

# 10. ALPHABET TEST

## TYPE 1 : ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF WORDS

In this type of questions, certain words are given. The candidate is required to arrange them in the order in which they shall be arranged in a dictionary and then state the word which is placed in the desired place.

For such questions, the candidate requires basic knowledge of the 'Dictionary Usage'. In a dictionary, the words are put in alphabetical order with respect to the second alphabet of the words and so on. A sample of the arrangement of words in a dictionary is given below :

absurd	account	balcony	cable
abundance	adage	ballot	cactus
abuse	.....	beach	cafe
abut	babble	beak	cajole
acacia	babe	beam	caldron
acadian	bachelor	bigot	calligraphy
accede	back	bilingual	camel
accelerate	badge		canon
access	balance	cab	

### How to Arrange the Words in Alphabetical Order ?

First consider the first letter of each word. Arrange the words in the order in which these letters appear in the English alphabet.

**Example :** Consider the words :

Apparent, Torture, Payment, Fossil, Shark.

These words begin with letters A, T, P, F, S respectively. Their order in English alphabet is A, F, P, S, T.

So. the correct alphabetical order is :

Apparent, Fossil, Payment, Shark, Torture.

In some cases, two or more words may begin with the same letter. Such words should be arranged in the order of second letters in the alphabet.

**Example :** Consider the words :

Client, Castle, Face, Viper. Dazzle.

Here, as in the above example, the words can be arranged as :

Castle! •Dazz,e' Face\_ Viper\*

What remains now is how to arrange •Client' and 'Castle'.

Consider the second letters *Le.% /* and o.

Arranging these words accordingly, 'Castle' comes before 'Client'.

Thus, the correct alphabetical order is :

Castle,"Client, Dazzle, Face, Viper.

If both the first and second letters of two or w words are the same, arrange these words, considering their third letters and so on. •

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES**

Ex. 1. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes first  
(a) Cloud (b) Middle (c) Grunt (d) Mob (e) Chain

Sol. These words can be properly arranged as :

Chain, Cloud, Grunt, Middle, Mob

Clearly, the first word is 'Chain' and so, the correct answer is (e).

Ex. 2. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes in the middle.

(a) Rigour (b) Remove (c) Retrospect (d) Revive (e) Rumour

Sol. These words can be properly arranged as :

Remove, Retrospect, Revive, Rigour, Rumour

Clearly, the middle word is 'Revive' and so, the correct answer is (d).

Ex. 3. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes last

(a) Abandon (b) Actuate (c) Accumulate (d) Acquit (e) Achieve

Sol. The given words can be arranged in alphabetical order as :

Abandon, Accumulate, Achieve, Acquit, Actuate

Clearly, 'Actuate' comes last and so, the answer is (b).

Ex. 4. Arrange the words in the alphabetical order and tick the one that comes second.

(a) Explosion (b) Emergency (c) Ecstasy (d) Eager (e) Entaemology

Sol. The given words can be arranged in the alphabetical order as :

Eager, Ecstasy, Emergency, Entaemology, Explosion

Clearly, 'Ecstasy' comes second. So, the answer is (c).

Ex. 5. Arrange the following words in the sequence in which they occur in dictionary :

1. Brook 2. Bandit 3. Boisterous 4. Baffle 5. Bright

(a) 4, 2, 3, 5, 1 (b) 2, 4, 3, 1, 5 (c) 2, 4, 3, 5, 1 (d) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5

Sol. Clearly, the correct alphabetical order of the given words is :

Baffle, Bandit, Boisterous, Bright, Brook

Thus, the correct sequence is 4, 2, 3, 5, 1. Hence, the answer is (a).

Ex. 6. In a telephone directory, which of the following names will appear in the middle ? (Bank P.O. 1993)

(a) S^jewat (b) Segvan (c) S^jevar (d) Sajewet (e) Salwar

Sol. The given names in the correct alphabetical order would be :

Sftjevar, Ssgewat, Sajewet, Salwar and Segvan.

Clearly, Sajewet appears in the middle. Hence, the answer is (c).

**EXERCISE 10A~**

Directions : **Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and choose the one that comes first.**

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. (a) Wasp     | (b) Waste     | (c) War        | (d) Wrinkle     | (e) Wrist      |
| 2. (a) Science  | (b) Scrutiny  | (c) Scripture  | (d) Scramble    | (e) Script     |
| 3. (a) Intense  | (b) Intellect | (c) Intend     | (d) Intelligent | (e) Integument |
| 4. (a) Nature   | (b) Native    | (c) Narrate    | (d) Nascent     | (e) Naughty    |
| 5. (a) Didactic | (b) Dictum    | (c) Dictionary | (d) Diastole    | (e) Dictate    |

6. (a) Praise	(6) Practical	(c) Prank	<i>id</i> ) Prayer	(e) Practise
7. (a) Animate	(6) Animosity	(c) Anguish	<i>(d)</i> Ankle	(e) Announce
8. (a) Probe	(6) Proclaim	(c) Proceed	<i>(ft)</i> Problem	(e) Probate
». (a) Guarantee	(6) Group	(c) Grotesque	<i>(d)</i> Guard	<i>(e)</i> Groan
10. (a) Signature	<i>(b)</i> Sight	(c) Shrine	<i>(d)</i> Shri11	(e) Shrink
11. (a) Qualify	<i>(b)</i> Quarter	(c) Quarrel	<i>(d)</i> Quarry	(e) Quaver
12. (a) Length	(6) Lenient	(c) Legacy	<i>&lt;d)</i> Legal	(e) Legible
13. (o) Judiciary	(6) Jockey	Cc) Javelin	<i>(d)</i> Jealous	(e) Jargon
14. (a) Grind	(6) Growth	(c) Great	<i>(d)</i> Grease	(e) Greed
15. (a) Blast	(6) Bottle	(c) Bondage	<i>(d)</i> Boisterous	(e) Bonafide
16. (a) Tenacious	(6) Terminate	(c) Temperature	<i>id)</i> Temple	(e) Tenant
17. (a) Slander	(6) Skeleton	(c) Stimulate	<i>(d)</i> Similar	(e) Summary
18. (a) Filter	(6) Homage	(c) Chastise	<i>id)</i> Charge	(e) Certify
19. (a) Exhilarate	(6) Ephemeral	(c) Entrench	W) Enterprise	(e) Enthusiasm
20. (a) Partition	<i>(b)</i> Passion	(c) Parlour	<i>(d)</i> Participate	(e) Particle
21. (a) Heredity	(6) Hesitate	(c) Heavy	<i>(d)</i> Hedge	(e) Herald
22. (a) Prominent	(6) Prohibit	(c) Promise	<i>(d)</i> Prolong	(e) Programme
23. (a) Launch	(6) Laugh	<i>ic)</i> Lattice	<i>(d)</i> Latent	(e) Latitude
24. (a) Conceive	(6) Diurnal	(c) Conceit	<i>id)</i> Concentrate	<i>i (e)</i> Custody
25. (a) Language	(6) Laurel	(c) Leisure	<i>(d)</i> Lapse	(e) Leave
26. (a) Necessary	(6) Nature	(c) Naval	<i>(d)</i> Navigate	(e) Nautical
27. (a) Devise	(6) Dexterity	(c) Devour	<i>(d)</i> Dew	(e) Deuce
28. (a) Foment	(6) Foetus	(c) Forceps	<i>id)</i> Foreign	(e) Foliage
29. (a) Sport	(6) Spouse	(c) Squash	<i>(d)</i> Sporadic	(e) Sprout
30. (a) Grammar	<i>(b)</i> Granary	(c) Gradient	<i>(d)</i> Grand	<i>(e)</i> Granule

### ANSWERS

The correct alphabetical order of the given words is shown below :

1. (c): War. Wasp. Waste. Wrinkle, Wrist
2. (a): Science, Scramble. Script, Scripture, Scrutiny
3. *ie*): Integument. Intellect, Intelligent, Intend, Intense
4. (c): Narrate. Nascent. Native, Nature, Naughty
5. *id*): Diastole. Dictate. Dictionary, Dictum, Didactic
6. (b): Practical, Practise, Praise, Prank, Prayer
7. (c): Anguish, Animate, Animosity, Ankle, Announce
8. *ie*): Probate. Probe, Problem, Proceed, Proclaim
9. *ie*): Groan, Grotesque. Group, Guarantee. Guard
10. *id*): Shri11, Shrine, Shrink, Sight, Signature
11. *ia*): Qualify, Quarrel, Quarry, Quarter, Quaver
12. *ic*): Legacy, Legal, Legible, Length, Lenient
13. *ie*): Jargon. Javelin. Jealous. Jockey, Judiciary
14. (d): Grease. Great, Greed, Grind. Growth
16. *ia*): Blast, Boisterous, Bonafide, Bondage, Bottle
16. (c): Temperature, Temple, Tenacious. Tenant, Terminate

17. (d): Similar, Skeleton, Slander, Stimulate. Summary  
 18. (e): Certify, Charge. Chastise, Filter, Homage  
 19. (d) : Enterprise, Enthusiasm, Entrench, Ephemeral, Exhilarate  
 20. (c) : Parlour, Participate, Particle, Partition, Passion  
 21. (c): Heavy, Hedge, Herald, Heredity, Hesitate  
 22. (e): Programme, Prohibit, Prolong. Prominent, Promise  
 23. *id*): Latent, Latitude, Lattice. Laugh. Launch  
 24. (c): Conceit, Conceive, Concentrate, Custody, Diurnal  
 25. (a): Language, Lapse, Laurel, Leave, Leisure  
 26. (6): Nature, Nautical, Naval, Navigate, Necessary \*  
 27. (e): Deuce, Devise, Devour, Dew, Dexterity  
 28. (6) : Foetus, Foliage, Foment, Forceps, Foreign  
 29. (rf): Sporadic, Sport, Spouse, Sprout, Squash  
 30. (c): Gradient, Grammar, Granary, Grand, Granule

### **EXERCISE 10B**

**Directions : Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes in the middle.**

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|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. (a) Plane       | (6) Plain                | (c) Plenty     | (rf) Player        | (<?) Place<br>(Bank P.O. 1991) |
| 2. (a) Reprimand   | (6) Reverence            | (c) Amazed     | 0d) Acquire        | (e) Disturb                    |
| 3. (a) Parasite    | (6) Party                | (c) Petal      | (d) Paste          | (e) Prick                      |
| 4. (a) Sound       | (6) Socks                | (c) Shock      | (d) Snooker        | (e) Sharp                      |
| 5. (a) Heaven      | (6) Hillock              | (c) Hawker     | (eO) Hilt          | (e) History                    |
| 6. (a) Catastrophe | (fc) Canvass             | (c) Crisp      | (d) Charcoal       | (e) Character                  |
| 7. (a) Robber      | (b) Rocket               | (c) Random     | (d) Restaurant     | (e) Restrict                   |
| 8. (a) Outrage     | (6) Outcast              | (c) Overture   | (d) Overtake       | (e) Ovary                      |
| 9. (a) Delude      | (6) Delirium             | (c) Defer      | (d) Demean         | (e) Delete<br>(L.I.C. 1994)    |
| 10. (a) Transform  | (6) Transport            | (c) Transplant | (d) Transfer       | <e) Trickery                   |
| 11. (a) Section    | (6) Septic               | (c) Seclude    | (d) Secure         | (e) Sentiment                  |
| 12. (a) Verrigate  | (6) Vibrate              | (c) Vindictive | (</) Trench        | (e) Wavering                   |
| 13. (a) Leprosy    | (b) Lessen               | (c) Lesson     | (d) Language       | (e) Languid                    |
| 14. (a) Assistant  | (b) Assessment           | (c) Asbestos   | (d) A3terick       | (e) Ass                        |
| 15. (a) Firmament  | <i>ib</i> ) Finish       | (c) First      | (d) Fissure        | (e) Fiscal                     |
| 16. (a) Bishop     | <i>ib</i> ) Bifocal      | (c) Bicycle    | <i>id</i> ) Bitter | (e) Brink                      |
| 17. (a) Cathedral  | (6) Catenation           | (c) Abacus     | (d) Category       | (e) Catalogue                  |
| 18. (a) Amphibian  |                          | (6) Amorphous  |                    | (c) Amphidextrous              |
| (d) Ambiguous      |                          | (e) Ambivalent |                    | (NABARD, 1994)                 |
| 19. (a) Haste      | (b) Haphazard            | (c) Host       | <i>id</i> ) Hang   | (e) Handkerchief               |
| 20. (a) Nozzle     | (6) Nausea               | (c) Nostril    | (d) Nomenclature   | (e) Normal                     |
| 21. (a) Entry      | <i>ib</i> ) Efflorescent | (c) Entreat    | (d) Ensure         | (e) Every                      |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 22. <i>ia</i> ) Signature | (6) Significance      | (c) Sight      | (d) Sigh            | <i>ie</i> ) Sieve    |
| 23. (a) Alive             | <i>ib</i> ) Afforest  | (c) Anticipate | (d) Appreciate      | <i>ie</i> ) Achieve  |
| 24. (a) Tennis            | <i>ib</i> ) Tendon    | (c) Tender     | (d) Tempest         | (e) Terminal         |
| 25. (a) Radical           | ( <i>b</i> ) Radiate  | (c) Racket     | (d) Radius          | (e) Radar            |
| 26. (a) Slaughter         | ( <i>b</i> ) Skirt    | (c) Straight   | (d) Shout           | (e) Specify          |
| 27. (a) Yield             | ( <i>b</i> ) Zygote   | (c) Yearn      | <i>id</i> ) Wrought | <i>ie</i> ) Wrong    |
| 28. (a) People            | ( <i>b</i> ) Penitent | (c) Pepsin     | (d) Penury          | ( <i>e</i> ) Penalty |
| 29. (a) Hobby             | (b) Holiday           | (c) Hoarse     | <i>id</i> ) Hollow  | <i>ie</i> ) Hobble   |
| 30. (a) Apology           | (6) Branch            | (c) Antigen    | <i>id</i> ) Antique | (e) Antipathy        |

## ANSWERS

The correct alphabetical order of the given words is shown below :

1. (a): Place. Plain, Plane. Player. Plenty
2. (\*): Acquire. Amazed. Disturb, Reprimand, Reverence
3. *id*): Parasite. Party. Paste. Petal. Prick
4. (d): Sharp. Shock. Snooker. Socks. Sound
5. *ib*): Hawker. Heavon. Hillock. Hilt. History
6. (\*): Canvass, Catastrophe. Character, Charcoal. Crisp
7. *ie*): Random. Restaurant, Restrict, Robber. Rocket
8. (\*r): Outcast, Outrage. Ovary, Overtake. Overture
9. *ib*): Defer. Delete. Delirium. Delude, Demean
10. (c): Transfer, Transform, Transplant, Transport. Trickery
11. *id*): Seclude, Section, Secure, Sentiment, Septic
12. (6): Trench, Verrigate, Vibrate, Vindictive. Wavering
13. (a): Language, Languid, Leprosy, Lessen, Lesson
14. (6): Asbestos. Ass. Assessment, Assistant, Asterick
15. *ic*): Finish, Firmament, First, Fiscal, Fissure
16. *ia*): Bicycle, Bifocal. Bishop. Bitter. Brink
17. (d) : Catalogue. Catchment, Category, Catenation. Cathedral
18. *ib*): Ambiguous, Ambivalent, Amorphous, Amphibian, Amphidextrous
19. *ib*): Handkerchief, Hang. Haphazard, Haste, Host
20. (f): Nausea. Nomenclature. Normal, Nostril, Nozzle
21. (c): Efflorescent. Ensure. Entreat, Entry, Every
22. (c): Sieve. Sigh. Sight. Signature. Significance
23. (a): Achieve, Afforest, Alive, Anticipate. Appreciate
24. (6): Tempest, Tender. Tendon. Tennis, Terminal
25. *ib*): Racket, Radar. Radiate, Radical. Radius
26. (a): Shout, Skirt, Slaughter, Specify. Straight
27. (c): Wrong. Wrought. Yearn, Yield. Zygote
28. (d): Penalty, Penitent, Penury, People. Pepsin
29. (a): Hoarse. Hobble. Hobby. Holiday, Hollow
30. (*d*): Antigen, Antipathy. Antique. Apology. Branch

EXERCISE 10C

**Directions :** Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and tick the one that comes at the second place.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. (a) Scissors  | (6) Scorpion   | (c) Schedule  | (d) Semester  | (e) Sensitive  |
| 2. (a) Livestock | ib) Litter     | (c) Literary  | (d) Little    | (e) Livelihood |
| 3. (a) Manifest  | ib) Meticulous | (c) Meridian  | (d) Merchant  | ie) Mercerise  |
| 4. ia) Interview | (6) Invent     | (c) Intestine | (d) Interlude | (e) Interfere  |
| 5. (a) Converse  | (6) Current    | (c) Curator   | id) Cutaneous | (e) Cushion    |
| 6. (a) Stipend   | (6) Stagger    | (c) Stabilise | id) Stimulus  | (e) Sterile    |
| 7. (a) Dialogue  | (6) Diabolic   | (c) Diagonal  | (d) Diaphragm | (e) Dialect    |
| 8. (a) Mink      | ib) Multiple   | (c) Murder    | id) Multitude | (e) Music      |
| 9. (a) Express   | ib) Extend     | (c) Expire    | id) Explode   | ie) Expand     |
| 10. (a) Revenue  | ib) Remind     | (c) Relish    | (d) Remark    | (?) Remorse    |
| 11. (o) Gourd    | (b) Gesture    | (c) Gentle    | id) Genuine   | (e) Generous   |
| 12. (a) Rural    | (6) Romance    | (c) Rejoice   | id) Reveal    | (e) Retain     |
| 13. (a) Shrub    | ib) Shudder    | (c) Shroud    | id) Shuffle   | ie) Shuttle    |
| 14. (a) Fault    | (b) Fantasy    | (c) Finger    | id) Fascinate | (e) Fanaticism |
| 15. (a) Niger    | ib) Narcotic   | (c) Ninth     | id) Nemises   | (e) Never      |

Directions : Arrange the given words in the alphabetical order and tick the one that comes last.

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 16. (a) Regard        | (6) Refer       | (c) Remind      | id) Report       | (e) Render      |
| 17. (a) Demand        | (6) Destroy     | (c) Deterred    | id) Direct       | (e) Damage      |
| 18. (a) Finger        | (6) Flourish    | (c) Formal      | id) Forget       | ie) Forgo       |
| 19. (a) Cover         | (6) Collect     | (c) Caught      | id) Callous      | (e) Career      |
| 20. ia) Window        | (b) Marriage    | (c) Widow       | id) Distress     | ie) Matrimonial |
| 21. (a) Mother        | (b) Monitor     | (c) Monkey      | id) Master       | ie) Matter      |
| 22. (a) Language      | ib) Litter      | (c) Lieutenant  | id) Luggage      | (e) Landlord    |
| 23. (a) Separate      | (b) Settle      | (c) Suggest     | id) Satisfaction | (e) Sundry      |
| 24. (a) Afford        | (b) Avoid       | (c) Answer      | id) Awesome      | ie) After       |
| 25. (a) Eventual      | ib) Extra       | (c) Entrance    | id) Exterminate  | ie) Emancipate  |
| 26. (a) Perpetual     | ib) Parachute   | (c) Paragraph   | id) Pursue       | ie) Programme   |
| 27. (a) Pillow        | (6) Institution | (c) Examination | (d) Inference    | (e) Derive      |
| 28. (a) Determination | (6) Destitute   | (c) Detergent   | id) Definite     | (e) Distance    |
| 29. (a) Television    | (6) Truant      | (c) Twist       | id) Tension      | ie) Teletext    |
| 30. (a) Hamper        | (6) Hesitate    | (c) Hectic      | id) Hunter       | (e) Hollow      |

**ANSWERS**

The correct alphabetical order of the given words is shown below :

- (a): Schedule, Scissors, Scorpion, Semester. Sensitive
- (6): Literary, Litter, little. Livelihood, Livestock
- (e): Manifest, Mercerise. Merchant, Meridian, Meticulous
- id): Interfere. Interlude. Intestine. Interview, Invent

5. (c): Converse, Curator, Current, Cushion, Cutaneous
6. (6): Stabilise, Stagger, Sterile, Stimulus, Stipend
7. (c) : Diabolic, Diagonal, Dialect, Dialogue, Diaphragm
8. (b): Mink, Multiple. Multitude. Murder, Music
9. (c): Expand. Expire, Explode, Express, Extend
10. (rf): Relish, Remark, Remind, Remorse, Revenue
11. (c): Generous. Gentle, Genuine, Gesture, Gourd
12. (e): Rejoice. Retain, Reveal. Romance, Rural
13. (a): Shroud. Shrub, Shudder, Shuffle, Shuttle
14. (6): Fanaticism, Fantasy, Fascinate, Fault, Finger
15. (rf): Narcotic, Nemises, Never, Niger, Ninth
16. (rf) : Refer, Regard. Remind, Render, Report
17. (d): Damage. Demand, Destroy. Deterred, Direct
18. (c): Finger. Flourish, Forget, Forgo, Formal
19. (a): Callous. Career. Caught, Collect, Cover
20. (a): Distress, Marriage, Matrimonial, Widow, Window
21. (a): Master, Matter, Monitor, Monkey, Mother
22. (cf): Landlord, Language, Lieutenant, Litter, Luggage
23. (e): Satisfaction, Separate, Settle, Suggest, Sundry
24. (d): Afford, After, Answer, Avoid, Awesome
25. (6): Emancipate, Entrance, Eventual, Exterminate, Extra
26. (d): Parachute, Paragraph, Perpetual, Programme, Pursue
27. (a): Derive, Examination, Inference, Institution, Pillow
28. (e): Definite, Destitute. Detergent, Determination, Distance
29. (c): Teletext. Television. Tension, Truant, Twist
30. (d): Hamper, Hectic. Hesitate, Hollow. Hunter

### EXERCISE 10D

**Directions :** *In each of the following questions, arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary and then choose the correct sequence.*

1. 1. Preach      2. Praise      3. Precinct      4. Precept      5. Precede  
(a) 2, 1, 5, 4, 3      (6) 2, 1, 3, 4, 5      (c) 2, 5, 1, 4, 3      (d) 1, 2, 5, 4, 3
2. 1. Select      2. Seldom      3. Send      4. Selfish      5. Seller  
(a) 1, 2, 4, 5, 3      (6) 2, 1, 5, 4, 3      (c) 2, 1, 4, 5, 3      (d) 2, 5, 4, 1, 3  
(UJD.C. 1995)
3. 1. Wrinkle      2. Wriggle      3. Writhe      4. Wretch      5. Wrath  
(a) 4, 5, 1, 2, 3      (6) 5, 4, 2, 1, 3      (c) 4, 2, 5, 1, 3      (d) 5, 2, 1, 3, 4
4. 1. Spruce      2. Spume      3. Spree      4. Spurt      5. Sprawl  
(a) 5, 3, 1, 2, 4      (6) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5      (c) 3, 5, 1, 4, 2      (d) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
5. 1. Credential      2. Creed      3. Crease      4. Cremate      5. Credible  
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5      (b) 1, 5, 3, 4, 2      (c) 5, 1, 2, 3, 4      (d) 3, 1, 5, 2, 4
6. 1. Intrinsic      2. Intrude      3. Intricate  
4. Introvert      5. Intrigue      6. Introduce  
(a) 3, 5, 1, 4, 6, 2      (b) 3, 5, 1, 6, 4, 2      (c) 3, 1, 5, 4, 6, 2      (d) 5, 1, 3, 2, 4, 6

7. 1. Liver 2. Long 3. Late  
4. Load 5. Luminous 6. Letter (U.D.C. 1995)  
(a) 3, 1, 6, 2, 4, 5 (b) 3, 1, 6, 2, 5, 4 (c) 3, 6, 1, 2, 4, 5 (d) 3, 6, 1, 4, 2, 5
8. 1. Dissipate 2. Dissuade 3. Disseminate  
4. Distract 5. Dissociate 6. Dissect  
(a) 6, 3, 1, 5, 2, 4 (b) 1, 6, 3, 2, 4, 6 (c) 3, 6, 1, 2, 5, 4 (d) 4, 6, 3, 1, 5, 2
9. 1. Page 2. Pagan 3. Palisade 4. Pageant 5. Palate  
(a) 1, 4, 2, 3, 5 (b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5 (c) 2, 1, 4, 5, 3 (d) 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
10. 1. Pestle 2. Pestilence 3. Pester 4. Pest 5. Pessimist  
(a) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (b) 4, 3, 1, 5, 2 (c) 3, 4, 2, 5, 1 (d) 4, 5, 1, 2, 3
11. If the first five words in the sentence, "Meeta's mother meets me many times" are rearranged in the alphabetical order, which will be the middle word ?  
(a) Meeta (b) mother (c) meets (d) me (e) many (B.S.ILB. 1996)
12. If the words in the sentence, "She showed several sample snaps" are rearranged in the alphabetical order, which will be the middle word ?  
(a) snaps (b) sample (c) several (d) showed (e) she

**Directions :** In each of the following questions, arrange the given names in the order in which they would occur in a telephone directory and choose the one which appears in the middle.

13. (a) Avdesh (b) Avadhesh (c) Awadesh (d) Awdhesh (e) Awadhesh
14. (a) Randhir (b) Randesh (c) Rama (d) Raamesh (e) Renmurthi (S.BJJP.O.1994)
15. (a) Bhagat (b) Bhagwat (c) Bhagvati (d) Bhagirath (e) Bhagvant  
(f) Mohammed (g) Muhammad
16. (a) Mohammad (b) Mohammed (c) Muhammad  
(d) Muhammed (e) Mohummad
17. (a) Jetley (b) Jenson (c) Jainson (d) Jaina (e) Jaisons
18. (a) Krishanmurty (b) Krishnamurthy (c) Krishnmurthi  
(d) Krishanmurthy (e) Krishnamurti
19. (a) Mahender (b) Mahendra (c) Mahinder (d) Mahindra (e) Mohinder
20. (a) Subramaniam (b) Subramanyam (c) Subhramaniam  
(d) Subhrmanyam (e) Subramniam

## ANSWERS

- I. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (d) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (a)
- II. (a): The correct order is : many, me, Meeta, meets, mother
12. (e): The alphabetical order is : sample, several, she, showed, snaps
13. (c): The alphabetical order is : Avadhesh, Avdesh, Awadesh, Awadhesh, Awdhesh
14. (b): The alphabetical order is : Raamesh, Rama, Randesh, Randhir, Renmurthi
15. (e): The alphabetical order is : Bhagat, Bhagirath, Bhagvant, Bhagvati, Bhagwat  
(f) Mohammed (g) Muhammad
16. (e): The alphabetical order is : Mohammad, Mohammed, Mohummad, Muhammad.  
\* Muhammed
17. (e): The alphabetical order is : Jaina, Jainson, Jaisons, Jenson, Jetley
18. (b): The alphabetical order is : Krishanmurthy, Krishanmurty, Krishnamurthy, Krishnamurti, Krishnmurthi



19. (c): The alphabetical order is : Mahender, Mahendra, Mahinder. Mahindra, Mohinder  
 20. (a): The alphabetical order is : Subhramaniam, Subhrmanyam. Subramaniam. Subramanyam, Subramniam

### TYPE-2: LETTER-WORD PROBLEMS

- Ex. 1. How many pairs of letters are there in the word NECESSARY which have as many letters between them in the word as there are between them in the alphabet and in the same order ?

(o) One                      (6) Two                      (c) Three                      (cf) Nil                      (e) Four

**Sol.** Clearly, such a letter pair is N and S. In the word NECESSARY, they have four letters between them — E, C, E and S.

In the alphabet too, N and S have four letters between them — O, P, Q and R. Hence, the answer is (a).

- Ex. 2. If the first and third letters in the word NECESSARY were interchanged, also the fourth and the sixth letters, and the seventh and the ninth letters which of the following would be the seventh letter from the left ?

(a) A                      (6) Y                      (c) R                      (d) E                      (e) S

**Sol.** We interchange the positions of the letters as shown below :

N E C   !   m   A R Y

The new letter sequence is CENSSEYRA.

Clearly, the seventh letter from the left is Y. Hence, the answer is (6).

### EXERCISE 10E

- How many pairs of letter are there in the word 'BUCKET' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (8.B.I.P.O.1994)  
 (a) One                      (6) Two                      (c) Three                      (d) Four                      « (e) More than four
- Two letters in the word TRESENCE\* have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet and in the same order. Which one of the two letters comes earlier in the alphabet ?  
 (a) C                      (6) E                      (c) R                      (d) P                      (e) None of these  
**Hint** : Do not count the pair EC, because as mentioned in the question, the letters should be in the same order in which they occur in the alphabet.
- How many letters are there in the word 'CREATIVE'<sup>1</sup> which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (8.B.I.P.O.1997)  
 (a) 1                      (6) 2                      (c) 3                      (d) 4                      (f) None of these
- In the word 'PARADISE', how many pairs of letters are there which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
 (a) None                      , (6) One                      (c) Two                      (d) Three                      (e) Four
- How many pairs of letters in the word 'DABBLE' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1996)  
 (a) Nil                      (6) One                      (c) Two                      (d) Three                      (e) More than three
- How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'HORIZON' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabet ?  
 (a) One                      (6) Two                      (c) Three                      (d) More than three

7. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'DONATE' which have as many letters between them as there are in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1995)  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
8. How many pairs of letters in the word 'CHAIRS' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
(a) None (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) Four
9. Two letters in the word 'LEMON' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet. Which one of the two letters comes earlier in the alphabet ?  
(a) E (b) L (c) M (d) N (e) O
10. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'CLANGOUR' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1996)  
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) None of these
11. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'LANGUISH' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
12. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'PENCIL' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1991)  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
13. How many pairs of letters in the word 'BRIGHTER' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) More than 4
14. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'CARROT' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1993)  
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) More than 4
15. How many pairs of letters in the word 'CATASTROPHE' have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) None of these
16. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'SEQUENTIAL' which have as many letters between them as are in the alphabet ? (S.BXP.O.1995)  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) Four
17. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'REPURCUSSION' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet and that too in the same order ?  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these  
Hint : Do not consider the pairs 'US' and 'ON'.
18. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'PRESENTMENT' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ?  
(a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
19. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'ADEQUATELY' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1991)  
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) More than four
20. If any two letters in the word 'PRISON' have as many letters between them in the word as there are in the English alphabet, they form an alpha-pair. How many such alpha-pairs are there in the word 'PRISON' ? (NABARD, 1994)  
(a) Nil (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3 (e) More than 3

21. How many independent words can 'HEARTLESS' be divided into without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ? (R.B.I.1990)  
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5 (e) Can't be so divided
22. How many independent words can 'STAINLESS' be divided into without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ?  
 (a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
23. From the word 'ASTOUNDER', how many independent words can be made without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ?  
 (a) Nil (b) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) Four  
 (S.B.I.P.O. 1991)
24. From the word 'BEHIND', how many independent words can be made without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ?  
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
25. From the word 'LAPAROSCOPV', how many independent meaningful words can be made without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ? (L.I.C. 1994)  
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) More than 4
26. How many independent words can 'DETERMINATION' be divided into without changing the order of the letters and using each letter only once ?  
 (a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) None of these
27. Which letter in the word 'SELFRIGHTEOUSNESS' does not change its position when the letters are reversed ? (Hotel Management, 1996)  
 (a) E (b) G (c) H (d) T
28. If the first and second letters in the word 'DEPRESSION' were interchanged, also the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and the sixth letters and so on, which of the following would be the seventh letter from the right ?  
 (a) R (b) 0 (c) S (d) I (e) None of these
29. If the positions of the first and sixth letters of the word 'BENEFICIAL' are interchanged; similarly the positions of the second and seventh letters are interchanged and so on, which letter will be third from the right end after rearrangement ?  
 (a) C (b) E (c) F (d) N (e) None of these  
 (Bank P.O. 1992)
30. If the first and second letters in the word 'MISFORTUNE' were interchanged, also the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and the sixth letters and so on, which letter would then be the eighth letter counting to your left ?  
 (a) 0 (b) F (c) S (d) T (e) U
31. Which letter will be the fifth from the right if the first and the second, the third and the fourth and so on are interchanged in the word 'COMPANIONATE' ?  
 (a) A (b) I (c) N (d) 0 (e) None of these  
 (Bank P.O. 1996)
32. If the last four letters of the word 'CONCENTRATION' are written in reverse order followed by next two in the reverse order and next three in the reverse order and then followed by the first four in the reverse order, counting from the end, which letter would be eighth in the new arrangement ?  
 (a) N (b) T (c) E (d) R  
 (I. Tax & Central Excise, 1989)

33. If the positions of the first and the sixth letters in the word 'DISTRIBUTE\*' are interchanged; similarly the positions of the second and the seventh, the third and the eighth and so on, which of the following letters will be the fifth from left after interchanging the positions ? (Bank P.O. 1995)  
 (a) E (b) I (c) S (d) T (e) None of these
34. If the positions of the third and tenth letters of the word 'DOCUMENTATION' are interchanged, and likewise the position of the fourth and seventh letters, the second and sixth letters, is also interchanged, which of the following will be eleventh letter from the right end ?  
 (a) C (b) I (c) T (d) U (e) None of these
35. If in the word 'DISTURBANCE\*', the first letter is interchanged with the last letter, the second letter is interchanged with the tenth letter and so on, which letter would come after the letter *T* in the newly formed word ? (L.LC. 1994)  
 (a) I (b) N (c) S (d) T (e) U
36. If the positions of the fifth and twelfth letters of the word 'GLORIFICATIONS\*' are interchanged; and likewise the position of the fourth and fourteenth letters, the third and tenth letters, the second and eleventh letters and the first and thirteenth letters are interchanged, which of the following will be twelfth letter from the right end ? (U.T.I. 1993)  
 (a) I (b) O (c) R (d) T (e) None of these

## ANSWERS

	Letters in the word	Letters in the alphabet
1. (a):	C K E	C D E
2. (d):	E R E S	E Q R S
3. (c):	C R E A T I V E H Y	C D E A B O D E T y Y
4. (ic):	E A R A R A D	E Q B A B C D
6. (e):	D A B A B L E A B A B B L E	D O B B O D E A B A B O D E
6. (ib):	B I Z Q Q K	B Q P Q Q H
7. (ic) :	D O N A Q N	D O B A Q S
8. (c):	C H A B S	C B A B S
9. (ib) :	L E M Q	L M N Q
10. (ie):	<b>CLA</b> <b>CLANQ</b> L A M L A N G O U B & G O U R	C B A C D E F Q L M E L M N O P Q B N O P Q B





(b)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q				
			3				3				3				3						
				+ 0				+ 0					+ 0								
( c )	B	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
			4					4					4					4			
					• 0								+ 0					+ 0			
( d )	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q								
		2			2			2			2										
			+ 0			• 0			+ 0												

Clearly, in letter-series ACFJO, the number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters increases by one as shown above. Hence, the answer is (a).

### EXERCISE 10F

- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series is two. Which of the following series observes this rule ? (U.D.C. 1995)  
(a) MPSVYBE (6) QSVYZCF (c) SVZCGJN (d) ZCGKMPR
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series is odd. Which of the following series observes this rule ?  
(a) BDHLR (6) FIMRX (c) EIMQV (d) MPRUX
- The letters shipped in between the adjacent letters in the series are followed by equal space. Which of the following series observes this rule ?  
(a) HKNGSW (6) RVZDFG (c) RVZDHL (d) SUXADF  
(L Tax ft Central Excise, 1995)
- Number of letters skipped in between the adjacent letters in the series are consecutive even numbers. Which of the following series observes this rule ?  
(a) CDFIM (6) ADIPY (c) GIMSZ (d) DFJPX
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series increases by one. Which of the following series observes this rule ? (Assistant Grade, 1994)  
(a) CPTOV (6) HCFKP (c) HJHQV (d) IKNRW
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series are increased by one. Which of the following alternatives observes this rule ?  
(a) KMPTY (6) IJKOT (c) HJMQT (d) DFIJK  
(L Tax ft Central Excise, 1996)
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters of the series starting from behind are increased by one. Which of the following series observes this rule ?  
(a) OIGDC (6) OMJFA (c) OMKIG (d) ONLKJ
- Which of the following series observes the rule, "Skip in between adjacent letters, increasing one letter more each time to build a set of letters" ?  
(a) ACFJLQ (6) BDGKPV (c) CEHLQV (d) HILPUZ  
(Assistant Grade, 1996)
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series decreases by one. Which of the following series is observing the rule ? (UJJ.C. 1995)  
(a) BGKNPR (6) C1NRTU (c) EJNQST (d) LQUXAP
- Number of letters skipped in between adjacent letters in the series is two. Which one of the following alternatives observes this rule ? (U.D.C. 1996)  
(a) SPMLI (6) TSPNKH (c) UROLIF (d) WTQNKJ





6 . ( a ) : K L M N O E Q R S I U V W X Y  
1 2 3 4  
• 1 • 1 +1

7 . ( 6 ) : Q N M L K J I H G E E D C B A  
1 2 3 4  
• 1 +1 +1

8.(6) B C D E F Q H I J K L M N O E Q R S T U Y  
1 2 3 4 5  
• 1 +1 • 1 +1

9 . ( c ) : £ F G H I J K L M K O P Q R S I  
4 3 2 1 0  
-1 -1 -1 -1

1 0 . ( c ) : U T S R Q P Q N M L K J I H O E  
2 2 2 2 2

11.IM: fiHUKLMNO£QRSTUVWXYZABCDE  
8 6 4 2  
- 2 - 2 - 2

1 2 . ( d ) : B C \_ B A Z X X W V U T S R Q E  
1 2 3 4

1 5 . ( a ) : A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O E Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
3 6 3 9  
3, 6, 3. 9 are multiples of 3.

lito): £ D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S J  
I 4 9  
(1\*) (2²) (3²)

1 6 . ( d ) : S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K  
5 4 3 2  
-1 -1 -1

ISAd): E Q Z F I G W 1 Q U  
II 8 5 2 15 11 7 3  
- 3 - 3 - 3 - 4 - 4 - 4  
M G V F K P J X H M  
19 14 9 4 19 13 9 4  
- 5 - 5 - 5 - 6 - 4 - 5

17.W: ft R S X U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G II I J K L M N O P Q R 2  
2 5 7 10

18.(a): A B C D E E G H 1 J K L M N  
2 1 2 1 2

19.(6): M N Q P Q B 8 T U Y W X  
1 2 1 1 1

TYPE 4 : ALPHABETICAL QUIBBLE

In this type of questions, you are given alphabets from A to Z. The position of a letter is given in the form of a puzzle. The candidate is required to find this letter. However, sometimes a random letter series is given and the candidate is required to find out how many times a letter satisfying the conditions specified in the question, occurs.

Ex. 1 In the following alphabet series, which letter is eighth to the left of sixteenth letter from the right end ?

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- (a) B (6) S (c) C (d) H (e) X

**Sol.** 'Counting from the right end of the given alphabet series *i.e.*, from Z. the sixteenth letter is K. Counting from K towards the left, the eighth letter is C. Hence, the answer is (c).

Ex. 2 If the following alphabet series is written in the reverse order, which letter will be fifth to the left of the fourteenth letter from the left ?

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- (a) R (6) 1 (c) S (d) H (e) V

**Sol.** The new alphabet series obtained after reversing the order of alphabets is :

Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N  
M L K J I H G F E D C B A

Counting from the left end in the above series *i.e.*, from Z, the fourteenth letter is M.

Counting from M towards the left, the fifth letter is R.

Hence, the answer is (a).

Ex. 3 How many D's are there in the following series which are immediately followed by W but not immediately preceded by K ?

K D C W K D W N K G D W W D H K V D W Z D W

- (<i>i</i>) One (6) Two (c) Three (d) Four (e) Nil

**Sol.** Clearly, D's satisfying the given conditions can be marked as under :

K D C W K D W N K GQ5| W W D H K W Z[H] W

Hence, the answer is (c).

### EXERCISE 10G

Directions : Each of the following questions is based on the following alphabet series.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- Which letter is exactly midway between H and S in the given alphabet ?  
(a) L (6) M (c) N (d) O (e) No such letter  
(S.B.I.P.O. 1994)
- In the English alphabet, which letter will be to the immediate left of M ?  
(a) N (6) L (c) O (d) K (e) None of these
- Which letter is sixteenth to the right of the letter which is fourth to the left of I ?  
(a) S (6) T (c) U (d) V (<?> Y
- Which alphabet comes immediately before the sixth alphabet from the left extreme of the given alphabets ? (L.I.C. 1994)  
(a) E (6) F (c) G (d) U (<?> V

5. Which letter is the seventh to the right of the thirteenth letter from your left ?  
 (a) S                      *ib)* T                      Cc) U                      *id)* V                      ' *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1903)**
6. Which letter will be the sixth to the right of the eleventh letter from the right end of the alphabet ?  
 (a) K                      (6) V                      (c) J                      *(d)* U                      *ie)* None of these
7. Which letter is seventh to the right of the eighteenth letter from the right end of the alphabet ?  
 (a) K                      *ib)* O                      (c) P                      *(d)* R                      *ie)* None of these  
 .B.S.R.B. 1996)
8. If the above alphabet are divided in two equal halves — from A to M and N to Z, which letter in the later half would be corresponding to the letter J ?  
 (a) Q                      *ib)* V                      (c) X                      *(d)* W                      *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1993)**
9. Which letter is midway between 22nd letter from the left and 21st letter from the right ?  
 (a) L                      *(b)* M                      (c) O                      *id)* P                      *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1995)**
10. If the above alphabet is written in the reverse order, which will be the eighth letter to the right of O ?  
 (a) F                      *ib)* G                      (c) V                      *(d)* W                      *(e)* None of these
11. If the above alphabets were written in the reverse order, which will be the fifth letter to the left of the ninth letter from the right ?  
 (a) P                      *ib)* N                      (?) D                      *(d)* W                      *(e)* M
12. If the given alphabet is arranged in reverse order, which letter will be the eighth letter to the left of the seventh letter counting from the right end ?  
 (a) N                      (6) 0                      (c) P                      *(d)* Q                      *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1992)**
13. If the above alphabet are written in the reverse order, which letter will be twelfth to the left of the sixteenth letter from your left ?  
 (a) D                      *(b)* V                      (c) W                      *id)* X                      *(e)* None of these
14. If the given sequence of letters is written in a reverse order, which of the following will be the seventh letter to the left of eighth letter from your right ?  
 (a) L                      (6) M                      (c) O                      *id)* P                      *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1996)**
15. Which letter should be ninth letter to the left of ninth letter from the right, if the first half of the given alphabet is reversed ?  
*ia)* D                      (6) E                      (c) F                      *id)* I                      *ie)* None of these  
**(U.T.J. 1 » 3)**
16. If every alternate letter starting from B is deleted from the given alphabet, which of the following will be the tenth letter from the right end ?  
 (a) G                      *ib)* D                      (c) Q                      *id)* H                      *(e)* None of these  
**(Bank P.O. 1995)**
17. Write the above English alphabet in reverse order. First cancel every second letter and then select that letter which divides the remaining letters of the alphabet in two equal parts. This letter is :  
 (a) L                      *ib)* M                      *ic)* N                      *id)* P                      *ie)* None of these "
18. If the letters of the given alphabet interchange positions, so that A takes the place of Z and Z takes the place of A; B takes the place of Y and Y takes the place of B and so on, what will be the thirteenth letter from the right ?  
 (a) M                      *ib)* N                      <c) O                      (</) L                      *ie)* None of these

19. If the alphabet is written in the reverse order and every alternate letter starting with Y is dropped, which letter will be exactly in the middle of the remaining letters of the alphabet ? (Bank P.O. 1996)  
 (a) M (6) N (c) O (d) M or O (e) None of these
20. In the given alphabet, starting from the fifth letter from the left, if twelve letters are written in reverse order, then which letter will be the seventh to the left of the fourteenth letter from the right ? (Bank P.O. 1994)  
 (a) H (6) L (c) M (d) N (e) None of these
21. If the second half of the given alphabet is written in reverse order, which letter will be seventh to the right of the twelfth letter from the left end ?  
 (a) R (6) S (c) U (d) V (e) None of these
22. Which letter should be fourth to the left of twelfth letter from the right if the second half of the given alphabet is reversed ? (Bank P.O. 1993)  
 (a) J (6) K (c) L (d) M (e) None of these
23. If the first and the second letters interchange their positions and similarly the third and the fourth letters, the fifth and the sixth letters and so on, which letter will be the seventeenth from your right ?  
 (a) F (b) H (c) I (d) J (e) None of these
24. If the first ten letters of the given alphabet are written in the reverse order, which of the following letters will be the seventh to the left of the twelfth letter from the right end ? (Bank P.O. 1994)  
 (a) B (6) C (c) H (d) I (e) None of these
26. If every alternate letter starting from B of the given alphabet is written in small letters, rest all are written in capital letters, how will the month of 'September' be written ? (Bank P.O. 1995)  
 (a) SEpteMbeR (6) SEptembER (c) sePTemBeR  
 (d) SEptEMbEr (e) None of these
26. If the alternate letters in the given alphabet starting from A are written in small and rest all in capital letters, which of the following will represent the third month after July ? (Bank P.O. 1995)  
 (a) OCTOBER (6) OCtObEr (c) oCtObEr  
 (d) ocToBeR (e) None of these
27. If every even letter beginning from B is replaced by odd number beginning with 3, which letter/number will be the third to the right of the tenth number/letter counting from your right ? (Bank P.O. 1996)  
 (a) M (6) S (c) 11 (d) 23 (e) None of these
28. Which letter will be sixth to the right of the third letter from left of the letter which is exactly in the middle of the letters in the series given below ?  
 A B C D E Z Y X W V Q R S T  
 U F G H I J K L M N O P A (Bank P.O. 1996)  
 (a) F (6) G (c) J (d) R (e) None of these
29. Which is the letter as far from the first letter of the alphabet given below as the letter C is from the letter midway between K and R in 'QUICKSILVER' ?  
 (a) C (b) D (c) F (d) J (e) V

30. How many A's are there in the following series which are immediately followed by B as well as immediately preceded by Z ? (Bank P.O. 1993)  
 A M B Z A N A A B Z A B A Z B A P Z A B A Z A B  
 (a) Nil (6) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) More than three
31. In the following list of letters, how many O's are followed by Q's but not preceded by D's ? (C.B.I. 1993)  
 D O Q O D Q O D O D Q D O Q D S D Q P  
 O Q D S S S D O Q O Q D O Q D D D O Q  
 (a) 0 (6) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
32. How many Ts are there in the following sequence which are immediately preceded by P but not immediately followed by S ? (Bank P.O. 1995)  
 S T P Q T S P T R P T S R P S T Q P T R P T M P T S  
 (a) None (6) One (c) Two (d) Three (e) None of these
33. In the following series, count each N which is immediately followed by X but X is not immediately followed by T. How many such N's are there ? (R.B.I. 1990)  
 N X N T Q M N X T M X N X C N Q M N N X Q N X T X N A M X N  
 X M  
 (a) 2 (6) 4 (c) 5 (d) 7 (e) 9
- \*\*4. In the following letter sequence, how many n's are followed by m but not preceded by h ? (8.8.C. 1996)  
 a g r h t n m b c n m l b u v n m h e r h  
 n m g f e h n m e c n m w q a n m h l b  
 (a) 4 (6) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7

Directions (**Questions 35 to 38**) : **Study the letter series given below and answer the questions that follow :** / (Hotel Management, 1992)

H D Y S M W N B Q P O C R T B L Z V E G U F

35. Which is the only letter that occurs twice ?  
 (a) B (6) E • (C) M (d) S
36. Which two neighbours in the given arrangement are farthest in the alphabetical order ?  
 (a) B and Q . (6) D and Y (c) U and F (d) V and E
37. Which letter has the same neighbours as in the alphabetical order although they have changed places ?  
 (a) M (6) N (c) O (d) P
38. Which three letters have the same distance as they have in the alphabetical order although they have changed places ?  
 (a) HMP (6) NQZ (c) QOE (d) YLF

## ANSWERS

1. (e): There are ten letters between H and S and as such, there is no letter which lies exactly in the middle.
2. (6): Clearly, L is the letter to the immediate left of M.
3. (c): Clearly, the fourth letter to the left of I is E. The sixteenth letter to the right of E is U.
4. (a): The sixth letter from the left is F. E comes immediately before F.

5. (6) : Counting from the left *i.e.* A in the given alphabet, the thirteenth letter is M. Counting from M towards the right, the seventh letter is T.
6. (b): Counting from the right in the given alphabet series *i.e.*, Z, the eleventh letter is P. The sixth letter to the right of P is V.
7. (c): Counting from the right in the given alphabet series *i.e.*, from Z, the eighteenth letter is I.  
The seventh letter to the right of I is P
8. (</): J is the tenth letter in the first half.  
The tenth letter in the later half is W.
9. (c): 22nd letter from the left is V. 21st letter from the right is F.  
The letter midway between F and V is  $\text{9ftj} > \{$
10. (6): The new alphabet series is :  $< \text{yfoioil}$   

Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N  
 M L K J I H G F E D C B ^

 Clearly, the eighth letter to the right of O is G.
11. (6): The new alphabet series is :  $\text{Jft}$   

Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N  
 M L K J I H G F E D C B A

 The ninth letter from the right is I.  
The fillh letter to the left of I is N.
12. (6): The new alphabet series is as shown in Solution 11.  
Counting from the right, the seventh letter is G.  
The eighth letter to the left of G is O.
13. (c): The new alphabet series is as shown in Solution 11.  
The sixteenth letter from the left is K.  
Counting from K towards the left, the twelfth letter is W.
14. (c): The new alphabet series is as shown in Solution 11.  
The eighth letter from the right is H.  
The seventh letter to the left of H is O
15. (6): The new alphabet series is :  

M L K J I H G F E D C B A  
 N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

 The ninth letter from the right is R.  
The ninth letter to the left of R is E.
16. (a): The new alphabet series is :  

A C E G I K M O Q S U W Y

 The tenth letter from the right is G.
17. (c): The new alphabet series-is :  

Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N  
 M L K J I H G F E D C B A

 Cancelling every second letter, the above series become\*  

Z X V T R P N L J H F D B

 The middle letter is N.
18. (a): The new alphabet series is :  

Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N  
 M L K J I H G F E D C B A

 Counting from the right in the above series *i.e.* A, the thirteenth letter is M.

19. (6): Same as Solution 17.

20. (e): The new alphabet series is :

A B C D P O N M L K J I H  
G F E Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The fourteenth letter from the right is H.

The seventh letter to the left of H is O.

21. (c): The new alphabet series is :

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N

The twelfth letter from the left is L.

The seventh letter to the right of L is U.

22. (b) : The new alphabet series is as shown in Solution 21.

The twelfth letter from the right is Y.

The fourth letter to the left of Y is K.

23. (c) : The new alphabet series is :

B A D C F E U G J I L K N  
M P O R Q T S V U X W Z Y

The seventeenth letter from the right is I.

24. (6) : The new alphabet series is :

J I H G F E D C B A K L M  
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The twelfth letter from the right is O.

The seventh letter to the left of O is C.

25. (d) : The new alphabet series is :

A b C d E f G h i j K I M  
n O p Q r S t U v W x Y a

Clearly 'SEPTEMBER' will be written as 'SEptEMbEr'. <

26. (d) : The new alphabet series is :

a B c D e F g H i J k L m  
N o P q R s T u V w X y Z

The third month after July is October.

Clearly, 'OCTOBER' will be written as 'ocToBeR'.

27. (<): The new series is :

A 3 C 5 E 7 G 9 I 11 K 13 M  
15 O 17 Q 19 S 21 U 23 W 25 Y 27

Counting from the right, the tenth character is Q.

The third character to the right of Q is 21.

28. (b): The letter in the middle of the given series is T. The third letter to the left of T is Q.

The sixth letter to the right of Q is G.

29. (d): The letter midway between K and R in 'QUICKSILVER' is L. In the alphabet, L is the ninth letter after C. Similarly, J is the ninth letter from the first letter of the alphabet, which is A.

30. (</): A M B Z A N A A B Z ( A ] B A Z B A P Z [ A ] B A Z [ A ] B

31. (r): D O Q O D Q O D O D Q D O Q D S D Q P [ o \

Q D S S S D O Q [ o ] Q D O Q D D D O Q

32. (d): S T P Q T S P O R P T S R P S T Q P [ T ] R R [ F ] M P T S

- 33.(6): N [ Y ] N T Q M N X T M X [ N ] X C N Q M  
N @ X Q N X T X N A M X O X M
34. (6): a g r h t ( n ] m b c [ n ] m l b u v [ n ] m h e r  
h n m g f e h n m e c Qi] m w q a [ " n j m h l b
35. (a): Clearly. B occurs twice.
36. (b): Clearly, D and Y are neighbours in the given series and are separated by the maximum number of letters *i.e.*, 20 in the English alphabet.
37. (d): P has O and Q as its neighbours in the given series as well as in the English alphabet.
38. (d): There are 12 letters between L and Y and 5 letters between F and L in the given series as well as in the English alphabet.

### TYPE 5 : WORD FORMATION

- Ex. 1. Select the combination of numbers so that letters arranged accordingly will form a meaningful word.

V	A	R	S	T	E
1	2	3	4	5	6

(a) 2, 3, 1, 6, 4, 5    (b) 4, 5, 2, 3, 1, 6    (c) 6, 3, 4, 5, 2, 1    (d) 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1

- Sol. Clearly, the given letters, when arranged in the order 4, 5, 2, 3, 1, 6 form the word 'STARVE'. Hence, the answer is (b).

- Ex. 2.** If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the second, the sixth, the ninth and the twelfth letters of the word 'CONTRIBUTION', which of the following will be the last letter of that word? If more than one such words can be made, give M as the answer and if no such word is there, give X as the answer.

(a) N                      (b) O                      (c) T                      (d) M                      (e) X

- Sol. The second, sixth, ninth and twelfth letters of the word 'CONTRIBUTION' are O, I, T and N. Clearly, only one word can be formed using these letters, which is INTO.

The last letter in INTO is O.

Hence, the answer is (b).

- Ex. 3.** Choose one word out of the given alternatives, which cannot be formed from the letters of the word CONSULTATION.

(a) CONSTANT              (b) NATION              (c) SALUTE              (d) STATION

- Sol. Carefully looking at the words, we find that the word 'CONSULTATION' does not contain the letter E. So, the word 'SALUTE' cannot be formed.

Hence, the answer is (c).

- Note : In such type of questions, remember that each letter in the given word is to be used only once.

### EXERCISE 10H

**Directions (Questions 1 to 40):** In each of the following questions, a group of letters is given which are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Below are given four alternatives containing combinations of these numbers. Select that combination of numbers so that letters arranged accordingly, form a meaningful word.

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**1. T R I F U**

1 2 3 4 5

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(a) 3, 1. 2. 4. 5 (6) 4. 2. 5. 3. 1 (c) 4, 3. 2. 1. 5 (d) 5. 3, 2. 1, 4

**2. A C E S T H**

1

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 6. 1. 4. 5. 3. 2 (6) 2. 6. 1, 4. 5. 3 (c) 4. 3, 5, 6. 1, 2 (d) 6. 3. 2, 1. 4. 5

**3. JG T A E N M**

1 2,3 4 5 6

(a) 1, 3. 2, 5. 4, 6 (6) 1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5 (c) 6. 3. 5. 1. 4, 2 (d) 6. 3, 1, 5, 4 2

**4. N R O C T A**

1 2 3 4 5 6

1 fr, 11

(a) 1, 6. 2, 4. 3, 5 (6) 2, 3, 5, 4, 6, 1 (c) 4, 6, 2, 5. 3. 1 (d) 6. 5, 2, 3. 1, 4

**5. G A N I M E**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 1, 2, 4, 3, 6. 5 (6) 6, 3. 4, 1, 5. 2 (c) 5. 2. 1. 4, 3. 6 (d) 2. 5. 1. 4. 3. 6

**6. D I F E R N**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 1. 4, 3. 6. 2. 5 (6) 6, 4, 3, 5. 2. 1 (c) 3, 5, 2. 4, 6. 1 (d) 5, 4. 3. 2. 6. 1

**7. K A T C E L**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 4, 2:5. 1. 5. 6 (6) 1, 2, 4, 5. 6, 3 (c) 6, 5, 3, 2. 4. 1 (d) 3, 2. 4. 1, 6. 5

**8. R U S G A**

1 2 3 4 5

(a) 1. 5, 4, 2. 3 (6) 5, 3, 4, 1, 2 (c) 3, 2, 4, 5, 1 (d) 4, 5, 3, 2. 1

**9. C E L S M U**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 4. 6. 3. 5, 2, 1 (6) 5. 6. 4. 1, 3. 2 (c) 4, 6. 5. 2, 3. 1 (d) 5, 2, 3. 1, 6. 4

**10. H N R C A B**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 4. 1. 5, 6. 2. 3 (6) 6, 3, 5. 2, 4, 1 (c) 3, 5, 6. 4, 1. 2 (d) 2. 5. 3, 4, 1, 6

**11. E L B M A G**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 6. 5. 4, 3, 2, 1 (6) 3, 1, 6, 4. 5, 2 (c) 4. 5, 6. 3, 1. 2 (d) 2, 1, 6, 3, 5, 4

**12. R T A O U H**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 1. 3, 4, 5. 6. 2 (6) 2. 3. 6. 4, 5. 1 (c) 6, 3, 2, 4, 5. 1 (d) 3. 5. 2. 6, 4, 1

**13. T L E M N A**

) 1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 2. 6, 4, 5, 3, 1 (6) 3. 2, 4, 6, 5. 1 (c) 4, 3, 5, 1, 6. 2 (d) 5, 3. 2. 4, 6, 1

**14. A E H R K N**

1 2 3 4 5 6

(a) 4, 1, 5, 3. 2. 6 (6) 6. 1, 5, 3, 4. 2 (c) 3, 1, 6. 5, 2, 4 (d) 5. 3, 1, 4, 2, 6

15. I N L A S G  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 6, 1, 3, 5, 4, 2 (6) 5, 1, 6, 2, 4, 3 (c) 3, 4, 6, 1, 2, 5 (d) 2, 4, 3, 6, 1, 5
16. T L P N A E  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1 (6) 3, 2, 5, 4, 1, 6 (c) 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 1 (d) 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 2
17. R P E D I  
1 2 3 4 5  
(a) 1, 3, 2, 5, 4 (6) 2, 1, 5, 4, 3 (c) 3, 2, 1, 5, 4 (d) 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
18. I P E L O C  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 4, 3, 5, 2, 6 (6) 2, 5, 4, 1, 6, 3 (c) 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 6  
(Railways, 1995)
19. R M N B U E  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 2, 6, 3, 4, 1, 5 (6) 4, 6, 3, 2, 1, 5 (c) 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 1  
(d) 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6
20. T N D R A E  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 6, 2, 3, 5, 4 (6) 3, 6, 2, 4, 5, 1 (c) 5, 4, 3, 6, 2, 1  
(d) 1, 5, 4, 2, 6, 3
21. E H R A S P  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3 (6) 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1 (c) 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5  
(d) 4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 1
22. T E L S C A  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5 (6) 4, 6, 5, 1, 2, 3 (c) 5, 6, 4, 1, 3, 2  
<d) 3, 4, 2, 1, 6, 5
23. E O C D L I  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 3, 2, 5, 4, 6, 1 (6) 4, 2, 3, 5, 6, 1 (c) 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1  
<d) 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, 1
24. A M D E N R  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 2, 1, 5, 3, 4, 6 (6) 6, 4, 2, 1, 5, 3 (c) 3, 4, 5, 2, 1, 6  
<d) 4, 2, 3, 6, 5, 1
25. T I R B H G  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5 (6) 4, 3, 2, 6, 5, 1 (c) 4, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1  
(d) 1, 6, 2, 4, 5, 3
26. R A C E T  
1 2 3 4 5  
(o) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (6) 3, 2, 1, 4, 5 (c) 5, 2, 3, 4, 1  
(d) 3, 2, 6, 5, 4, 1
27. L A E M V R  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 5 (6) 4, 2, 6, 5, 3, 1 (c) 5, 3, 6, 4, 2, 1  
(d) 5, 1, 2, 3, 4
28. R T E O D P  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 2 (6) 2, 3, 1, 6, 4, 5 (c) 7 5, 3, 6, 4, 1, 2  
(d) 6, 3, 5, 1, 4, 2

29. E H N T O R  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 2, 5, 3, 4, 1, 6 (6) 4, 2, 6, 5, 3, 1 (c) 2, 5, 6, 3, 1, 4 (<f) 4, 2, 5, 6, 3, 1
30. J C O P T E R  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
(a) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2 (b) 2, 6, 4, 5, 1, 3, 7  
(c) 7, 6, 4, 5, 1, 3, 2 (rf) 4, 7, 3, 1, 6, 2, 5
31. A C P E T S  
1 2 3 4 5 6 (Railways, 1995)  
(a) 1, 6, 3, 4, 2, 5 <fe) 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 6 (c) 5, 6, 3, 4, 1, 2 **(d)** 6, 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
32. R T A N U E  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5 (6) 3, 2, 4, 6, 1, 5 (c) 4, 3, 2, 5, 1, 6 (d) 4, 6, 5, 2, 3, 1
33. I N E T O C  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 2, 5, 4, 1, 6, 3 (6) 3, 6, 4, 1, 2, 5 (c) 4, 3, 6, 5, 2, 1 (<0 6, 5, 2, 3, 4, 1
34. T P S L O 1  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 4, 6, 2, 5, 3, 1 (b) 2, 5, 4, 3, 6, 1 (c) 2, 6, 3, 1, 5, 4 (d) 3, 6, 4, 2, 5, 1
35. M F I A N E  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 6, 2, 3, 4, 5 (b) 2, 4, 1, 3, 5, 6 (c) 5, 6, 2, 3, 1, 4 (d) 4, 2, 3, 1, 6, 5
36. N A E H L D  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 2, 6, 4, 3, 5, 1 (b) 4, 2, 1, 6, 5, 3 (c) 4, 3, 6, 5, 2, 1 (<f) 2, 1, 6, 4, 3, 5
37. E T C K O P  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 2 (b) 6, 5, 3, 4, 1, 2 (c) 2, 1, 6, 5, 3, 4 **(d)** 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
38. E L G N I M  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (6) 3, 1, 2, 6, 5, 4 (c) 6, 5, 3, 2, 1, 4 **(d)** 3, 5, 6, 2, 1, 4
39. D A I M E N  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 1, 5, 4, 2, 3, 6 **(ib)** 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6 (c) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5, 6 **(d)** 1, 2, 5, 6, 3, 4
40. R E S T L U  
1 2 3 4 5 6  
(a) 3, 4, 6, 1, 2, 5 (6) 4, 5, 3, 2, 6, 1 (c) 5, 6, 3, 4, 1, 2 **(d)** 6, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3
41. Which one word can be formed from the following letters ?  
a a d e f g r s u (C.B.I. 1993)  
(a) stagnation (6) safeguard (c) pseudo-grade **(d)** grandson
42. Which one word can be formed from the following letters ?  
a a b c i l l n o o o r t (C3.1.1993)  
(a) collapsible (b) locomotive (c) colourfulness (d) collaboration

43. The letters of the word NUMKIPP are in disorder. If they are arranged in proper order, the name of a vegetable is formed. What is the last letter of the word so formed ?  
 (a) K (b) M (c) N (d) P (e) U
44. If by arranging the letters of the word NABMODINT, the name of a game is formed, what are the first and the last letters of the word so formed ?  
 (a) B, T (b) B, N (c) N, D (d) A, T (e) M, T
46. If a meaningful word can be formed by rearranging the letters USCALA, the first letter of the word so formed is the answer. If no such word can be formed, the answer is X.  
 (a) C (b) S (c) A (d) L (e) U
46. If it is possible to form a word with the first, fourth, seventh and eleventh letters in the word SUPERFLUOUS, write the first letter of that word. Otherwise, X is the answer.  
 (a) S (b) L (c) O (d) E (e) X
47. If you pick up from the following alphabet, the sixth and the fourteenth letters from your right and then pick up the fifth and twentieth letters from your left and form a meaningful word, what is the first letter of that word ? (Bank P.O. 1996)
- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M |
| N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
- (a) M (b) E (c) No word can be formed  
 (d) More than one word can be formed (e) None of these
48. If with the third, fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth letters of the word 'PERSONALITY', a meaningful word is formed, then first letter of the word is the answer. If no word is possible then X is the answer.  
 (a) O (b) T (c) R (d) S (e) X
49. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the third, fifth, eighth and tenth letters of the word 'DISTRIBUTE', which of the following will be the third letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer and if more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer. (Bank P.O. 1995)  
 (a) S (b) R (c) E (d) X (e) M
50. If we make a meaningful word with the first, fourth, ninth and fourteenth letters of the word 'ADMINISTRATION', which of the following will be the third letter of that word from the right end of that word ?  
 (a) A (b) I (c) N (d) R (e) None of these
51. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the second, the fifth and the eighth letters of the word 'CARETAKER', which of the following will be the first letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer. If more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer. (Bank P.O. 1994)  
 (a) A (b) E (c) T (d) X (e) M
52. A meaningful word starting with A is made from the first, the second, the fourth, the fifth and the sixth letters of the word 'CONTRACT'. Which of the following is the middle letter of the word ?  
 (a) C (b) O (c) R (d) T (e) None of these

53. A meaningful word is made if we take the first, fourth, fifth, seventh, tenth, eleventh and the twelfth letters of the word 'FELICITATIONS'. Which of the following will be the fifth letter of that word from the right end of that word ?  
 (a) T (b) C (c) N (d) I (e) None of these  
 (U.T.J. 1993)
54. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the fourth, the eighth and the tenth letters of the word 'COUNTERACT', which of the following will be the last letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer. If more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer.  
 (a) A (b) N (c) T (d) X (e) M
55. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the first, the fourth, the seventh and the eleventh letters of the word 'INTERPRETATION\*', which of the following will be third letter of that word ? If more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer and if no such word can be made, give X as the answer.  
 (a) I (b) R (c) T (d) X (e) M  
 (S.B.I.P.O. 1997)
56. If it is possible to make a meaningful word out of the second, the fourth, the fifth and the eighth letters of the word 'ILLOGICAL' then which of the following will be the third letter of the so formed word ? If more than one word can be formed then give X as the answer. If no meaningful word can be formed, then give Z as the answer.  
 (a) A (b) G (c) O (d) X (e) Z  
 (L.L.C. 1994)
57. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the second, the fifth, the tenth and the twelfth letters of the word 'METROPOLITAN', which of the following will be the third letter of that word ? If no such word can be made give X as the answer and if more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer,  
 (a) N (b) Q (c) T (d) X (e) M
58. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the third, the fifth, the seventh and the tenth letters of the word 'PROJECTION\*' which of the following is the third letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer. If more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer.  
 (a) O (b) N (c) T (d) X (e) M  
 (Bank P.O. 1995)
59. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the fourth, the seventh, the eleventh and the thirteenth letters of the word 'CATEGORISATION' which of the following will be the first letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer. If more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer,  
 (a) O (b) R (c) T (d) X (e) M  
 (Bank P.O. 1995)
60. If it is possible to make a meaningful word with the first, the third, the seventh and the ninth letters of the word SEPARATION, which of the following will be the third letter of that word ? If no such word can be made, give X as the answer and if more than one such word can be made, give M as the answer.  
 (a) O (b) P (c) T (d) X (e) M

ANSWERS

1. (6): FRUIT

2. (b) ;; CHASTE

3. id) : MAGNET
4. ic): CARTON

5. ib) :: ENIGMA

6. ic) : FRIEND
7. id): TACKLE

8. (c) : SUGAR

9. ib) : MUSCLB
10. (6): BRANCH

11. ia) : GAMBLE

12. id) :AUTHOR
13. (c): MENTAL

14. (c) : HANKER

15. (6) : SIGNAL
16. (a): PLANET

17. (6) : PRIDE

18. ib) : POLICE
19. (c): NUMBER

20. ic) :ARDENT

21. ib) : PHRASE
22. (c): CASTLE

23. <d) : DOCILE

24. ib) : REMAND
25. (6): BRIGHT

26. id) :TRACE

27. ib) : MARVEL
28. (c): DEPORT

29. (b) . THRONE

30. id) : PROJECT
31. ia): ASPECT

32. (c) : NATURE

33. (a) : NOTICE
34. ic) : PISTOL

35. lb) : FAMINE

38. ib) :HANDLE
37. ib): POCKET

38. (a) : MINGLE

39. ic) : MAIDEN
40. (c): LUSTRE

41. (6)

42. id)
43. (c): Tho name of the vegetable is PUMPKIN. The last letter ii N.
44. <6>: The name of the game is BADMINTON. The first and last letters are B and N respectively.
45. (a): The word is CASUAL. The first letter is C.
46. (6): The first, fourth, seventh and eleventh letters of the word SUPERFLUOUS are S. E. L and S respectively. The word formed is LESS. The first letter is L.
47. (a): The sixth and fourteenth letters from the right are U and M respectively. The fifth and twentieth letters from the left are E and T respectively. Clearly, the word formed is MUTE. So, the first letter is M.
48. (c): The third, fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth letters of the word PERSONALITY are R. S, O, A and T respectively. The word formed is ROAST. So, the firat letter is R.
49. (6): The third, fifth, eighth and tenth letters of tiie word DISTRIBUTE are S, R. U and E respectively. The word formed is SURE and its third letter is R.
50. (a): The first, fourth, ninth and fourteenth letters of the word ADMINISTRATION are A. I. R and N respectively. The word formed is RAIN The third letter from the right end is A.
51. (\*): Tho second, fifth and eighth letters of the word CARETAKER are A, T and E respectively. The words formed are EAT, ATE and TEA
52. (d) : The first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth letters of the word 'CONTRACT are C, O, T, R. A respectively. The word formed is ACTOR, in which the middle letter is T.
53. (6): The first, fourth, fifth, seventh, tenth, eleventh and twelfth letters of the word FELICITATIONS are F, I, C, T, I. O, N respectively TTio word formed is FICTION. The fifUi letter from the right is C.
54. (\*): The fourth, eighth and tenth letters of the word COUNTERACT are N, A T respectively. The words formed are ANT and TAN.
55. (e): The first, fourth, seventh and eleventh letters of the word INTERPRETATION I, E. R and T respectively. The words formed are TIER, RITE and TIRE
56. id) . The second, fourth, fifth and eighth letters of the word ILLOGICAL are L, O, G, A respectively. The words formed are GOAL and GAOL
57. <e>: The second, fifth, tenth and twelfth letters of the word METROPOLITAN ?re E, O, T and N respectively. The words formed are NOTE and TONE.
58. <\*) : The third, fifth, seventh and tenth letters the word PROJECTION are O, E. T and N respectively The words formed are NOTE and TONE.

59. (e): The fourth, seventh, eleventh and thirteenth letters of the word CATEGORISATION are E, R, T and O respectively. The words formed are TORE and ROTE
80. (<): The first, third, seventh and ninth letters of the word SEPARATION are S, P, T and O respectively. The words formed are SPOT, POTS and TOPS.

### EXERCISE 101

**Directions :** *In each of the following questions, find which one word cannot be made from the letters of the given word.*

1. CARPENTER  
(a) NECTAR                      *ib)* CARPET                      (c) PAINTER                      (d) REPENT
2. TEACHERS  
(a) REACH                      (6) CHAIR                      (c) CHEER                      (d) SEARCH  
(I. Tax A Central Excise. 1995)
3. CONSOLIDATE  
(a) LENTIL                      *ib)* SLAIN                      <c) CONDOLE                      *id)* DETAIL  
(8.8.C. 1994)
4. UNIFORMITY  
(a) TINY                      *ib)* TORN                      (c) RENT                      (d) FORM
5. KALEIDOSCOPE  
(a) SCALE                      *ib)* PADLOCK                      *ic)* PACKET                      (d) DIESEL  
(Assistant Grade. 1994)
6. RECREATION  
(a) RATION                      (6) ACTION                      (c) TORN                      *id)* REFER
7. SUPERIMPOSABLE  
(a) SPIRE                      (6) REPTILE                      (c) POSSIBLE                      *id)* REPOSURE  
(C.B.I. 1995)
8. COMMENTATOR  
(a) TART                      (6) COMMON                      (c) MOMENT                      (d) COSMOS
9. MIRACULOUS  
(b) MOLAR                      *ib)* LOCUS                      (c) SOLACE                      (d) SCAR  
(8.8.C. 1992)
10. REASONABLE  
(a) BRAIN                      (6) BONES                      (c) NOBLE                      *id)* ARSON
11. TRIBUNAL  
(a) LATIN                      *ib)* BRAIN                      (c) URBAN                      (d) TRIBLE  
(S.S.C. 1995)
12. TEMPERAMENT  
(a) METER                      (6) PETER                      (c) TENTER                      *id)* TESTER
13. KNOWLEDGE  
(a) WEDGE                      (6) GODOWN                      *ic)* KLEEN                      *id)* GOLDEN
14. CONTEMPORARY  
(a) PARROT                      *ib)* COMPANY                      *ic)* CARPENTER                      (d) PRAYER  
(Central Excise, 1995)
15. REFRIGERATE  
*ia)* REFER                      *ib)* REGRET                      (c) REGENERATE                      *id)* FREE
18. PARAPHERNALIA  
*ia)* RENAL                      (6) PRAISE                      (c) RAPHAEL                      (d) PEAR  
(C.B.L 1994)
17. OBSTETRICIAN  
(a) SOBER                      *ib)* TERMITE                      (c) RETAIN                      *id)* SIREN

18. UNCONSCIOUS			(8.8.C. 1994)
(a) SON	ib) COIN	(c) SUN	id) NOSE
19. TURBULENCE			
(a) CART	ib) BLUE	ic) RENT	id) LENT
20. TRANQUILITY			(S.8.C. 1994)
(a) QUILT	ib) TRINITY	(c) TRAIN	id) TRIANGLE
21. INTERNATIONAL			
(a) ORIENTAL	(b) TERMINAL	ic) LATTER	id) RATIONALE
22. ORGANISATION			(Assistant Grade. 1994)
(a) NATION	ib) GRANT	ic) RECOGNISE	(d) SATAN
23. VARIEGATED			
(a) TRAVEL	ib) TRADE	ic) GREAT	id) RIGVEDA
24. DISSEMINATION		H;-	(C.B.I. 1995)
(a) INDIA	ib) NATIONS	(c) MENTION	(d) ACTION
25. CREDENTIAL		111A	
(a) DENTAL	(b) CREATE	(c) TRAIN	id) CREAM
26. REPRIMAND			(S.S.C. 1996)
(a) MAIDEN	ib) REPAIR	(c) MUNDANE	id) REMAND
27. COLLABORATION			
ia) BRITAIN	(b) COLORATION	(c) ROBOT	id) LEBARIN
28. PROGNOSTICATION			(S.8.C. 1993)
(a) RONTGEN	ib) START	ic) SPITTOON	id) ROGATION
29. DEPARTMENT			
(a) ENTER	(6) PERMIT	ic) TEMPER	id) RENTED
30. DISAPPOINTMENT			(S.S.C. 1994)
(a) POINT	ib) OINTMENT	ic) TENAMENT	id) POSITION
31. QUESTIONNAIRE			
(a) QUESTOR	ib) QUEUE	(c) QUINATE	id) QUERIES
32. PHARMACEUTICAL			(C.B.I. 1995)
(a) PRACTICE	ib) METRIC	ic) RHEUMATIC	(d) CRITICAL
33. ADULTERATION			
(a) RETURN	ib) RELATION	ic) RETAIL	id) TOILET
34. ENDEAVOUR			(S.S.C. 1995)
(a) DROVE	ib) DEVOUR	ic) DROWN	id) ROUND
35. INTELLIGENCE			
(a) CANCEL	ib) INCITE	ic) GENTLE	(d) NEGLECT
36. THERMOLYSIS			(S.S.C. 1993)
(a) LOITER	(6) LORIS-	ic) LOTUS	id) SISTER
37. FLEXIGERATOR			
ia) TAXI	(6) GREATER	(c) LARGER	(d) XEROX
38. CHOREOGRAPHY			(C.B.I. 1994)
(a) OGRE	(6) PHOTOGRAPHY	(c) GRAPH	id) GEOGRAPHY
39. CONSTITUTIONAL			
(a) LOCATION	ib) TUITION	ic) TALENT	id) CONSULT



10. ETHNOGRAPHIC (S.8.C. 1993)  
 (a) HEART (&) GEAR (c) EARTH (d) GARMENT
41. TRANSLOCATION  
 (a) TALCUM (b) COAL (c) START (d) CARTON
42. SIGNIFICANT  
 (a) GIANT (b) INSIGNIA (c) INFANT (d) NASCENT
43. GERMINATION  
 (a) ORNAMENT (b) TERMINAL (c) IGNITE (d) NIGER
44. TOURNAMENT  
 (a) NORMAN (b) ROTTEN (c) MANOEUVRE (d) MANNER
45. CORRESPONDING  
 (a) DISCERN (b) GRINDER (c) DROOP (d) SUPERIOR
46. CHROMATOGRAPHIC  
 (a) PRAGMATIC (b) PHOTO (c) GOTHAM (d) MARGIN

Directions : **In each of the following questions, choose one word which can be formed from the letters of the given word.**

47. CHOCOLATE (L Tax & Central Excise, 1994)  
 (a) TELL (b) HEALTH (c) LATE (d) COOLER
48. MEASUREMENT (S.8.C. 1995)  
 (a) MASTER (b) MANTLE (c) SUMMIT (d) ASSURE
49. RHINOCEROS (Central Excise. 1994)  
 (a) RENAL (b) HIND (c) SURE (d) HORSE
50. RECOMMENDATION  
 (a) MEDIATE (b) MEDICINE (c) REMINDER (d) COMMUNICATE
51. QUINTESSENCE  
 (a) SCOT (b) QUOTE (c) QUITE (d) ESTEEM
52. VENTURESOME (I. Tax, 1994)  
 (a) ROSTRUM (b) SERMON (c) TRAVERSER (d) SEVENTEEN
53. CONSTANTINOPLE  
 (a) CONTINUE (b) CONSCIENCE (c) CONSTANCE (d) CONTENT

### ANSWERS

- |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c)  | 2. (b)  | 3. (a)  | 4. (c)  | 5. (c)  | 6. (d)  | 7. (b)  | 8. (d)  | 9. (c)  |
| 10. (a) | 11. (d) | 12. (d) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (b) | 18. (d) |
| 19. (a) | 20. (d) | 21. (b) | 22. (c) | 23. (a) | 24. (d) | 25. (d) | 26. (c) | 27. (a) |
| 28. (a) | 29. (b) | 30. (c) | 31. (b) | 32. (d) | 33. (a) | 34. (c) | 35. (a) | 36. (c) |
| 37. (f) | 38. (b) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) | 41. (a) | 42. (d) | 43. (b) | 44. (c) | 45. (d) |
| 46. (d) | 47. (c) | 48. (a) | 49. (d) | 50. (a) | 51. (c) | 52. (b) | 53. (d) |         |