given word

SET OFF

- a. Set out
- b. Set in
- c. Get on
- d. Get back

Correct Option: D

Explanation: Set Off means to begin a journey and get back means to come back from somewhere

Q603. The passage below consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1: Rajeev and his friends went for river rafting

S6: Later they all came to know that he is aqua phobic

P: Rajeev forced him to have some medicine

Q: They tried persuading him to join them for rafting, but he had severe stomach ache.

R: Which he refused adamantly

S: Among all his friends, Kunal backed out at the last moment

- a. PSQR
- b. QPRS
- c. RQSP
- d. SQPR

Correct Option: D

Explanation: The sequence SQPR is the correct answer as it tells the correct series of events which took place and sequential approach of Para jumbles is used here.

Q604. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. Ignore the error of punctuation if any

(A) Christmas give us a opportunity to (B) rekindle our friendship with friends and relatives, (C) who are otherwise forgotten in our daily chores.

- a. (A)
- b. (B)
- c. (C)
- d. No error

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Give will be replaced by gives, since the subject here is singular and as per the rule of Subject verb agreement and A will be replaced by an as it is a prefix to a word starting with a vowel.

Q605. Select the correct option that fills the blank(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete

An honest man never_____ to lies in order to fulfil his goals.

- a. Helps
- b. Tells
- c. Resorts
- d. Forms

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Resorts mean to rely on something as a last option

Q606. Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word

PRODUCT

- a. Result
- b. Cause
- c. Resource
- d. Split

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Product means An article, substance or an outcome which is achieved as a result of something

Q607. Select the option that is most nearly opposite to the given word

SETTLED

- a. Stationary
- b. Fixed
- c. Inactive
- d. Mobile

Correct Option: D

Explanation: Settled means to be in one place whereas mobile means to move around

Passage

When it came to promoting its new video- game console, the Wii, in America, Nintendo recruited a handful of carefully chosen suburban mothers in the hope that they would spread the word among their friends that the Wii was a gaming console the whole family could enjoy together. Nintendo thus became the latest company to use “word-of-mouth” marketing. Nestle, Sony and Philips have all launched similar campaigns in recent months to promote everything from bottled water to electric toothbrushes. As the power of traditional advertising declines, what was once an experimental marketing approach is becoming more popular.

After all, no form of advertising carries as much weight as an endorsement from a friend “ Amway and Tupperware know you can blend the social and economic to business advantage” says Walter Carl, a marketing guru at Northeastern University. The difference now, he says, is that the internet can magnify the effect of such endorsements.

The difficulty for marketers is creating the right kind of buzz and learning to control it. Negative views spread just as quickly as positive ones, so if a product has flaws, people will soon find out. And peter Kim of Forrester, a consultancy, points out that when Microsoft sent laptops loaded with its new Windows Vista software to influential bloggers in an effort to get them to write about it, the resulting online discussion ignored vista and focused instead on the morality of accepting gifts and the ethics of word-of-mouth marketing, Bad buzz, in short. BzzAgent, a controversial company based in Boston that is one of the leading exponents of word-of-mouth marketing, operates a network of volunteer “agents” who receive free samples of products in the post. They talk to their friends about them and send back their thoughts; in return, they receive rewards through a points program, an arrangement they are supposed to make clear. This allows a firm to create buss around a product and to see what kind of a word-of-mouth response it generates, which can be useful for subsequent product development and marketing. Last week BZZAgent launched its service in Britain, Dave Batter, BzzAgent’s founder, thinks word-of-mouth marketing will become a multi- billion dollar industry. No doubt he tells that to everyone he meets.

Select the correct answer option based on the passage

Q608. What is the experimental approach being discussed in the first paragraph?

- a. Word of mouth marketing
- b. Selling of video- game consoles, bottled water and electric toothbrushes

- c. Traditional advertising
- d. None of these

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The correct answer is Word of Mouth as mentioned in the fourth line of the first paragraph.

Q609. What is the effect of internet on word –of-mouth marketing?

- a. It is impeded by the internet
- b. It is encouraged by the internet
- c. Internet magnifies the moral issues of this marketing technique
- d. Internet has made it obsolete

Correct Option: B

Explanation: It is clearly mentioned in the 4th line of second paragraph that with the rise in usage of internet and social media references and suggestions i.e., word of mouth leaves a stronger impact on a person.

Q610. What is the tone of the passage?

- a. Neutral
- b. Biased
- c. Celebratory
- d. Critical

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The passage is talking about both the positive and negative aspects of Word-of-mouth marketing

Q611. What can we infer from Walter Carl's statement?

- a. Amway and Tupperware are products where word of mouth marketing could be used
- b. Amway and Tupperware are consumers who appreciated word of mouth marketing
- c. Amway and Tupperware are companies who use word of mouth marketing
- d. None of these

Correct Option: A

Explanation: As he clearly states in paragraph 2 that these two brands could effectively use the technique of word of mouth marketing

Passage

Being a soccer mom usually means carpooling kids to games and watching them play. But new research shows that women who join in the fun and kick around a soccer ball can dramatically improve their bone and heart health. Researchers in Denmark recruited more than 70 women of ages 20 to 47 who had no history of playing soccer as children or teenagers. Two – thirds of the women were randomly assigned to either a running group or a soccer team. The rest served as a control group. At the end of the study period, women in both exercise groups had improved on a number of indicators of heart health, balance and muscle strength, compared with the control group. However, the gains were greater among the women who had played soccer instead of running. And playing soccer not only led to better balance and improved muscle strength, but the sport also increased a woman's bone mineral density by an average of 2 to 3 percent. Given that after the age of 40 women lose bone mass at the rate of about .5 to 1 percent a year, the gains from soccer are equivalent to reversing three to six years of bone aging.

Why was soccer so much better for a woman's bones and heart? Peter Krstrup. Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology at the University of Copenhagen, said that soccer gave women a more diverse workout than running. "we analyzed the activity patterns during soccer and we observed multiple sprints, turns, tackles, headers and shots on goals", he said. The researchers speculate that the varied activity patterns were more stimulating to bones than simply jogging or running at a steady pace. Dr. Krstrup said that although many adults think their only exercise

options are jogging or joining a gym, the study shows the value of recreational team sports

Q612. Which of the following indicators of health showed improvement?

- a. Balance and mental strength
- b. Bone and heart health
- c. Ageing process and fitness
- d. Body temperature and blood pressure

Correct Option: B

Explanation: The correct answer is bone and heart health as stated in the last line of the first paragraph

Q613. What is described in the given passage?

- a. Advantages of playing soccer for children and men
- b. Health benefits of various forms of exercise
- c. Health gain for women participating in sports
- d. Improvement in social skills while playing sports

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Even though the initial paragraphs talk about the health benefits of soccer but the statement made in the last paragraph clearly mentions the benefits of playing team sports.

Q614. Why did soccer have a greater impact on women than running?

- a. It provides more stimulation and motivation
- b. Running involves less extensive workout
- c. Team spirit has more influence than running alone
- d. It helps in dealing with stressful situations

Correct Option: B

Explanation: As mentioned in the last paragraph soccer gives a more diverse workout as compared to running.

Q615. How is soccer related to bone ageing?

- a. Soccer involves reduction in bone mass
- b. Soccer affects bone density, not bone ageing
- c. Process of ageing reduces drastically
- d. Bone mineral density increases

Correct Option: D

Explanation: By playing soccer the Bone mineral density increases as mentioned in the third paragraph.

Q616. The quality and texture of jeans produced in California would be very good.

- a. Produced in California are very good
- b. Produced into California is very good
- c. Produced in California is very good
- d. No improvement needed

Correct Option: C

Explanation: As we are talking about jeans here which is a singular noun, so, option C is the correct answer.

Q617. Select the correct option that fills the blanks(s) to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

The opinions_____ by various individuals regarding the problems faced by them helped the Government in formulating changes.

- a. Expresses
- b. Expressed
- c. Expression
- d. Expressive

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Since the sentence is in passive voice, so third form of verb will be used, so, option B is the correct answer.

Q618. He is better acquainted with the place_____ I am.

- a. Which
- b. That
- c. While
- d. Than

Correct Option: D

Explanation: Since, in the sentence comparison is being done between two people and “than” is always used in such a case. So, option D is the correct answer.

Q619. Do not move towards the car _____ you’ve finished your milk.

- a. As
- b. While
- c. Until
- d. In spite

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Since, in the sentence, we are specifying a condition and to show the condition with respect to an action, until is always used. So, option C is the correct answer.

Q620. LUMINOUS (Synonym)

- a. Transparent
- b. Dull
- c. Glowing
- d. Lamé

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Luminous means giving off light; bright or shining. Thus, the appropriate synonym will be Glowing i.e. C.

Q621. Contrary to my belief, he turned out to be peevish.

- a. Proud
- b. Irritable
- c. Selfish
- d. Greedy

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Peevish means having or showing an irritable disposition. Thus, the appropriate synonym will be Irritable i.e. B.

Q622. EMPATHY (OPPOSITE)

- a. Care
- b. Sympathy
- c. Discontent
- d. Indifference

Correct Option: D

Explanation: Empathy means the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Discontent means lack of contentment. Thus, the most appropriate answer is “indifference” which means lack of interest, concern, or sympathy.

Q623. PROFESSION (OPPOSITE)

- a. Pastime
- b. Idleness
- c. Subordinate
- d. Joblessness

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Profession is a paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification. Thus, the most appropriate option will be pastime which is an activity that someone does regularly for enjoyment rather than work; a hobby.

Q624. CASTIGATE (OPPOSITE)

- a. Discard
- b. Trap
- c. Compliment
- d. Berate

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Castigate means to reprimand (someone) severely; rebuke. Thus, the most appropriate antonym is Compliment which is a polite expression of praise or admiration.

Q625. In the question each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences have been removed and jumbled up. These are labeled P, Q, R and S. Select the proper order for the four sentences.

S1: The physics exam paper was quite tough this year.

S6: Hopefully the school will have higher passing percentage this time.

P: The physics test paper is now being designed by some junior teacher.

Q: Thus has asked all fail students to appear for exam again.

R: Only 40% of the total students scored the passing marks.

S: The principal was quite disappointed with this result.

- a. SPRQ
- b. QSRP
- c. RSQP
- d. PSQR

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Since in the sentence R, result is given and in sentence S, it is stated that the principal was disappointed with this result. Thus, these two sentences will be in sequence and the only option having these two in consecutive sequence is C, which is the correct answer.

In the Q626-628, a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative.

Q626. She has lived in Chennai since she was eight.

- a. Lived
- b. Has been living
- c. Had stayed
- d. Is living

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Here starting time of the action is given, so we need to use present perfect continuous tense. Thus, has lived will be replaced by "has been living".

Q627. Nothing ____ convinced her to cancel her trip to Goa.

- a. Was going to
- b. Could have
- c. Could
- d. Will have

Correct Option: B

Explanation: In the sentence, after the blank third form of verb is used, which clearly means that "was going to" and "could" cannot be the right answer choice as these will be followed by first form of verb. Moreover, in the sentence we are stating a possibility not future. Thus, the correct answer choice will be "Could have".

Q628. As soon as I turn the ignition key, the engine caught fire.

- a. I turn an ignition key
- b. I turned the ignition key
- c. I was turned the ignition key
- d. No change

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Since, one part of the sentence is in Simple past tense, in the initial part of the we need to use the same tense. Thus, the correct answer choice will be "B".

Q629. Which of following explains the meaning of the proverb "Every cloud has a silver lining"?

- a. When the cloud has a silver lining after the rain
- b. Every sad or difficult situation has a positive side
- c. Good times follow difficult ones
- d. A need to face the difficult times with courage

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Every cloud has a silver lining means every difficult or sad situation has a comforting or more hopeful aspect, even though this may not be immediately apparent. Thus, the correct answer choice is B.

Q630. The experiment lead to the emission of _____ vapor, which resulted in immediate termination of the research.

- a. Noxious
- b. Non – toxic
- c. Innocuous
- d. Bland

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Since, in the sentence, an action lead to the termination of the other, thus we can say that the flow of the sentence is negative and we need to choose an answer which can go well with termination. Here, Non-toxic and Innocuous means not harmful or offensive. Bland means lacking strong features or characteristics and therefore uninteresting. Thus, the correct answer choice is Noxious which means harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant.

Q631. He ____ the position of group leader because of his effective leadership skills.

- a. Got
- b. Get
- c. Gotten
- d. Getting

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Since, the sentence is in simple past tense, thus, the correct answer choice will be A.

Q632-633:- Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q632. ABSURD

- a. Absent
- b. Present
- c. Equitable
- d. Level
- e. Inane

Correct Option: E

Explanation: Absurd means unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate. Thus, the choices Absent, Present, Equitable and Level do not go with the meaning of the given word. Inane means lacking sense or meaning, silly which is the most appropriate answer choice.

Q633. INFER

- a. Deadly
- b. Deduce
- c. Interfere
- d. Envious

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Infer means to deduce or conclude (something) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements. Thus, the most appropriate answer choice is B.

Read the passage given below and answer questions 634-637 based on it-

Class and money have always strongly affected how people do in life in Britain, with well-heeled families breeding affluent children just as the offspring of the desperately poor tend to remain poor. All that was supposed to have ceased at the end of the Second World War, with the birth of a welfare state designed to meet basic needs and promote social mobility. But despite devoting much thought and more money to improve the lot of the poor, governments have failed to boost those at the bottom of the pile as much as those at the top have boosted themselves. Although the study found that some of the widest gaps between social groups have diminished over time (between men and women on pay, for example, and between various ethnic minorities), deep-seated differences between haves and have-nots persist, blighting the life chances of the less fortunate. Looking at earnings, income, education, employment or wealth, a similar pattern emerges.

By the age of three, a poor child is outperformed in verbal ability and behavior by a rich one. Much of this difference is explained by ethnicity: unsurprisingly, poor children who do not speak English at home know fewer words in what is their second or third language. A child's ethnicity becomes less important as he grows: by the age of 16,

bright Chinese and Indian students are performing extremely well at school. But throughout his classroom career how well a child does is dominated by how highly educated his parents are and how much money they bring home. Politicians of all stripes talk about equality of opportunity, arguing that it makes for a fairer and more mobile society, and a more prosperous one. The difficulty arises in putting these notions into practice, through severe tax increases for the middle-class and wealthy, or expanding government intervention.

Q634. Which of the following is highlighted in the passage?

- a. An insight into the economy of Britain and the failure of the government.
- b. The widening gap between the affluent and the poor
- c. The problems of putting ideals into practice

- d. The performance of children of various ethnic groups in school

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Since, in the entire paragraph, the gap between the poor and the rich has been mentioned by giving various examples like By the age of three, a poor child is outperformed in verbal ability and behavior by a rich one. Despite devoting much thought and more money to improve the lot of the poor, governments have failed to boost those at the bottom of the pile as much as those at the top have boosted themselves. Thus, the most appropriate answer choice is B.

Q635. What is the pattern noticed while studying social groups?

- a. The gap will only continue to grow since implementing policies is difficult
- b. The ethnicity of a child becomes less important as he grows
- c. The gap is somewhat narrowing, but there is still a long way to go
- d. A poor person always remains poor

Correct Option: C

Explanation: The lines “Although the study found that some of the widest gaps between social groups have diminished over time (between men and women on pay, for example, and between various ethnic minorities), deep-seated differences between haves and have-nots persist, blighting the life chances of the less fortunate. Looking at earnings, income, education, employment or wealth, a similar pattern emerges” clearly state that the most appropriate answer choice is C.

Q636. In the context of the passage, what is the meaning of the term ‘blighting’?

- a. Ruining
- b. Improving
- c. Illuminating
- d. Imbalancing

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Blighting here clearly means ruining as we are talking about the deep seated difference which persist and may ruin the life chances of the poor ones (less fortunate). Thus, A is the most appropriate answer.

Q637. Which of these can be inferred from the passage as one of the key solutions to reduce the gap between various social groups?

- a. Encouraging ethnic social groups to converse in English even at home so as to develop their verbal ability
- b. Implementing higher tax rates for the middle class and wealthy so that the gap between rich and poor can be reduced
- c. By not disclosing the child’s ethnicity and background of parents at school so as to remove bias from coming in
- d. Making the affluent people responsible for the poorer people, since they have been better at generating wealth than the government

Correct Option: C

Explanation: The passage itself itself reveals that A child's ethnicity becomes less important as he grows: by the age of 16 (line no.12). Thus the learning capability of a child does not depend on his ethnicity and background. So, option C can be inferred as a key solution to the problem. All the other solutions given as the answer choices are not feasible or difficult to achieve.

Q638. In the first ten years after the _____ of the UGC Act, eight institutions were granted deemed university status.

- a. Implification
- b. Enactment
- c. Statement
- d. Issue

Correct Option: B

Explanation: In the statement we are taking about an Act which relates to laws or rules and regulations to be followed. So, the most appropriate answer will be “enactment” as it means “the process of passing legislation” or a law that is passed.

Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer ignore the error of punctuation, if any.

Q639. (A) Not surprisingly, most of (B) them have proved (C) to being spectacular.

- a. (A)
- b. (B)
- c. (C)
- d. No error

Correct Option: C

Explanation: As we know that preposition “to” is always followed by first form of verb thus, being will be replaced by “be” to make the sentence grammatically correct.

In the question a part of the sentence is italicized. Alternatives to the italicized part are given which may improve the construction of the sentence. Select the correct alternative.

Q640. Many forthcoming films are founded on natural disasters, named so as to induce fear in public.

- a. Are founded around natural disasters, so as to induce fear in public
- b. Founded on natural disasters, named so as to induce fear in public
- c. Are found on the natural disasters, so as to induce public fear
- d. Founded on natural disasters, are named so as to induce fear in public

Correct Option: D

Explanation: In the sentence, “Founded on natural disaster” is an additional information of the subject (forthcoming films) and therefore, does not require the usage of auxiliary verb “are”. “Are” should be correctly placed after additional information and before the main verb (named). Thus, the correct answer choice is d.

Improve the sentence by selecting the correct alternative to the italicized part of the sentence.

Q641. The election *verdict* was quite surprising as the ruling party was re- elected for the first time in fifty years.

- a. Judgment
- b. Decision
- c. Order
- d. Chaos

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Judgement is a direct synonym to verdict .

Select the word or phrase which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q642. FAUX PAS

- a. Blunder
- b. Problem
- c. Worry
- d. Examine

Correct Option: A

Explanation: Faux Pas means an embarrassing or tactless act or remark in a social situation. The choices Problem, Worry and Examine do not go with the meaning of the given word. Blunder means a stupid or careless mistake. Thus, the most appropriate option is A.

Q643. BUOYANT

- a. Heavy
- b. Clumsy
- c. Upcast
- d. Dejected
- e. Upbeat

Correct Option: E

Explanation: Buoyant means cheerful and optimistic. Heavy is not related to the meaning of the given word. Clumsy means awkward in movement or in handling things. Upcast means to cast something upward for eg. upcast light. Dejected means sad and depressed. So, the only appropriate synonym is upbeat which means cheerful and optimistic.

Select the option that is most nearly opposite to the given word.

Q644. WORTHLESS(OPPOSITE)

- a. Costly
- b. Important
- c. Valuable
- d. Beneficial

Correct Option: C

Explanation: Worthless means something having no real value or use. Thus, clearly the opposite is Valuable i.e. option C

Read the passage given below and answer questions 645-648 based on it-

Environmental toxins which can affect children are frighteningly commonplace. Besides lead, there are other heavy metals such as mercury, which is found frequently in fish, that are spewed into the air from coal-fired power plants, says Maureen Swanson, MPA, director of the Healthy Children Project at the Learning Disabilities Association of America. Mercury exposure can impair children's memory, attention, and language abilities and interfere with fine motor and visual spatial skills. A recent study of school districts in Texas showed significantly higher levels of autism in areas with elevated levels of mercury in the environment. Researchers are finding harmful effects at lower and lower levels of exposure, says Swanson. They're now telling us that they don't know if there's a level of mercury that's safe. Unfortunately, some of these chemicals make good flame retardants and have been widely used in everything from upholstery to televisions to children's clothing. Studies have found them in high levels in household dust, as well as in breast milk. Two categories of these flame retardants have been banned in Europe and are starting to be banned by different states in the United States. The number of toxins in our environment that can affect children may seem overwhelming at times. On at least some fronts, however, there is progress in making the world a cleaner place for kids and just possibly, reducing the number of learning disabilities and neurological problems. With a number of efforts to clean up the environment stalled at the federal level, many state governments are starting to lead the way. And rather than tackle one chemical at a time, at least eight states are considering plans for comprehensive chemical reform bills, which would take toxic chemicals off the market.

Select the correct answer option based on the passage.

Q645. Besides lead, there are other heavy metals such as mercury, which are found frequently in fish, that are spewed into the air from coal- fired power plants. How can this line be worded differently?

- a. Besides lead, mercury is another heavy metal which is found frequently in discarded fish cooked in coal-fired power plants
- b. Besides lead, fish contains mercury which is a heavy metal ejected in the air from power plants using coal
- c. Fish, contains mercury which is released in the air as industrial waste and which is also a heavy metal like lead
- d. Mercury released in the air as industrial waste is another heavy metal like lead, found in fish

Correct Option: B

Explanation: Since in the 2nd line of the passage, nothing has been mentioned about mercury being found or released in discarded fish and industrial waste. Thus option a, c and d are invalid according to the context of the passage and the correct answer choice will be "b".

Q646. On at least some fronts, however, there is progress in making the world a cleaner place for kids- and, just possibly, reducing the number of learning disabilities and neurological problems. What 'front' is being referred to?

- a. Efforts of Healthy Children Project at the Learning Disabilities Association of America
- b. Banning of flame retardants in Europe and various states of America
- c. More and more states are joining the 2 states in Europe and various states in America that have already banned harmful chemicals
- d. Proposed bill resulting in a blanket ban on all harmful chemicals

Correct Option: B

Explanation: In the 10th line of the passage it is mentioned that two categories of these flame retardants have been banned in Europe and are starting to be banned by different states in the United States. Thus, the most suitable option will be “b” as none of the other choices are mentioned in the passage.

Q647. All these are harmful effects of mercury in children EXCEPT:

- a. Affects driving skills
- b. Causes attention deficit disorder
- c. Lead to neurological problems
- d. Impacts ability to learn languages

Correct Option: A

Explanation: In the 4th line of the passage “Disabilities Association of America. Mercury exposure can impair children's memory, attention, and language abilities and interfere with fine motor and visual spatial skills.” all the harmful effects are mentioned except “driving skills”. Thus, the correct answer choice is A.

Q648. “Researchers are finding harmful effects at lower levels of exposure”, how can this line be interpreted?

- a. Lower levels of exposure are harmful
- b. Harmful effects from exposure are becoming less intense
- c. Amount of clothing has an impact on harmful effects
- d. Even a little exposure, can cause harm

Correct Option: D

Explanation: In the line number 7th of the passage, it is stated that “Researchers are finding harmful effects at lower and lower levels of exposure” which means that even a small exposure can cause harm. Thus, the most appropriate answer is d.

Read the passage given below and answer questions 649-652 based on it-

Rohit brushed quickly past an elderly woman waiting on the platform ahead of him to get onto the metro. He wanted to be sure to get a seat to read his Economic Times. As the train rolled out of the station, he lifted his head from the newspaper and stared at the man directly across from him.

A tsunami - of antipathy came over him. Rohit knew this man, knew him all too well. Their eyes locked.

As the train reached full speed, the ruckus of speeding wheels against the winding rails and a wildly gyrating subway car filled Rohit's ears. To this frenetic beat, Rohit effortlessly listed in his head all the reasons this man, whose eyes he stared coldly into, was an anathema to him.

He had climbed the upper echelons of his firm using an imperious manner with his subordinates, always making sure everyone knew he was the boss.

Despite his impoverished upbringing, he had become ostentatious. Flush with cash from the lucrative deals he had made, he had purchased a yacht and a home in Mumbai. He used neither. But, oh, how he liked to say he had them. Meanwhile, Rohit knew, this man's parents were on the verge of being evicted from their rundown tenement apartment in Allahabad.

What bothered Rohit most about this man was that he never even attempted to make amends for his evil ways. Could this man change? Rohit did not know. He could try though.

The train screeched to Rohit's stop. He gave the man one last hard look. "See you around," he mumbled to himself. And he knew he would, because Rohit had been glaring at his own reflection in the glass in the metro.

It would take years of hard work and therapy, but Rohit would one day notice this man again on the train and marvel at what a kinder person he had become.

Q649. Why did a tsunami of antipathy come over Rohit?

- a. Because he was angry at himself and unable to stand looking at himself
- b. Because the man sitting across him was his former boss who treated him badly
- c. Because he wanted to read his newspaper and not be disturbed, especially by someone he disliked
- d. Because the guy sitting across him was financially better off than Rohit

Correct Option: A

Explanation: The last fourth line of the passage clearly states that "See you around," he mumbled to himself. And he knew he would, because Rohit had been glaring at his own reflection in the glass in the metro."which means throughout the journey Rohit was staring at his reflection and had an antipathy because he was thinking that what he was. So, the correct answer choice is A.

Q650. What does it mean to have an imperious manner with underlings?

- a. To ignore them
- b. To be stoic around them
- c. To openly humiliate them
- d. To not be affected by them
- e. To be domineering towards them

Correct Option: E

Explanation: Imperious itself means arrogant and domineering. So, the most appropriate answer choice would be e.

Q651. Which statement makes most sense from what is said in the paragraph?

- a. Rohit has few friends
- b. Rohit knows himself well
- c. Rohit has had a difficult life
- d. Rohit is incapable of change

Correct Option: B

Explanation: It is clearly understood from the passage that Rohit was thinking about himself throughout the journey which makes it apparent that Rohit knows himself well. Thus, the correct answer choice is b.

Q652. What was the biggest reason (stated or implied) for Rohit disliking the man in the metro?

- a. The man was known to be extremely rude and domineering especially with his subordinates
- b. The man was remorseless and had not made any effort to reform himself for the better
- c. The man did not bother to take care of his parents who were on the verge of being evicted from their humble dwelling

- d. The man did not have respect for things or money and while people did not have a place to stay, he had bought a flat which he did not even use

Correct Option: C

Explanation: In the passage, it is mentioned that despite being rich and owning an apartment in Mumbai, he didn't help his parents who were on the verge of getting evicted from their rented apartment which he disliked the most. So, the correct answer choice will be C.