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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.

Q51. 1. Nevertheless, I sometimes wonder whether speaking Chinese at home and visits in the summer are enough to maintain my ties with my native culture.

P. This sense of loss has led me to seek out my old roots.

Q. Yet, I cannot resign myself to merely studying my own culture and language.

R. Often, when I see my parents reading old Chinese literature or poetry, I feel that I am only in touch with half of what I am.

S. I turn to the East to rediscover what I have lost.

6. I want to be able to apply my knowledge as well.

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

Q52. 1. There was a boy named Jack.

P. So the mother asked him to find work.

Q. They were very poor.

R. He lived with his mother.

S. But Jack refused to work.

6. At last she turned him out of the house.

(a) RQPS (b) PQRS (c) QPRS (d) RPSQ

Q53. 1. Phobic reactions are strong irrational fears of specific objects or situations

P. But there is no objective darter

Q. For example, when a person is extremely fearful of birds snakes, heights or closet places, the label phobia; applied to the person's fear and avoidance

R. He usually recognizes that his fear is irrational

S. A person suffering from phobic neurosis knows what he is afraid of

6. But he cannot control it.

(a) QPSR (b) SRQP (c) SQPR (d) RSQP

Q54. 1. A dog stole a piece of a meat from a butcher's shop.

P. He barked in anger.

Q. He ran to the jungle with the piece of meat.

R. He saw his reflection.

S. He crossed a river on the way.

6. He lost his piece of meat.

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

Q55. 1. Archimedes was a famous Greek mathematician, physicist and inventor.

P. Then attached one end of the rope over it to a heavily laden ship.

Q. King Micron had doubts about Archimedes' claim that he could lift great weights with ease with the help of pulleys.

R. He handed the other end of the rope to the king and asked him to pull it gently.

S. To prove him right, Archimedes constructed a multiple pulley.

6. The king pulled it and to his great astonishment, the ship was lifted out of water.

(a) PRQS (b) RQPS (c) SQRP (d) QSPR

Q56. 1. Priya went to the first counter at the post office as she needed stamps for six rupees.

P. She was shown the corner where gum bottle was kept.

Q. The woman behind the counter said it was registration counter and directed her to the last counter.

R. She was looking for gum to affix the stamps on the envelope.

S. She thanked the lady and came to the counter on the left extreme and got the stamps.

6. She went to the corner, took two drops of gum, affixed the stamps and put the letter in the post box.

(a) PSRQ (b) RPQS (c) SQPR (d) QSRP

Q57. 1. When she got to her house, there was nothing to retrieve.

P. All valuables were smashed or stolen.

Q. The curtains were burned; books were ripped to shreds.

R. Her medals and trophies had been flung everywhere.

S. The house had been completely ransacked.

6. Mrs. M stood in the centre of her bedroom looking at a ruined copy of the Holy book, forcing back her tears. .

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

Q58. 1. There are many roads into the world of books, but the way of fiction is probably the most common.

P. Then took the appeal of the story, whether told as poem, play, history, biography, of novel is primitive and strong

Q. The reason is plain.

R. They are to us what epic poetry was to the Greeks and Romans, what the stage was to the Elizabethans.

S. The novel and the short story come closer to the experience of the modern reader than any other form of contemporary writing.

6 Mankind's delight in stories is as timeless and universal as the art of the story teller.

(a)QSRP (b) SRPQ (c) RSQP (d) PRSQ

Q59. 1. Snakes are the most feared of all reptiles.

P. Superstition and ignorance prevents proper treatment.

Q. It is also beneficial to man.

R. Snake is not a source of fear and harm.

S. Many people are killed by snakes in India and all over the world.

6. Medicines are made from its poison.

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

Q60.1. The fact is that good writing is a craft which can be acquired like any other craft.

P. Much the same is the case with the one who aspires to become a good craftsman of English.

Q. Let's take examples.

R. A young man, who wants to become a goldsmith or a silversmith, becomes an apprentice with a seasoned man in that craft.

S. After a few years of apprenticeship, he learns the ins and outs of it and becomes a skilful craftsman.

6. In short, he has to become a wordsmith.

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

Q61. 1. Chanakya, by his foresight and strength of character, built up the Mauryan Empire.

P. They were men of iron.

Q. Therefore, they were impervious to criticism and had implicit confidence in themselves.

R. Both of them were guided by stern realism and would tolerate no deviations from the objectives which they pursued relentlessly.

S. Similarly, Patel refashioned a compact India out of the fragments left by the British.

6. It is not true as some people said that Sardar Patel was not particular about the means as long as he achieved his end.

(a) SQRP (b) SRQP (c) SRPQ (d) PQSR

Q62. 1. Few men can exert the full power of their intellect

P. and of course the injury done to the health

Q. and the time when nature prescribes sleep

R. must in the long run have a bad effect

S. without ruining their health thereby

6. on the quality of work done.

(a) QSPR (b) SQRP (c) SRQP (d) SQPR

Q63. 1. While it may seem that all mosquitoes are biters, that is not actually the case.

P. When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small amount of saliva into the blood.

Q. Male mosquitoes eat plant nectar and female mosquitoes feed on animal blood.

R. This saliva many or may not contain deadly diseases.

S. They need this blood to live and produce eggs.

6. The result of the bite can be as minor as an itchy bump or as serious as death .

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

Q64. 1. Education in India had a glorious beginning.

P. But after the British rule, it faced many changes.

Q. It went on for centuries with the same glory.

R. English as the medium of instruction had a very great response.

S. One of the changes was the introduction of English as the medium of instruction.

6. As the Britishers left we had a complexity of opinions regarding English

(a) PQRS (b) QPSR (c) PQSR (d) SRPQ

Q65. 1. Efforts should be made to stimulate exports.

P. We have another source of foreign exchange.

Q. But people are reluctant to part with it,

R. I mean the huge quantities of hoarded gold.

S. It is necessary to increase our foreign exchange reserves.

6. If they are willing, gold can be sold abroad.

(a) PRSQ (b) SPRQ (c) SRPQ (d) PSRQ

Q66. 1. It is said that this fire accident was due to the carelessness of the servant who was a smoker.

P. The burning ashes from pipe fell down and set fire to the bed.

Q. While smoking his pipe, he went to sleep.

R. If there was no help of firemen, there would have been a loss beyond measure.

S. Soon the fire spread in the whole building.

6. The loss of property was still not less and it was estimated up to one lakh rupees but thank God there was no loss of life.

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

Q67. 1. The lion used to be very widely distributed in Africa and Asia.

P. There are special forest zones set aside for wildlife in various countries.

Q. Indiscriminate killing by hunters has been the cause of this drastic fall in their numbers.

R. Today they are a relatively rare species.

S. If the species survives at all it will be only in national parks.

6. No hunting is permitted in such reserved areas.

(a) QSPR (b) RSPQ (c) SRPQ (d) RQSP

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

Q69. 1. No one can deny that peasant forms the backbone of the nation.

P. Hence he is the most useful member of the society.

Q. Yet this fellow is exploited by the rich.

R. He grows food for the whole country.

S. It is our duty to improve his lot.

6. We should grant him the social status he deserves.

(a) RPQS (b) RSPQ (c) SRPQ (d) SPQR

Q70. 1. It's hard to imagine a horse pulling a rail road car.

P. Many of the early cars were pulled by horses.

Q. And these cars weren't easy to pull either.

R. They didn't have steel wheels that moved smoothly over steel rails.

S. But it wasn't long ago that horses did just that.

6. Both the wheels and the rails were made of wood.

(a) SRPQ (b) QPRS (c) PQRS (d) SPQR

Q71. 1. It is not uncommon for those synonyms to be understood to share the same memory.

P. The difference between words like 'hard' and 'difficult' goes unnoticed.

Q. One may employ one or other with complete indifference.

R. In general this is well and good.

S. Most people lack the linguistic sense to quibble over such trifles.

6. But for most of us it is of no less significance.

(a) PRSQ (b) SRQP (c) PQRS (d) QRSP

Q72. 1. Failure is nothing to be ashamed of for there is hardly any man who has not failed in life, not once but many times.

P. What is important is the way we take our failure

Q. It has been well said that he who never made a mistake, never achieved anything of great worth

R. From the little child who tries to stand up to the would-be conqueror who tries to conquer some new territory, everyone has to face failure

S. If we face our failure boldly and resolve to fight again we are sure to achieve victory in the long run

6. Thus failures can prove stepping stones in our march to victory.

(a) RSQP (b) PQRS (c) RPQS (d) RQPS

Q73. 1. But at that moment glanced round at the crowd that had followed me.

P. It was an immense crowd, two thousand at the least and growing every minute.

Q. They were watching me as they would watch a conjurer about to perform a trick,

R. I looked at the sea of yellow faces above the garish clothes-faces all happy and excited over this bit of fun, all certain that the elephant was going to be shot.

S. It blocked the road for a long distance on either side.

6. They did not like me, but with the magical rifle in my hands, I was momentarily worth watching
(a)RPQS (b) QSRP (c)SRPQ (d) PSRQ

Q74. 1. Jai Hai is a hand-ball type game.

P. In fact this game originated in the Basque region of Spain.

Q. And in Florida it is legal to place bets on the players of Jai Hai.

R. It is one of the fastest-moving ball games.

S. Although played quite well in Florida & Latin America, it is not an American game.

6. Sports experts agree that Jai Hai requires more skill, speed, endurance and nerve than any other game.

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

Q75. 1. Jagdish's mother was out of station and had left a few recipes for Jagdish to cook for himself. Here is one.

P. After a while he added salt and chilli powder to the slightly fried potato pieces.

Q. He cut the washed and peeled potatoes into tiny pieces.

R. When the oil was hot, he put the potato pieces into it, stirred them now and then to prevent them from sticking to the kadai.

S. Then he put the kadai on the lighted stove and poured two table spoons of oil into it.

6. Finally, when it was well done, he took the kadai off the stove and transferred the fried potato into a steel dish.

(a) QSRP (b) QPRS (c) SQRQ (d) PRQS

Q76. 1. Speak English to your friends.

P. Finding friends whose native language is English is even better

Q. If it is a person whose native language is the same as your own, you may feel silly speaking in English at first.

R. Get a conversation buddy friend and speak in English as much as possible.

S. But don't worry and continue to do it and it will become more natural to you.

6. Ask your friend to correct you when needed.

(a) QRSP (b) PSQR (c) RQSP (d) SRPQ

Q77. 1. The pleasure of being able to communicate with people from another culture, and to understand their society is a valuable experience.

P. Because of the level of interactions with foreign experts, translators are mandatory in many companies.

Q. Many Indian MNCs with global footprints need linguists to help them in foreign lands.

R. But learning a foreign language is fast becoming a necessary job skill in its own right.

S. As the global market-place expands, the need for personnel who can communicate in foreign languages will increase.

6. They employ linguistic experts to teach their employees the required language and to interact with employees on the client site.

(a) PQRS (b) RSPQ (c) PSRQ (d) RQPS

Q78. 1. I stopped just outside the door of the hut.

P. It was made dimmer by a thick pall of smoke that filled the room.

Q. The first thing I did then was to dash towards the boarded window and tear down the boards.

R. Before venturing into it, I allowed a minute to pass to get my eyes accustomed to the dim light.

S. As I finally stepped into the murky space. I could discern the wasted frame of my old friend on the bed.

6. The dingy room, dangerously suffocating so far, was being filled with fresh air and pale sunbeams.

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

Q79. 1. My uncle Martin went to live in a hamlet.

P. But it was a very lazy parrot.

Q. So martin bought a parrot.

R. Martin's neighbour told him that he must buy a parrot.

S. Every home there had a parrot as a custom.

6. The parrot did not like to speak.

(a) RSQP (b) SRPQ (c) PQSR (d) QPSR

Q80. 1. Ramani is a student of medicine.

P. The hopes of millions of cancer patients and doctors rest on his research.

Q. But, of late he has become a drug addict.

R. He is doing research in cancer.

S. He has already done very useful work in this field, and is hopeful of, finding a solution to this disease.

6. This addiction has been increasing day by day, and has started affecting his work.

(a) QPSR (b) RSPQ (c) SRPQ (d) RSQP

Q81. 1. A man wearing dark sunglasses walked into the bank.

P. Then he shouted, "Give me all your money, all the money in this bank right now."

Q. Everyone in the lobby screamed and started running.

R. He went up to the teller and held up a hand grenade for all to see.

S. Nervously the young female teller handed the man three big bags loaded with cash.

6. Holding the grenade in one hand and the bags in the other, he walked out of the building.

(a) PSRQ (b) QSPR (c) RPQS (d) SRQP

Q82. 1. Helen Keller has an ageless quality about her in keeping with her amazing life story.

P. Although warned by this human reaction, she has no wish to be set aside from the rest of mankind.

Q. She is an inspiration to both blind and who can see everywhere.

R. When she visited Japan after World War II, boys and girls from remote villages ran to her, crying, "Helen Keller".

S. Blind, deaf and mute from early childhood, she rose above her triple handicap to become one of the best known characters in the modern world.

6. She believes the blind should live and work with their fellows, with full responsibility.

(a) QPSR (b) PQSR (c) RSQP (d) SQRP

Q83. 1. One of the greatest curses of the world is the belief in the necessity of poverty.

P. There need not be a poor person on the planet.

Q. But there was no poverty, no want, no lack, in the creator's plan for man.

R. Most people have a strong conviction that some must necessarily be poor, that they were made to be poor.

S. The earth is full of resources which we have scarcely yet touched.

6. We have been poor in the very midst of abundance, simply because of our own blighting limiting thought.

(a) SPQR (b) RSPQ (c) RQPS (d) PQSR

Q84. 1. It is expected that every Burmese boy will become a novice at a pagoda for a short time.

P. My parents used to bring me breakfast in the morning.

Q. My head was shaved and I put on the yellow robe.

R. Everyday I got up at five thirty.

S. When I was eleven I went to a monastery near my home.

6. That was a special privilege the novices had.

(a) SQRP (b) PSRQ (c) PQRS (d) QRSP

Q85. 1. It was nine o'clock in the evening and Rajan was reading.

P. At first he thought nothing of it.

Q. The walls were a moving mass of big ants.

R. Suddenly, he heard faint noises.

S. When he went to his bedroom later, however, he was shocked by what he saw.

6. They covered everything the book case, the shelves, the chest of drawers.

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

Q86. 1. Once upon a time, there was a little man.

P. Some people called him Rabi.

Q. He walked like a rabbit

R. His face and hands were brown.

S. That is why people called him Brownie.

6. But his real name was Thomas Cook, though he never cooked anything.

(a) QPSR (b) SRPQ (c) RSQP (d) RQPS

Q87. 1. Another area that technology is changing is entertainment.

P. Walking along the street, or sitting in their living rooms, they wear headphones to build a wall of music around them.

Q. Music, for instance, was once a group experience.

R. For many people, now, however, music is a solitary experience.

S. People used to listen to music in concert halls or at small social gatherings.

6. Now, movie entertainment is changing too.

(a) PRQS (b) QSRP (c) SQPR (d) RPSQ

Q88. 1. Max was credited to knowing almost everything about anything.

P. No one on the ship could beat him in a debate.

Q. Max, after careful inspection, knew that the pearls were real.

R. It was about the authenticity of the pearls that Ramsay's wife was wearing.

S. One day, he had a bet with another passenger by the name of Ramsay.

6. But, after he saw the expression on Mrs. Ramsay's face, he sacrificed his reputation and concluded that the pearls were imitation to save the Ramsays's relationship.

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

Q89. 1. Europeans are not used to the serpentine queues we encounter in the Indian subcontinent.

P. We line up even for our filthy public toilets and to pay the electricity bills.

Q. We wait eternally at railway crossings, ration shops, and bank counters.

R. Particularly so in Europe where it is claimed that God is dead, and religion defunct.

S. Hence, the fact that millions, and mostly the youth, made it to the funeral of Pope John Paul II, braving long journeys and queuing for hours on end, is truly remarkable.

6. That the European youth was willing to go through these hardships to pay tribute to a spiritual head was unthinkable.

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

Q90. 1. Travel and Tourism is now the biggest service industry in India.

P. In 2009, India registered 563 million domestic tourism visits.

Q. It makes a contribution of 6.23 percent to the GDP.

R. India will be a tourism hot spot from 2009 to 2018.

S. This shows a rise of over 15 per cent over the previous year.

6. The announcement was made by the World Travel and Tourism Council.

(a) RPQS (b) PSQR (c) QRPS (d) QPSR

Q91. 1. Most libraries divide the catalogue cards into two.

P. On the other hand if one wishes to find a book on a specific subject, subject cards can be consulted.

Q. Apart from author, title and subject, these cards can also contain other necessary information.

R. If one knows the author or title, the book can be located with the author cards.

S. There are author and title cards in one and the subject cards in the other.

6. This includes publisher and year of publication.

(a) PQRS (b) SRPQ (c) QSRP (d) RSPQ

Q92. 1. Democracy is the primary goal of our Indian Constitution.

P. If representatives do not rule according to the wishes of the people, they are changed in the next election,

Q. In a democracy, the people are the rulers.

R. New representatives who are aware of the needs of the people take their place.

S. They rule through their elected representatives.

6. Thus in a democracy, the responsibilities of the people are great.

(a)SQPR (b) QPSR (c) QSPR (d) QSRP

Q93. 1. There was a lamp hanging on the wall

P. Then he picked a lot of jewels off the trees in the garden

Q. He put the lamp inside his shirt R. He put them in his pockets

S. Aladdin climbed a ladder and took down the lamp

6. Then he put more jewels inside his shirt on top of the lamp.

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

Q94. 1. In ancient times a King named Sagar performed the 'Ashwamedha Yagna'.

P. No one could capture the horse.

Q. Many tried to capture the horse.

R. As per rules a splendid horse was let loose and allowed to wander.

S. Those who tried had to fight Sagar's warriors.

6. Thus Sagar's fame spread far and wide.

(a) RSPQ (b) RQPS (c) RQSP (d) QPRS

Q95. 1. Nothing comes out of nothing.

P. We have to work and then alone we can gain something.

Q. It is honest and conscientious labour alone that produces result.

R. Millions have been struck with the lure of lottery to utter despondency.

S. A person who thinks that luck would favour him with all the wants of his life without his lifting his finger even, is living in a fool's paradise.

6. A painstaking man who adopts honest toil as his way of life makes the most of it.

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

Q96. 1. The vegetable bin of my refrigerator contained an assortment of weird looking items.

P. The carrots dropped into U shapes as I picked them up with the tips of my fingers.

Q. To the right of the oranges was a bunch of carrots that had begun to sprout points, spikes and tendrils.

R. Near the carrots was a net bag of onions.

S. Next to a shriveled, white-coated lemon were two oranges covered with blue fuzz.

6. Each onion had sent curling shoots through the net until the whole thing resembled a mass of green spaghetti.

(a) SQPR (b) QSRP (c) PRSQ (d) RSQP

Q97. 1. Industrial Revolution started in England.

P. But with the passage of time, the advantages of the revolution began to trickle in.

Q. This resulted in large scale disenchantment with the revolution.

R. Mass producing machines became the order of the day.

S. However, rural artisans lost their livelihood.

6. And people accepted the revolution wholeheartedly.

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

Q98. 1. The spiriual training of the boys was a much more difficult training.

P. I had realised that the training of the spirit was a thing in itself.

Q. Of course, I believed that every student should be acquainted with the elements of his own religion and have a general knowledge of his own scriptures.

R. I relied little on religious books for spiritual training.

S. To develop the spirit is to build character and to enable one to work towards a knowledge of God and self-realisation.

6. And I held that this was an essential part of the training of the young and that all training without culture of the spirit was of no use, and might be even harmful.

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

Q99. 1. Shark fin soup is one of the cruellest dishes in the world.

P. Then they are thrown back into the water.

Q. The poor sharks are trapped.

R. They usually bleed to death or drown.

S. Their fins are sliced off.

6. As many as 73 million sharks meet this fate every year.

(a) QSPR (b) RSQP (c) QSRP (d) SQPR

Q100. 1. As the girl grew up, she became prettier and prettier

P. She began to be treated worse than any servant

Q. After household work she would sleep among the cinders.

R. And the prettier she became, the more the sisters hated her.

S. She was compelled to eat scraps of left over.

6. This habit earned her the nickname Cinderella.

(a) PQRS (b) RPSQ (c) QPRS (d) PQSR