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Course Title: ADVANCED-VERBAL ABILITY-II*

Max Marks: 70

Time Allowed: 3hrs.

Read the following instructions carefully before attempting the question paper

1. Match the Paper Code shaded on the OMR Sheet with the Paper code mentioned on the question paper and ensure that both are the same

2. This question paper is divided into two parts A and B

3. Part A contains 30 questions of 1 mark each. 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer

4. Part B contains 5 questions of 10 marks each. Attempt any 4 questions out of these 5 questions. In case all the 5 questions are attempted then only the first four attempted questions will be evaluated

5. Attempt all the questions in serial order. Do not write or mark anything on the question paper except your registration no. on the designated space

7. After completion of first 90 minutes, the OMR sheet will be taken by the invigilator

8. Submit the question paper and the rough sheet(s) along with the answer sheet to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall

Part-A

Q1) (1)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions

But man is not destined to vanish. He can be killed, but he cannot be destroyed, because his soul is deathless and his spirit is irrepressible. Therefore, though the situation seems dark in the context of the confrontation between the superpowers, the silver lining is provided by amazing phenomenon that the very nations which have spent incalculable resources and energy for the production of deadly weapons are desperately trying to find out how they might never be used. They threaten each other, intimidate each other and go to the brink, but before the total hour arrives they withdraw from the brink.

Q. The main point from the author's view is that

- (a) Man's soul and spirit can not be destroyed by superpowers
- (b) Human society will survive despite the serious threat of total annihilation
- (c) Man's destiny is not fully clear or visible
- (d) Man's safety is assured by the delicate balance of power in terms of nuclear weapons

CO1, L4

(2)

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Q. The phrase 'Go to the brink' in the passage means

- (a) Retreating from extreme danger
- (b) Advancing to the stage of war but not engaging in it
- (c) Declare war on each other
- (d) Negotiate for peace

L2

(3)

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Q. In the author's opinion

- (a) Nations in possession of huge stockpiles of lethal weapons are trying hard to avoid actual conflict
- (b) Superpowers have at last realized the need for abandoning the production of lethal weapons
- (c) Mankind is heading towards complete destruction
- (d) There is a Silverlining over the production of deadly weapons

CO3, L3

(4)

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Q. 'Irrepressible' in the second line means

- (a) inconquitable
- (b) unresistible
- (c) oppressive
- (d) inspired

(5)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions

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Q. A suitable title for the above passage is

- (a) Destruction of mankind is inevitable
- (b) Mounting cost of modern weapons
- (c) Threats and intimidation between super powers
- (d) Man's desire to survive inhibits use of deadly weapons

CO4, L4

(6) Read the question carefully and select the correct answer

Q. The introductory paragraph of an essay requires

- (a) The topic, thesis, and main ideas
- (b) The topic, thesis, and supporting details
- (c) General statements or background information, paraphrased statements and thesis statement
- (d) All of the above

CO1, L1

(7) Read the question carefully and select the correct answer

Which of these essays tells a story?

- (a) Argumentative essays
- (b) Narrative essays
- (c) Reflective essays
- (d) Descriptive essays

(8) Read the question carefully and select the correct answer

What do you call the paragraphs where key ideas are developed and explained?

- (a) Introductions
- (b) Key Paragraphs
- (c) Body Paragraphs
- (d) Conclusions

CO1, L1

(9) Read the question carefully and select the correct answer

What is the first step in the writing process of an essay?

- (a) Plan the Essay
- (b) Proofread the Essay
- (c) Draft the Essay
- (d) Cite Evidence

CO1, L1

CO1, L1

(23) Choose the correct Answer

Terrorist attacks invariably lead to tremendous losses in life, property, and morale of a country. The effects of a terrorist attack are not just immediate and can have long-lasting, trickle-down effects as well. The fear, for example, takes a long time to die down. However, some of these repercussions can be beneficial to the country. Take, for instance, the recent terrorist attack on our capital city. In the weeks following the attack, the crime rate in the city came down significantly from what it was just before the attack. This must primarily be due to the increased presence of police resources that were moved to the area and is thus an indirect effect of the attack.

Which of the following options gives one more option as to why the crime rate decreased because of the terrorist attacks?

- (a) The capital city is under increased monitoring leading to quick detection of crimes - many times while the crime is still underway
- (b) A number of people are frightened because of the terrorist attacks and have fled the capital city
- (c) There was a recorded decrease in the crime rate right after the terrorist attack in almost all cities of the country.
- (d) Intel reports show that the terrorists who pulled off the attack had been committing various other smaller crimes regularly to distract law enforcement from their true purposes

(24) Choose the correct Answer

It seems that medical care is constantly improving and is far better today than it was a few years ago. New medicines are being developed, and at a lower cost. Technological advancements are being made and new treatments are devised. However, hospital care has not improved as much as expected. Most hospitals do not have a large enough ER that can handle a sudden influx of patients and the number of people who die in a hospital due to reasons other than what they got admitted for is staggeringly high.

All of the following undermine the author's argument EXCEPT

- (a) Most hospitals require doctors to do so much paperwork that they spend insufficient time on direct patient care
- (b) In smaller cities, the ambulance service is on a voluntary basis and the response time for calls is much lower than the national average, leading to a higher loss of life
- (c) A number of doctors in private hospitals are not held accountable by the administration for the loss of patients
- (d) Doctors in most private hospitals have performance appraisals based on how much money they have brought in for the hospital rather than based on how effectively they treated patients

L6
CO6,

(25) Choose the correct Answer

Industrial and automobile pollution have long been thought to contribute to global warming. However, researchers have identified that the carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide released into the atmosphere are not as potent as the methane emitted by cud-chewing animals such as cows when they fart or belch. Therefore, if you drive a hybrid electric car to the grocery, any favor that you would do to the environment would be offset if you end up buying beef.

Which of the following best describes the author's reasoning?

- (a) The author establishes a point by drawing an analogy
- (b) The author disproves a popular notion by providing evidence that is contrary to it
- (c) The author presents a new theory in response to an existing well-established theory
- (d) The author uses an illustration to support a new school of thought that is contrary to a popular school of thought

CO6, L6

(26) Choose the correct Answer

There are several scientific studies and research findings that are constantly discussed and publicized in the news media. Some of these are contrary to other research studies that are published. This conflict in information makes people believe that either science is inaccurate or that they can 'choose' which scientific result they want to believe in. However, neither of these beliefs is accurate. Science is not inaccurate or subjective. Most of the time, scientific studies show inconsistent results either because of inaccuracies in the methodology adopted or because of misrepresentation of actual results by the news media. For example, a recent study done on just 15 women showed that eating chocolate was not necessarily harmful during pregnancy and the media reported that chocolate was actually beneficial to the foetus.

Which of the following best strengthens the author's argument?

- (a) A study result that shows that the effect of automobile pollution on global warming is marginal.
- (b) An unverified study gaining popularity because it seemingly showed that red wine reduces the risk of cancer on a very small control group
- (c) A new study that further corroborates an earlier finding that the consumption of some types of berries lower the risk of heart failure
- (d) The news media highlighting the fact that a study had clearly proven that effects of certain drugs on rats need not be the same as on humans.

CO6, L6

(27) Choose the correct Answer

Automation, the trademark of a modern economy, is essential to maximizing a country's economic production while minimizing its costs. Health care executives want to increase revenues while reducing costs. Consequently, they propose significantly greater automation of health care. Yet, this should be rejected. Radical automation of health care would cause patients to lose trust in the system as the health care they would receive would lack the in-person care that studies show patients desire.

Which of the following expresses the main point of the argument?

- (a) Health care should not be heavily automated
- (b) Patients desire customized in-person care
- (c) results in the general economy do not apply to the health care industry
- (d) Health care executives are becoming too greedy

CO6, L6

(28) Choose the correct Answer

As a result of implementing an experimental farming system that combined aggressive new fertilization, deep irrigation, and speculative pesticides, the yield on crops at a farm in central California grew consistently and considerably over the past six years. However, yields this year unexpectedly plummeted, causing the farm's owners considerable financial difficulties.

Which of the following statements, if true, best explains the unexpected drop in yield?

- (a) Other farms that began using the experimental system at about the same time also reported an unexpected plummet in yields this year.
- (b) The central California region where the farm in question is located experienced a drought 9 years ago, 3 years ago, and this past year.
- (c) A different experimental system, used on a different crop, failed after two years at a farm in Iowa. Scientists later discovered that chemicals involved in that different system slowly poisoned the soil.
- (d) Significant and sustained increases in agricultural productivity eventually lead to an exhaustion of important nutrients in land.

CO6, L6

(29) Choose the correct Answer

During the past 20 years, computer scientists focused increasingly on starting and running successful businesses. However, since businesses must be profitable, computer scientists must focus on developing products that generate profit. Consequently, computer science has lost its creative aspect.

Which of the following assumptions is most necessary in order for the conclusion above to be drawn from the argument above?

- (a) All computer programs must lack creativity in order to be well received.
- (b) Some computer scientists entirely disregarded creativity and chose instead to pursue profit.
- (c) A program cannot be both creative and profitable.
- (d) Computer scientists are ashamed with the profitability of their work.

CO6, L6

(30) Choose the correct Answer

Political commentators. In order for a democracy to flourish, it is essential that political and journalistic freedom of expression exist. Even if commentators voice ideas that do not support the current government, a society is strengthened by the variety of views expressed. Yet, our government continues to exercise a stranglehold on certain forms of speech. It is essential that the government loosen its control on the media. Despite the potential short-term instability this may cause the country, it will strengthen the long-term health of the country.

Which of the following expresses the conclusion of the argument?

- (a) The government is exercising too much control over the media.
- (b) The government needs to open the media and release its hold on certain forms of speech
- (c) Democracy requires a strong and free press.
- (d) The future of the media lies in the hands of the government.

CO6, L6

Part-B

CO5, L5 [10 Marks]

Q2) Write about the different stress patterns and information falling and rising, with suitable examples.

Q3) Demonstrate

You are the Junior Branch Officer of Maruti Suzuki Pvt. Ltd. Ambala Region. Write an e-mail to your boss who is Chief Area Officer telling him the details of the sales in the month of December. Provide the details all by yourself.

CO3, L3, [10 marks]

Q4) Read the given passage and write the answer of the questions that follow:

Complementary and alternative medicine, which includes a range of practices outside of conventional medicine such as herbs, homeopathy, massage therapy, yoga, and acupuncture, hold increasing appeal for Americans. In fact, according to one estimate, 42% of Americans have used alternative therapies. In all age groups, the use of unconventional healthcare practices has steadily increased in the last 30 years, and the trend is likely to continue, although people born before 1945 are the least likely to turn to these therapies.

Why have so many patients turned to alternative therapies? Many are frustrated by the time constraints of managed care and alienated by conventional medicine's focus on technology. Others feel that a holistic approach to healthcare better reflects their beliefs and values. Others seek therapies that relieve symptoms associated with chronic disease; symptoms that mainstream medicine cannot treat. Some alternative therapies have even crossed the line into mainstream medicine, as scientific investigation has confirmed their safety and efficacy. For example, physicians may currently prescribe acupuncture for pain management or to control the nausea associated with chemotherapy. Additionally, many U.S. medical schools teach courses in alternative therapies, and many health insurance companies offer some alternative medicine benefits.

Q.1 What is the main idea of the passage?

Q.2 Which word from the passage is similar to "non-traditional"?

Q.3 What is the meaning of HOLISTIC? Make a sentence with the word 'holistic'.

Q.4 The passage indicates that alternative treatments are increasingly being used by mainstream medical professionals. What is/are the reasons for the same?

Q.5 List some of the alternative therapies of cure according to the passage?

CO4, L4, [10 marks]

Q5) Write a cover letter for the job of a senior software engineer giving the details of the past achievements.

CO2, L5, [10 marks]

Q6) (A) Devise the premise and assumption for the given argument.

If the airspace around centrally located airports were restricted to commercial airliners and only those private planes equipped with radar, most of the private-plane traffic would be forced to use outlying airfields. Such a reduction in the amount of private-plane traffic would reduce the risk of midair collision around the centrally located airports.

(B) Devise the premise and assumption for the given argument.

Because no employee wants to be associated with bad news in the eyes of a superior, information about serious problems at lower levels is progressively softened and distorted as it goes up each step in the management hierarchy. The chief executive is, therefore, less well-informed about problems at lower levels than his or her subordinates at those levels.

CO6, L6, [10 marks]

<https://github.com/saurayhathi/lpu-cse>

- (10) Read the question carefully and select the correct answer.
Which transition signals a contrast (difference) in an essay?

(a) Furthermore (b) • For instance (c) As a result (d) However

- (11) Cover letters often begin with the applicant explaining how they

(a) Began their education (b) Spend their free time (c) • Found out about the job (d) What achieved till now

CO1, L1

- (12) The first thing on a resume should be

(a) • The job title I am applying for
(b) ✓ The heading which contains my name, address, phone number, and email address
(c) My personal information which includes my name, birthdate, driver's license number, and social security number.
(d) My educational information which includes my grade school, high school, and college attended.

CO2, L5

- (13) Choose the correct option

The city will be enforcing winter parking rules from December 1 through March 31, according to City Street Manager Joseph Parks. This includes alternate-side parking regulations, as well as tow-away zones and handicap exceptions. Cars are to be parked on the south and east sides of streets between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight, and on the north and west sides of streets between midnight and 8 a.m. This is to permit snow plows and emergency vehicles access to all neighborhoods, as well as to keep rush-hour traffic to a minimum. Vehicles that do not follow these guidelines will be towed at the owner's expense, Parks said, with the exception of those vehicles displaying handicapped parking permits.

What is the main idea of this passage?

a. Cars should be parked on the street.
b. Snow plows can bury cars under snow.
c. Winter parking regulations will be put into effect.
d. Winter parking regulations are good for the environment.

- (14) Which of the following is NOT something that a cover letter writer should always do in his or her opening paragraph?

(a) Inform on why he or she is writing (b) Impress the employer with knowledge of the company
(c) Be specific about the position sought and what they can offer (d) • Mention salary specifications

CO2, L5

- (15) The _____ paragraph highlights or amplifies on the material in the resume or job application, and explains why the job seeker is interested in the job and would be a value to employer.

(a) Introduction (b) • Body (c) Closing (d) None of them

CO2, L5

- (16) Choose the correct option

Theodore Roosevelt was born with asthma and poor eyesight, yet this tickly child later won fame as a political leader, a Rough Rider, and a hero of the common people. To conquer his handicaps, Teddy trained in a gym and became a lightweight boxer at Harvard. Out west, he hunted buffalo and ran a cattle ranch. Back east, he became a civil service reformer and police commissioner. He became President McKinley's assistant Navy secretary during the Spanish-American War. Also, he led a charge of cavalry Rough Riders up San Juan Hill in Cuba. After achieving fame, he became governor of New York and went on to become the vice president. When McKinley was assassinated, Theodore Roosevelt became the youngest president at age 42. He is famous for his motto, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." Roosevelt battled for meat inspection and pure-food laws. Also, he wanted to save the forests and break the grip that big business had on steel and oil. Roosevelt persuaded the diplomats of warring Russia and Japan to make peace.

What achievement illustrates Roosevelt's ability to overcome personal obstacles?

a. He led a charge of cavalry Rough Riders in Cuba.
b. He is famous for his motto, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."
c. He overcame his asthma by training in a gym, and he became a boxer.
d. He became governor of New York.

- (17) John's father reminded him to take his umbrella.

(a) • John's father said, "Remember your umbrella John?" (b) "Here, is your umbrella John," said his father (c) "Are you going to take your umbrella or not?" said John to his father.
(d) "Don't forget to take your umbrella, John" said his father.

- (18) Choose the correct option

Managing job and family is not simple. Both commitments make strong demands on people and are sometimes in direct opposition to each other. Saying yes to one means saying no to the other, and stress can often result. Being realistic and creating a balance in life can help set priorities.

The main idea of the paragraph is that

a. most family responsibilities cause stress at home and at work.
b. because it pays the bills, a job must take priority over other commitments.
c. ✓ it is important to have a balance between job and family responsibilities.
d. because they are so important, family duties must take priority over the job.

- (19) Choose the correct option

All teas are served hot or iced. Most coffees are served hot or iced and always contain caffeine. Most teas and some coffees include guarana, but most teas don't include caffeine. Taurine is found in most teas, but never in a beverage that includes milk or caffeine. Most coffees and teas include milk.

If the statements are true, all the following must be true EXCEPT

a) Some teas include taurine but not caffeine.
b) ✓ Some teas or some coffees are served iced with milk.
c) Some teas include guarana but not caffeine.
d) Some teas don't include caffeine but include milk.

- (20) The father warned his son that he should be beware of him

(a) • The father warned his son, "Beware of me!" (b) The father warned his son, "Watch that chap!"
(c) The father warned his son, "Be careful about him." (d) The father warned his son, "Don't fall into the trap."

- (21) Choose the correct option

The cause of corruption in medical education is shortage of seats, and fewer doctors than required for the population and even fewer specialists.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above?

A. Students pay bribes to the management of institutions to avail seats.
B. The criteria to select students to fill medical seats are flexible.
C. There is a set standard regarding the doctors to population ratio.
D. Most of the doctors are general physicians.

- (22) Choose correct option

Some statisticians claim that the surest way to increase the overall correctness of the total set of one's beliefs is never change that set, except by rejecting a belief when given adequate evidence against it. However, if this were the only rule one followed, then whenever one were presented with any kind of evidence, one would have to either reject some of one's beliefs or else leave one's beliefs unchanged. But then,

the argument is most vulnerable to criticism on the grounds that it

a) presumes, without providing any justification, that the surest way of increasing the overall correctness of the total set of one's beliefs must not hinder one's ability to survive.
b) neglects the possibility that even while following the statisticians' rule, one might also accept new beliefs when presented with some kinds of evidence.
c) ✓ overlooks the possibility that some large sets of beliefs are more correct overall than are some small sets of beliefs.
d) takes for granted that one should accept some beliefs related to survival even when given adequate evidence against them.