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Directions : In these questions, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentences and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Q101. 1. It was a pitch dark night.

P. They rode forward on horse back quite blindly.

Q. They rode on and suddenly they went straight into a terrible storm.

R. Bogs and fens went by without their noticing them.

S. The riders had no idea what awaited them.

6. This incident inspired a very popular song years later.

(a) RPQS (b) SPRQ (c) SRQP (d) RSPQ

Q102. 1. 'Acu' means needless in Latin.

P. The needles stimulates specific nerves that transmit electrical impulses via the spinal cord and brain to the affected area.

Q. Quite appropriately, then, acupuncture consists of inserting very fine needles at specific points on the skin located near nerve endings.

R. Acupuncture also stimulates the release of chemical substances from the brain centres and pituitary glands.

S. These are connected to one another by lines called channels or meridians.

6. Known as endorphins and encephalins, which are released and carried across the blood stream, these chemicals are the body's own pain-relief mechanism.

(a) SPRQ (b) RSQP (c) PQRS (d) QSPR

Q103. 1. A friend's rudeness is much more damaging than a stranger's.

P. You feel hurt instead of angry

Q. You feel that you're being taken for granted

R. When a friend says sharply, "I don't have time to talk to you just now,"

S. When a friend shows up late for lunch or a shopping trip, with no good reason,

6. Friends after all, are supposed to make up for the thoughtless cruelties of strangers.

(a) RPSQ (b) PRSQ (c) SPQR (d) QSPR

Q104. 1. Some say that failure is like toxic waste.

P. I see failure more as a fertilizer.

Q. Thinking about it pollute sand undermines the attitudes needed for success;

R. The seeds of success must be planted afresh.

S. it can be used to enrich the soil of your mind,

6. Turning failure into a fertilizer is accomplished by using your errors as steps in learning.

(a)SRQP (b) PQSR (c) SPQR (d) QPSR

Q105. 1. Nehru spent most part of his childhood in studies.

P. He rushed back to India and led an active political life joining hands with Gandhi.

Q. His studies went on uninterrupted abroad until he received a call from India.

R. He went to Cambridge to study.

S. But now and then, he could not help listening to political discussions in his house.

6. Till the end of his career, he made Gandhi his political master.

(a) RSQP (b) SRQP (c) PQRS (d) SRPQ

Q106. 1. It is easy to criticize the people at the helm, for the slow progress in every field.

P. We are well aware that the intellectuals are leaving our country for better employment opportunities.

Q. Then question remains unanswered because our country cannot show opportunities to the intellectuals.

R. Then, what about their obligations to the Motherland?

S. First, we should ask ourselves as to what is happening to the young intellectuals in India.

6. This situation of 'Brain-Drain' leads to a variety of problems.

(a)PSQR (b) RPSQ (c) PSRQ (d) SPRQ

Q107. 1. This was an important day for Alatook.

P. It was a cold day but Alatook would be warm.

Q. For the first time he was going to hunt seals alone.

R. First he put on his furlined jacket.

S. Then he put on mittens and boots of deerskin to protect his hands and feet from the cold.

6. Finally he picked up the gun he had cleaned so carefully the day before.

(a) PQRS (b) QPRS (c) PRSQ (d) QRPS

Q108. 1. One day we landed on a island covered with several sorts of fruit trees.

P. But we could see neither man nor animal.

Q. While some diverted themselves with gathering flowers, I took my wine and provisions, and sat near a stream.

R. I made a good meal, and afterwards fell asleep.

S. We walked in the meadows, along the streams that watered them.

6. When I awoke the ship was no longer in view.

(a) SQPR (b) PQSR (c) PSQR (d) SPQR

Q109. 1. Concussions are brain injuries that occur when a person receives a blow to the head, face or neck.

P. Encephalopathy can include depression, anxiety, memory loss, inability to concentrate and aggression.

Q. The long-term effects of concussions are far more severe.

R. Recent studies suggest that people who suffer multiple concussions are at significant risk for developing chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

S. Initially there are bouts of dizziness, nausea, and drowsiness but these symptoms often disappear after a few days.

6. In extreme cases, people suffering from it even committed suicide or homicide.

(a) PQRS (b) PSQR (c) SQPR (d) QRPS

Q110. 1. In the third decade of the supersonic age, sport gripped the nation in an ever-lightening grip.

P. Tire horse tracks, the ball parks, the fight rings, the grid irons, all drew crowds in steadily increasing numbers.

Q. Usually some other sort of record was broken too - such as the record for the number of consecutive doubles hit by left-handed batters in a series game, or some such thing as that.

R. Records fell like ripe-apples on a windy day.

S. Every time a game was played, an attendance record was broken.

6. Customs and manners changed, and the five-day business week was reduced to four days, then to three, to give everyone a better chance to memorise the scores.

(a) PSQR (b) PSRQ (c) PQRS (d) SPQR

Q111. 1. In order to attract and keep their customers, supermarkets have tried to make shopping as pleasant as possible.

P. Some of them have flowers and trees in the parking lots.

Q. Special spotlights make meat and vegetable displays more attractive.

R. Some have roofs over the walks so that shoppers can walk from their cars to the store without having to worry about snow or rain or hot sun.

S. Some have fronts that are made with colourful marble and tiles, and inside walls that are painted in soft colours.

6. And most of the stores are air-conditioned.

(a) PRSQ (b) SRPQ (c) PQRS (d) PSQR

Q112. 1. There are many problems connected with space travel.

P. Everything is held down to the Earth by magnetic force.

Q. The weight of something is another way of describing the amount of force exerted on it by gravity.

R. The first and greatest of these is gravity.

S. If you let your pencil drop to the floor, you can see gravity in action.

6. A rocket must go at least 2,500 miles an hour to take a man beyond the gravity of the Earth into space.

(a) RPQS (b) RPSQ (c) RSPQ (d) PQRS

Q113. 1. Hailstones consist of many onion-like layers of ice.

P. The process continues until the hailstone is too heavy to be lifted and then it drops to the earth.

Q. In certain weather conditions small ice crystals drop to form a crystal.

R. some of the moisture freezes on to the crystals forming another layer.

S. Updrafts carry the hailstones and when it drops another layer is formed.

6. That is how hailstones are formed.

(a) QPRS (b) QPSR (c) QRSP (d) QSRP

Q114. 1. His son fell into bad company of village boys.

P. The father wanted to wean his son from bad company.

Q. A few days later all bananas got spoiled.

R. His father was much worried about his son's bad company.

S. To give a lesson to the son, his father gave him a few good bananas with a rotten one.

6. The boy understood the desired lesson his father wanted to give him.

(a) RPSQ (b) SQPR (c) PSQR (d) QSPR

Q115. 1. It is shocking to read that many more cigarette brands are going to be marketed in India.

P. Aren't these two at cross-purposes?

Q. On the one hand, the Government declares 'no-smoking' zones.

R. The proposal appears to be awaiting the Government's approval.

S. On the other, it entertains unhealthy proposals like this.

6. There is a need for review of Government policy.

(a) RQSP (b) RPQS (c) QSPR (d) PQSR

Q116. 1. Osteoarthritis in the knee is a problem that affects millions of people.

P. And so it reduces disability and improves quality of life.

Q. Due to muscle flexibility there is less pain.

R. Knee exercises are done sitting in a chair or King on one's back.

S. Knee exercises help prevent joint stiffness and strengthen muscles around the joint.

6. Exercises that help thigh muscles without involving weight bearing are safe and effective.

(a) QSRP (b) SQPR (c) RQPS (d) RSPQ

Q117. 1. When a light passenger plane flew off course sometime ago, it crashed in the mountains and its pilot was killed.

P. Snow lay thick on the ground.

Q. It was the middle of winter.

R. The woman knew that nearest village was miles away.

S. The only passengers, a young woman and her two baby daughters, were unhurt.

6. When it grew dark, she turned a suitcase into a bed and put the children inside it, covering them with all the clothes she could find.

(a) PQRS (b) QPRS (c) SQPR (d) RSPQ

Q118. 1. Oliver dozed off again and it has been bright day for hours when Oliver opened his eyes.

P. He belonged to the world again,

Q. In three day's time, he was able to sit in any easy chair well propped up with pillows, and he was still too weak to walk

R. He felt cheerful and happy

S. The crisis of the disease was safely past

6. Mrs. Beduin had him carried downstairs into the little housekeeper's room which belonged to her.

(a) PQRS (b) RSPQ (c) QRSP (d) SPQR

Q119. 1. With a tremendous roar from its rocket engine, the satellite is sent up into the sky.

P. Its radio begins to transmit a staggering amount of information about the satellite's orbital path.

Q. Minutes later, at an altitude of 300 miles, this tiny electronic moon begins to orbit about the Earth.

R. Information of all kinds race back to Earth,

S. No human being could possibly copy down all of these facts, much less remember and organise them.

6. But an electronic computer can.

(a) PQRS (b) QPSR (c) QRPS (d) QPRS

Q120. 1. "To the National Gallery of Art," Ken said to the driver as he and Kathy got into the taxi.

P. They were in Washington to visit the Capitol and other government buildings.

Q. Today they were going to see the famous art gallery they had heard so much about.

R. People often call it the Mellon gallery because Andrew Mellon gave the money to build it and gave his 50-million dollar collection of paintings.

S. Ken and Kathy had read that about a million people from the world visit the Gallery every year.

6. There would probably be over 2,000 people there today.

(a) RPQS (b) PSQR (c) QPRS (d) PQRS

Q121. 1. Ferdinand rose up to receive the messenger

P. At the end of his account he was moved to tears

Q. He fell on his knees and thanked him

R. He made him sit on a level with himself

S. He listened to the circumstantial account of his voyage.

6. It was a great conquest the Almighty gave to a sovereign.

(a) RPSQ (b) RSPQ (c) QPRS (d) PRSQ

Q122. 1. Einstein was a bad student.

P. He attended classes regularly and took down careful notes.

Q. His friend Marcel Grossman, on the other hand, was an irreproachable student.

R. These notes he shared with Einstein.

S. He resented having to attend lectures.

6. If Einstein passed his examinations, it was only because of Grossman.

(a) SQPR (b) QRPS (c) PSRQ (d) RSQP

Q123. 1. I woke up to an empty house and felt free to do anything.

P. I had driven a car before several times, so it wasn't like it was first time out on the road.

Q. The thing I didn't realize was that my brother had not taken his car, but I discovered this tempting truth when I finally checked the garage.

R. I felt more tempted than ever to take it out and cruise right on over to my friend's house.

S. Dad was at work, my brother was out and about, and my mom was at my sister's lacrosse tournament for the day.

6. My heart was racing driving over there, and if I ever got pulled over for any reason, it would have been the death of me.

(a) SQRP (b) SRQP (c) QRSP (d) QSRP

Q124. 1. A man who climbs a mountain faces several dangers.

P. A cylinder of oxygen can be very expensive.

Q. The atmosphere at such a great height contains less oxygen than in the plains and therefore he may find it difficult to breathe.

R. Yet another danger is the avalanches-huge mass of snow sliding down the mountain and the mountaineer may get swept off.

S. This means that the mountaineer has to carry his own supply of oxygen in a-cylinder.

6. It is a proof of the man's indomitable courage that-in spite of all these dangers, he continues to climb the highest mountains In the world.

(a) QSPR (b) SRPQ (c) QSRP (d) PSRQ

Q125. 1. One Botany professor always tried to convince his student that his branch of biology is superior to all the others

P. His most persuasive argument, however, came during a laboratory session

Q. And they don't eat very much

R. Examining the cells of a pear, the professor cut a slice for the microscopic slide and took a bite of the rest of the specimen

S. Plants he noted never run away or bite

6. "You won't be doing that in a Zoology lab," he said.

(a) PRSQ (b) SQPR (c) PSRQ (d) SQRP

Q126. 1. Smoke billowed up between the plants.

P. Passengers were told to be ready to quit the ship.

Q. The rising gale fanned the smoldering fire.

R. Everyone now knew there was a fire on board.

S. Flames broke out here and there.

6. Most people bore the shock bravely.

(a) SRQP (b) QPSR (c) RSPQ (d) QSRP

Q127. 1. Self-esteem is a confidence and satisfaction in oneself.

P. These two things must be present in people's daily lives in order for them to believe that they have the ability to do anything.

Q. At this point in my life I am trying to gain the esteem I need to truly be happy.

R. Self-confidence is something that cannot be taught.

S. It is up to the individual to decide how much belief that they possess inside of themselves.

6. I am at the point where I realize that I must first believe in myself before others will believe in me.

(a) QPRS (b) PQRS (c) RSQP (d) SRQP

Q128. 1. There is nothing strange in the fact that so many foreign students should wish to learn English.

P. If any valuable book is written in another language an English translation of it is sure to be speedily published.

Q. Anyone who masters the English tongue acquires a key.

R. Most books found to be generally useful are written in English.

S. The English speaking want no monopoly of knowledge.

6. This key will open to him whatever is valuable in the literature of the world.

(a) PSQR (b) SQRP (c) RPSQ (d) PQSR

Q129. 1. The government on Thursday

P. which was imposed to check

Q. that led to exodus of north east people

R. withdrew the ban on bulk SMS and MMS

S. the spread of rumours related to the violence in Assam

6. from Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and Pune.

(a) RPQS (b) RPSQ (c) QPSR (d) QSPR

Q130. 1. For thousands of years men had to depend on sails to catch the wind and move their ships.

P. But these early sailing ships had certain disadvantages.

Q. If the trip was long, the cargo spoiled.

R. And the worst of all, there was real danger in depending on the wind alone.

S. They were low and clumsy, and they could not carry much cargo.

6. A calm sea could trap sailors for many days without water to drink, while a heavy storm might tear the sails so badly that they were useless.

(a) SQPR (b) RPQS (c) PQRS (d) PSQR

Q131. 1. The recent aircraft accident at Patna airport caused a great shock to the air-travelers.

P. Before the aircraft could land, people at the airport saw the plane aflame.

Q. In view of different versions, a High Court judge was appointed to inquire into the nature of the accident.

R. The plane was scheduled to land at Patna at 6.00 p.m.

S. But the officials said that the plane went into flames after landing.

6. The nearest relatives of the deceased passengers were paid a compensation of 1 - 4 lakhs each.

(a) QSRP (b) RPSQ (c) RSPQ (d) PSQR

Q132. 1. There was no proper light system on the highway.

P. In addition, clouds were gathering in the sky.

Q. The night was darker than usual.

R. Then suddenly, the wind dropped,

S. The atmosphere now was very stuffy.

6. The moon also hid behind the clouds and it made the night gloomier.

(a) QRPS (b) RPQS (c) QPRS (d) SPRQ

Q133. 1. In 850 AD an Arab goatherd called Kaldi, look out his goats to graze.

P. Kaldi himself had some of the berries and came to know of their effect.

Q. Kaldi noticed that they began to behave in an extraordinary way.

R. The goats began to eat some red berries off a bush.

S. Kaldi grew curious to know what it was due to.

6. Thus coffee was discovered.

(a) QRSP (b) RQSP (c) RSPQ (d) RSQP

Q134. 1. The farmer wanted to please the men.

P. The poor donkey struggled and kicked.

Q. They tied his legs together and slung him on a pole.

R. The fanner and his son put the ends of the pole on their shoulders.

S. He and his son got off the donkey.

6. They walked into the town carrying the donkey.

- (a) PQRS (b) SQRP (c) RSQP (d) QSPR

Q135. 1. Today, the earth has many satellites besides the moon.

P. But the pull of the 'earth keeps them from doing so.

Q. The artificial satellites do not fall because they are going too fast to do so.

R. They are the artificial satellites made by man and very much smaller than the moon.

S. As they speed along they tend to go straight off into space.

6. As a result, they travel in an orbit round the earth.

- (a) QPSR (b) PRQS (c) SPQR (d) RQSP

Q136. 1. One reason for studying Psychology is to help you deal with your children.

P. Offer her a choice of staying up till 7:30 with you or going upstairs and playing until 8:00.

Q. A little knowledge of Psychology comes in handy.

R. Since she gets to make the choice, she does not feel so powerless and will not resist.

S. Perhaps your daughter refuses to go to bed when you want her to and bursts into tears at the mention of lights out.

6. Psychology is also useful in rewarding a child for a job well done.

- (a) RPSQ (b) PQSR (c) SQPR (d) QPSR

Q137. 1. Much of our adult behaviour and our attitudes are determined by our upbringing.

P. But the process does not stop here.

Q. In particular by the effects of that small part of society which is our family.

R. As we grow we are constantly and increasingly affected by new forces such as the social pressure of our friends and the largest world of society.

S. The family and our early life have profound effect on our later life.

6. Psychologists have studied these forces in depth.

- (a) SRPQ (b) PRSQ (c) QPSR (d) QSPR

Q138. 1. The dead do sometimes tell tales, if you know how to look for them.

P. The flesh of bomb victims is shredded and may be sieged by chemicals.

Q. In the autopsy rooms of the Suffolk country; the medical examiner and his team were looking for clues that could explain how the passengers of TWA Flight 800 died.

R. But most of the corpses he examined had been killed by the impact of hitting the water from a height of more than two miles.

S. The body of a person killed by a bomb looks different from the body of a victim in an ordinary plane crash.

6. The mystery of their deaths will be solved in time, but it won't be easy or quick.

- (a) SRQP (b) PQRS (c) QSPR (d) RSPQ

Q139. 1. Once I tended a peony with great care.

P. A guest had picked my peony.

Q. On a Thursday my cook phoned to tell me the awful truth.

R. Finally it had one promising pink bud.

S. It was the first peony I had raised on the desert.

6. My anger was greater than her offence.

- (a) SQPR (b) PQSR (c) PQRS (d) SRQP

Q140. 1. The programme examines the four great inventions

P. cell phones, cars, planes and skyscrapers

Q. the people, processes, ideas and eureka moments

R. the programme celebrates

S. that define and continually shape the modern world

6. that have led to their development.

- (a) SPRQ (b) SRQP (c) SPQR (d) SRPQ

Q141. 1. A lot of people simply dump their rubbish in open bins.

- P. All sorts of diseases are carried by the flies.
 Q. Then they come into the house and infect uncovered food.
 R. In this rubbish the flies breed and multiply.
 S. Such carelessness invites flies to the rubbish.
 6. Consumption of such food can only bring disease and sickness.

(a) SPQR (b) RQPS (c) RPQS (d) SRQP

Q142. 1. Throughout my life, I have tried to be a well-balanced person.

- P. I was expected to be a math and science genius and nothing more.
 Q. Growing up in the South, I had a hard time fighting the stereotypical image of a Chinese person.
 R. As it turned out, I defied my detractors by excelling in English and history along with math and science.

S. And over the years, I have continued to maintain my academic standards.

6. Nevertheless, I have also made sure that I am more than an academic person.

(a) PRQS (b) RPQS (c) QPRS (d) SRQP

Q143. 1. At nine o'clock we waited outside the dentist's office.

- P. I was the first patient.
 Q. She wrote down my particulars and told me to wait a moment.
 R. The dentist had not arrived yet.
 S. The nurse came and opened the door.
 6. Meanwhile the tooth still ached like mad.

(a) SQPR (b) SRPQ (c) QPSR (d) SPQR

Q144. 1. Establishing and maintaining healthy relationships between parents and children is important.

- P. But this is challenging at any age and stage in life.
 Q. Some problems being harder to accept than others.
 R. Some of these behaviours can cause children to be aggressive, hostile and difficult to handle, which may emphasize their respective limitations.
 S. All children have behaviour problems.

6. As parents they are their children first and foremost teacher.

(a) RSQP (b) SRQP (c) RQSP (d) SPRQ

Q145. 1. Once I was involved in an accident and whenever I recollect it I feel a cold shudder creeping- down my spine.

- P. I like to forget it but it often hurts me like a nightmare.
 Q. I was travelling by a mini bus.
 R. It was a Sunday.
 S. This is how it happened.

6. I was going to the railway station to receive some of my friends who were arriving for sightseeing.

(a) PSRQ (b) PQSR (c) PRSQ (d) QSRP

Q146. 1. Many Parents set up rules, and other boundaries in which their teens must follow.

- P. Even though most parents mean well, and some rules are necessary it's easy to overwhelm teens with regulations.
 Q. These rules are usually placed over their teens to control, protect, and teach their teen.
 R. First of all teens are not going to follow all of the rules.
 S. Secondly there are some things that certain teens will not do with, or without a specific rule on that subject.

6. For example, there are many teens that would never use drugs, but by placing a rule on this, the teen might not feel trust worthy, and might be more likely to try drugs.

(a) SPRQ (b) QPRS (c) PQRS (d) RSPQ

Q147. 1. Advocates of space programme argue for spending huge amounts of money on exploring Mars.

P. But there is no firm evidence of any valuable mineral that can be extracted from Mars and transported to Earth.

Q. Worst, nobody has any idea what undesirable microbes or poisonous materials we will be importing from Mars.

R. They are also unrealistic about the cost of transportation that will be involved in interplanetary movement of men and materials.

S. These enthusiasts argue that Mars could be a perennial source of materials for us earthlings.

6. Our race to Mars is likely to be a wild goose chase.

(a) SPRQ (b) QPRS (c) PRSQ (d) SRQP

Q148. 1. The fox and the crane remained friends for a long time.

P. She served the dishes in a beaker to the fox. The fox could not eat it because the beaker was very high.

Q. The crane could not eat the dishes because of its long beak. The next day it was the turn of the crane to host the lunch for the fox.

R. But the fox wanted to show that he was cleverer than the crane.

S. So one day he invited the crane for dinner and served the dishes on a plate.

6. The fox put down its head in shame and went away.

(a) PQRS (b) QSRP (c) RSQP (d) PSQR

Q149. 1. The king of the oilfield is the driller.

P. During the process of drilling, gas and oil may be met.

Q. He is a very skilled man.

R. If this rushes out and catches fire it is dangerous.

S. Sometimes he sends his drill more than a mile.

6. This danger is well-known and steps are taken to prevent it.

(a) PQRS (b) QSPR (c) QPRS (d) QSRP

Q150. 1. He wanted to adopt his father's profession.

P. He was influenced by his strong desire to see India free.

Q. From now on, he was a changed man.

R. He made up his mind.

S. He came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi.

6. He wished to change the lot of the naked and hungry masses of India.

(a) QRPS (b) SPRQ (c) RSPQ (d) PQSR