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In general, then, consensus as a decision-making process has been used widely. Its proponents argue that its values outweigh problems in use. Some research supports the conclusion that decisions reached by this process are qualitatively better than those achieved by other processes.

Q.1
As per the passage, what might suggest guidelines for choosing between majority-rule and consensus?

- 1 ☐ The identification of characteristics of tasks about which decision is needed
- 2 ☐ Attention to the relative importance of the task to the group
- 3 ☐ The anticipated effects of the decision outcome
- 4 ☐ The results of the process of the area for further investigation

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Q.2

Which of the following most accurately summarises the main idea of the author?

- 1 ☐ The author is trying to explain the various nuances of knowledge development.
- 2 ☐ The author is trying to analyse the various researches in the area of decision making.
- 3 ☐ The author is trying to explore conflicts within groups and their dynamics and how they impact organizational hierarchy.
- 4 ☐ The author is challenging the status quo of accepted research into decision making in the absence of authority.

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Q.3
The author’s assertion in the last paragraph could be weakened by which of the following maxims?

- 1 ☐ Two is company; three is crowd.
- 2 ☐ Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- 3 ☐ The taste of the pudding is in the eating.
- 4 ☐ If you are not confused, you are not paying attention.

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Q.4

Which of the following is true according to the passage?

- 1 ☐ Decisions made without any influential person are always difficult.
- 2 ☐ The research was misleading with respect to the group size.
- 3 ☐ The consensus process is viewed by some to be more advantageous than other such processes.
- 4 ☐ The consensus form of decision-making is preferred only when the decision requires the widest possible extent of common acceptance.

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Q.5

According to the author, which of the following is the main problem with static snapshots of the economy?

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- 1 ☐ They fail to consider the upward mobility of workers.
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- 2 ☐ They don't aptly portray the downward mobility of workers.
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3 ☐ They fail to accommodate every class of workers and their potential in the labour force.

4 ☐ They don't capture the continual economic mobility of workers in the labour force.

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Q.6

As per the passage, what kind of income inequality is not necessarily undesirable?

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- 1 ☐ Inequality caused by institutional barriers
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- 2 ☐ Inequality caused by lack of equal opportunity
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3 ☐ Inequality caused by differences in skill and ability

4 ☐ Inequality caused by a system that unduly benefits some and hurts others

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Q.7

Which of the following best reflects the main message of the author?

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- 1 ☐ Income inequality is condemnable in all its form and a progressive and stringent taxation system is the need of the day.
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2 ☐ A progressive taxation code can prove to be more detrimental than beneficial as the concept of income inequality is fluid.

3 ☐ Income inequality arising out of a difference in skills and qualifications should not result in a taxation code that hurts the more able bodied people.

4 ☐ The definition of income inequality in the US is twisted and the current tax code reflects this ambiguity by discriminating against the rich.

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Q.8

What can be inferred about the author's use of the phrase 'statistical artifact'?

1 ☐ Data collected to reflect inequality in the society is often wrong.

2 ☐ The median household incomes are just statistical ornaments without any practical utility.

3 ☐ There is a difference between the statistics of a widening income inequality and the reality.

4 ☐ Statistically inaccurate data such as unstable household incomes prove that data based researches are merely works of art.

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Q.9

If there were a paragraph after the last, which of the following would most likely be its theme?

1 ☐ An evidence backed analysis of the benefits of a regressive tax system

2 ☐ A description of the various solutions to the issue of rising income inequality

3 ☐ A narration of further evidence to back the adoption of a progressive tax code

4 ☐ A factual representation of the ill effects of a progressive taxation code

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Passage 3

“The Crucible” took me about a year to write. With its five sets and a cast of twenty-one, it never occurred to me that it would take a brave man to produce it on Broadway, especially given the prevailing climate, but Kermit Bloomgarden never faltered. Well before the play opened, a strange tension had begun to build. Only two years earlier, the “Death of a Salesman” touring company had played to a thin crowd in Peoria, Illinois, having been boycotted nearly to death by the American Legion and the Jaycees. Before that, the Catholic War Veterans had prevailed upon the Army not to allow its theatrical groups to perform, first, “All My Sons,” and then any play of mine, in occupied Europe. The Dramatists Guild refused to protest attacks on a new play by Sean O’Casey, a self-declared Communist, which forced its producer to cancel his option. I knew of two suicides by actors depressed by upcoming investigation, and every day seemed to bring news of people exiling themselves to Europe: Charlie Chaplin, the director Joseph Losey, Jules Dassin, the harmonica virtuoso Larry Adler, Donald Ogden Stewart, one of the most sought-after screenwriters in Hollywood, and Sam Wanamaker, who would lead the successful campaign to rebuild the Old Globe Theatre on the Thames.

On opening night, January 22, 1953, I knew that the atmosphere would be pretty hostile. The coldness of the crowd was not a surprise; Broadway audiences were not famous for loving history lessons, which is what they made of the play. It seems to me entirely appropriate that on the day the play opened, a newspaper headline read “all thirteen reds guilty”—a story about American Communists who faced prison for “conspiring to teach and advocate the duty and necessity of forcible overthrow of government.” Meanwhile, the remoteness of the production was guaranteed by the director, Jed Harris, who insisted that this was a classic requiring the actors to face front, never each other. The critics were not swept away. “Arthur Miller is a problem playwright in both senses of the word,” wrote Walter Kerr of the Herald Tribune, who called the play “a step backward into mechanical parable.” The Times was not much kinder, saying, “There is too much excitement and not enough emotion in ‘The Crucible.’ ” But the play’s future would turn out quite differently.

About a year later, a new production, one with younger, less accomplished actors, working in the Martinique Hotel ballroom, played with the fervor that the script and the times required, and “The Crucible” became a hit. The play stumbled into history, and today, I am told, it is one of the most heavily demanded trade-fiction paperbacks in this country; the Bantam and Penguin editions have sold more than six million copies. I don’t think there has been a week in the past forty-odd years when it hasn’t been on a stage somewhere in the world. Nor is the new screen version the first. Jean-Paul Sartre, in his Marxist phase, wrote a French film adaptation that blamed the tragedy on the rich landowners conspiring to persecute the poor.

Q.10

The phrase “all thirteen reds ” in the second paragraph refers to:

1 ☐ the American communists who were found guilty of secretly planning to overthrow the American government.

2 ☐ the rebels incarcerated abroad for indoctrination of the common people against the American government.

3 ☐ the Americans who were stooges of the Soviet Communist party.

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Q.11

What can be inferred about the time during which “The Crucible” was first produced?

- 1 ☐ The insurgency problem in America was at its unprecedented height.
- 2 ☐ The time was not conducive for production of the play “The Crucible”.
- 3 ☐ Literary creativity was not encouraged by the government in power.
- 4 ☐ The writers’ fraternity was suspected of colluding with the enemy force.

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Q.12

Why were great artists exiling themselves to Europe, according to the given passage?

- 1 ☐ Because they needed to find an ideal place to express themselves.
- 2 ☐ Because the American government failed to protect its citizens from communist’s influence.
- 3 ☐ Because they were terrified of being investigated for associating themselves with communism.
- 4 ☐ Because they believed that living in Europe would enable them to be more productive.

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Q.13

Which of the following statements best expresses the changes that were witnessed in people’s views of “The Crucible”?

- 1 ☐ People began to see “The Crucible” as a historical play and not just a play with contemporary issues.
- 2 ☐ “The Crucible” eventually found favours with the audience.
- 3 ☐ The critics ceased to pass caustic remarks against the play.
- 4 ☐ Even as a movie, “The Crucible” was loved the world over.

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Q.14

The passage makes all the following claims EXCEPT:

- 1 ☐ It took the playwright almost 12 months to write “The Crucible”.
- 2 ☐ American Legion and the Jaycees boycotted Arthur Miller’s play “Death of a Salesman”.
- 3 ☐ “The Crucible” became a hit because of the seasoned thespians.
- 4 ☐ “The Crucible” was produced in three different mediums – a play on stage, a book, and a movie.

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Q.15

With which of the following is the author of the passage most likely to agree?

- 1 ☐ The end can never justify the validity of the action.
- 2 ☐ Each action has an opposite reaction.
- 3 ☐ Political Science is meaningless as it can't dominate the field of rational inquiry.
- 4 ☐ Some activities have ends which are good for human kind.

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Q.16

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- 1 ☐ It determines what other sciences are necessarily aiming at.
- 2 ☐ It dominates only rational human behaviour.
- 3 ☐ It must be learnt by anyone who wishes to develop logical skills.
- 4 ☐ It is subordinate to domestic economy.

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Q.17

As per the passage which of the following combination accurately portrays a relationship similar to that of “victory with strategy” and “wealth with domestic economy”?

1 ☐ Classroom with students

2 ☐ Grades with examinations

3 ☐ Car with engine

4 ☐ Wallet with money

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Q.18

The author of this passage is most likely to be a/an:

- 1 ☐ politician.
- 2 ☐ public speaker.
- 3 ☐ teacher of philosophy.
- 4 ☐ artist.

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Q.19

According to the passage, what happens when there are certain ends beyond the actions?

- 1 ☐ The results obtained are of a higher value than the activities.
- 2 ☐ We do not desire all things for the sake of something else.
- 3 ☐ The good becomes well defined and in sync with the activities.
- 4 ☐ Knowledge becomes the supreme good.

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However, there is little doubt that organised labour in India, as in the rest of the world, sees itself as a loser in the changes unleashed by liberalisation and globalisation. It fears that if the government goes ahead with some of its proposed "reforms", its losses will begin to mount.

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Several economists say that rigid labour laws are the reason India has not generated enough jobs in the formal sector — only about 10 per cent of jobs are in the organised sector and the remaining 90 per cent in the unorganised sector. As large firms do not have the confidence that they can shed workers in adverse conditions, they do not wish to enter labour-intensive, low-skilled sectors. This is the reason India has not been able to replicate the Chinese success in labour-intensive manufacturing.

This argument may have well been overtaken by events in the global economy. Many other low-cost economies have already positioned themselves in these sectors. Automation in the West means that the window of opportunity in these sectors is fast closing. The idea that reforming labour laws will trigger a huge expansion in low-skilled manufacturing is thus highly suspect in today's changed situation.

Moreover, the academic literature on the subject is not unambiguously in favour of easing labour laws as a means for hiring more labour. Dismissal laws in France are more stringent than in India, but that did not come in the way of France's prospering for over a century. China itself has made its labour laws more stringent so that they are comparable to those in India (except in special economic zones).

Indeed, some of the literature suggests that giving workers greater protection helps increase productivity by giving workers more incentives to invest in firm-specific skills. Along with collective bargaining, worker protection leads to more egalitarian outcomes in society. There is also evidence that the bias against workers in Indian industry may have more to do with tax incentives for capital than with restrictive labour laws.

A second issue that agitates unions is the growing trend towards casualisation of labour. This was one of the reasons for labour unrest at Maruti's plant at Manesar in Haryana last year.

Companies find it expedient to employ labour on contract. They can then leave the job of managing regulations and inspectors to the contract labour firms. They can also stay small and escape various labour regulations. Most importantly, contract labour tends to be cheaper in general; at Maruti's Manesar plant, contract workers earned less than half the wages of permanent workers.

Contract labour is a serious assault on workers' rights. The Supreme Court has made strong observations on companies' resort to contract labour in order to avoid statutory obligations. *The Economic Survey* (2015-16) believes that contract labour is merely a corporate response to "regulatory cholesterol". However, reducing worker protection in the organised sector may not be the answer — many firms would still prefer the contract option simply because it's cheaper. Rather, we must extend worker protection and benefits to contract labour as well.

Q.20

Which of the following best encapsulates the central theme of the passage?

1 ☐ Labour protection - A myth busted

2 ☐ Labour protection in India – The do’s and don’ts

3 ☐ Working conditions in India – An analysis

4 ☐ A bleak painting – The future of labour laws in India

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Q.21

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

1 ☐ The author in the passage is against any kind of tax incentive given to the manufacturing companies.


2 ☐ The author in the passage strongly favours the current trend of reforms related to labour laws.

3 ☐ The author espouses the cause of providing better protection to contractual labourers.

4 ☐ The author endorses the cause of the workers' unions with regards to labour militancy.

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Q.22

The author, in the passage, doesn't state that:

1 ☐ reforming labour laws in India will surely trigger a huge-expansion in low-skilled manufacturing industry.

2 ☐ the government should extend worker protection and benefits to contract labourers.

3 ☐ greater protection for workers can help in creating a more equal society.

4 ☐ the workers' unions and opposition parties in India may clash with the government on the issue of labour protectionism.

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Q.23

According to the author, giving workers more protection may not result in:

1 ☐ an increase in their productivity.

2 ☐ a more equal society.

3 ☐ a more incentivized workforce committed to increasing its collective skill.

4 ☐ a more reasonable tax system in the country.

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Direction for questions (20 - 24): Read the given passages and answer the questions that follow.

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Q.24

According to the economists, why has India not been able to replicate China’s success in the labour-intensive manufacturing industry?

- 1 ☐ Only 10 percent of jobs are in the organised sector and the remaining 90 per cent in the unorganised sector in India.
- 2 ☐ China itself has made its labour laws more stringent so that they are comparable to those in India.
- 3 ☐ Many other low-cost economies have already positioned themselves in these sectors.
- 4 ☐ Due to rigid labour laws, large firms have refrained from entering the labour-intensive, low-skilled sectors.

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Directions for question (25): Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a meaningful and coherent short paragraph. Identify the odd one out.

Q.25

1. The most impacted are children and the elderly.
2. How many lives would it take for our government to wake up?
3. Recent studies have also reported that air pollution is reducing India's life expectancy by 3.2 years.
4. Why is it that London issues air quality alerts on reaching 66 µg/cum when Delhi does not have any warning on crossing 500 µg/cum?
5. However, not many people in India research on air pollution to find out the severity of these levels.

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Directions for question (26): Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a meaningful and coherent short paragraph. Identify the odd one out.

Q.26

1. Burning forests, high human populations and unflagging demand for tiger blood, tiger skin and crushed tiger bone means the big cats have to tread a daily gauntlet of snares, guns and desperate poachers.
2. But even the leopard’s supposed plasticity has not been enough to save them across most of Southeast Asia.
3. And in some cases, it is nearly impossible to survive as a tiger in Southeast Asia.
4. Now, conservationists are discovering, belatedly, that the same is largely true for leopards.
5. Conservationists have long known that it’s hard.

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Directions for question (27): Five sentences related to a topic are given below. Four of them can be put together to form a meaningful and coherent short paragraph. Identify the odd one out.

Q.27

1. DNA in nature is made up of four nucleotides.
2. But that the engineered microbes grew slowly and expunged the foreign nucleotides after several generations.
3. Bacteria with a genetic code of six nucleotides, the building blocks of DNA, were engineered successfully.
4. DNA polymerases generally adopt a right-hand fold, in which the thumb and fingers bind DNA and nucleotide.
5. Previous research had shown that synthetic nucleotides designated as X and Y could be incorporated into Escherichia coli bacteria.

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Directions for question (28): The passage given below is followed by four summaries. Choose the option that best captures the author's position.

Q.28

While it may seem like the fat that pads our bodies sits there, stubbornly refusing to budge, fat is a very active tissue that is constantly turning over its inventory. After a meal, fat is put into storage. Between meals, stored fat is slowly released, keeping our cells supplied with fuel. While the brain needs glucose, our liver, muscle, and fat cells prefer to burn fat. When calorie consumption is in balance, we maintain a healthy supply of fat that's available when we need it. This extra energy reserve helps us survive longer periods of fasting—like when food is scarce or when we don't have a chance to eat.

- 1 ☐ The extra energy humans enjoy is derived from the fat that is stored in our body when we eat.
- 2 ☐ Fat is stored away in our bodies after meal.
- 3 ☐ The reserve of fat in our body is not just an idle tissue but it acts an energy reserve in times of fasting.
- 4 ☐ The fat in our body is burnt when the food is scarce.

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Q.29

Political campaigns have really picked up all the latest techniques of online marketing and advertising. People have said that Trump has stolen an election by working with Cambridge Analytica, which was taking Facebook data. We’ve had the same debate here in the United Kingdom about Brexit. And I think the problem runs far deeper than that. It’s not just about one election or one campaign. It’s not about left or right. It’s about the way that modern online advertising is targeting people based on a very detailed profile of that person’s thoughts, hopes, fears, concerns, personality type, and, increasingly, emotional drivers, and really narrowing in on that individual. And then you craft messages—more and more often, I think, using automated technologies—to appeal to that specific individual.

- 1 ☐ Political campaigns are now just another form of advertising and marketing gimmicks.
- 2 ☐ Modern online advertisement is targeting people based on their psychological profiles, and this is a matter of worry.
- 3 ☐ The way elections have been hacked by political campaigns, as proven by the cases of Trump and Brexit, is a worrisome trend which has the potential to damage our societies.
- 4 ☐ Psychological profiling and targeting of individuals is morally and ethically wrong.

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Directions for question (30): The passage given below is followed by four summaries. Choose the option that best captures the author’s position.


Q.30

“Female desire has a mind of its own,” Ms. Gilbert said. “Female desire is more about a woman going on the hunt for what she wants.” She said she wanted to write a book that rendered it accurately, as something “muscular, messy, proactive, and complex. And I wanted to write a book about a woman who was willing to take risks with her safety in order to be sexual. I didn’t want to pretend that there is no consequence to promiscuity — Vivian certainly faces consequences. But she’s not destroyed by her desire, nor is she ruined by its consequences.”

- 1 ☐ The desire of a woman is a complex and messy subject and Ms. Gilbert cautions us to be safe while judging a woman based on her sexuality.
- 2 ☐ The complex and challenging concept of female sexuality finds a new voice in the form of Ms. Gilbert’s character Vivian.
- 3 ☐ A woman who wants to explore her desire must be ready to face the consequences.
- 4 ☐ Ms. Gilbert views the feminine desire as a layered subject which she wanted to explore via the character of Vivian.

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Directions for question (31): The four sentences (labelled 1, 2, 3, and 4) given in this question, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper order for the sentences and key in this sequence of four numbers as your answer.

Q.31

1. This verse demonstrates the prescience of the imaginative arts, how poetic dreams can foreshadow empirical reality.
2. It can also be viewed as an integral way of thinking about nature.
3. Evolutionary thinking goes back to antiquity but this was a novel way to anticipate natural selection.
4. Poetry has unrealised potential - not just in celebrating and describing nature.

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Q.32

1. Tiny bits of the mineral zircon were extracted from the lunar material and their age was estimated using uranium-lead radioisotope dating.
2. Lunar rocks and soil collected in 1971 during the Apollo 14 mission have been analyzed to show that the Moon is older than expected, 4.51 billion years old.
3. This result indicates that the Moon-forming impact occurred much sooner after Earth's formation, and also that Earth could have cooled down enough to allow life earlier than previously thought as well.
4. Earlier estimates had postulated that the Moon formed within 100 million to 200 million years after the Solar System formed, but the study put it at about 60 million years after that event.

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1. When she was little, doctors said she had an IQ of 34.
2. Mild autism, borderline personality disorder – the verdict seems to have changed almost as often as her medications.
3. And though they were far wrong, the right diagnosis has never been clear.
4. Until recently, Gina had insisted that a cellphone was too complicated for her, a plausible statement given how many things she finds hard.

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1. If that is the focus of juries, attorneys and prosecutors are bound to follow suit in an attempt to attain convictions.
2. An Australian study in 2004 found that consistency was the most frequently cited criterion by which juries assessed the credibility of a victim.
3. They looked for consistency in the statements by the accuser, and also expected consistency in the victim's post-assault behaviour.
4. Judges sometimes give instructions to juries about 'explainable' discrepancies, but such directives are unlikely to pre-empt entrenched, pre-existing cultural narratives.

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Some additional information is also known, which is as follows:

1. The number of "One Plus 4" handsets sold in 2015 was twice the number of "One Plus 1" handsets sold in 2012 and was 4 times the number of "One Plus 2" handsets sold in 2014.
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3. The number of "One Plus 3" handsets sold in 2015 was equal to the number of "One Plus 2" handsets sold in 2013.
4. The number of "One Plus 4" and "One Plus 6" handsets sold in 2016 were equal to each other and each of that was twice the number of "One Plus 2" handsets sold in 2013.
5. The absolute difference between the number of handsets sold of "One Plus 5" and that of "One Plus 6" in 2016 was 180 thousand.
6. A total of 430 thousand handsets of model "One Plus 2" were sold.

Q.35

How many "One Plus 4" handsets (in thousands) were sold by the company?

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Q.36

What is the absolute difference (in thousands) between the number of handsets of “One plus 6” sold in 2016 and the number of handsets of “One plus 5” sold in 2015?

1 ☐ 90

2 ☐ 150

3 ☐ 160

4 ☐ 170

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Q.37
The difference between the total number of handsets sold of “One Plus 3” and that of “One Plus 2” is

- 1 ☐ 50 thousand
- 2 ☐ 60 thousand
- 3 ☐ 70 thousand
- 4 ☐ 80 thousand

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Q.38
In which year did the maximum number of handsets of any model of One plus sold?

- 1 ☐ 2012
- 2 ☐ 2014
- 3 ☐ 2015
- 4 ☐ 2016

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Directions for questions 39 to 42: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

During an air show in Bangalore, a tournament was held in which five jets – J₁, J₂, J₃, J₄, and J₅ participated. In this tournament, a jet has to fly very high in the sky and then fly down doing the swirls. The pilot who can maneuver the plane to the highest number of swirls in a given time is ranked 1 and so on, and the pilot with rank 1 wins the tournament. The maximum number of swirls that can be achieved depends on the pilot's experience as shown in the table below.

Category	Pilot's experience (in years)	Number of Swirls (per 100 feet)
A	0 to 5	1
B	5 to 10	2
C	10 to 15	4
D	15 to 20	6
E	20 to 25	8

Additional information known to us is:

- Each of the 5 pilots – P, Q, R, S, and T- flew a different jet and was able to maneuver a distinct number of swirls (per 100 feet) by the end of his/her allotted time.
- A pilot having the ability to maneuver a given number of swirls would be disqualified if he does not complete the exact number of swirls depending on his category. However, none of them were disqualified.
- R and the other pilot, who flew jet J₂, achieved the same height of 10000 feet and this was the lowest height achieved among all the competitors.
- S, category A pilot, flew his jet to a height of 70000 feet but fell short by 500 swirls as compared to the winner.
- The winner flew neither the jet J₂ nor J₃ and he was neither P nor Q. Further, the winner flew at a height which was thrice the height achieved by J₄, which was the jet that made the lowest total number of swirls.
- Q flew the jet J₁ to a height of 50000 feet, which was his personal best.

Q.39
Which jet was flown by category C pilot?

- 1 ☐ J₁
- 2 ☐ J₅
- 3 ☐ J₃
- 4 ☐ J₄

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C	10 to 15	4
D	15 to 20	6
E	20 to 25	8

Additional information known to us is:

- Each of the 5 pilots – P, Q, R, S, and T- flew a different jet and was able to maneuver a distinct number of swirls (per 100 feet) by the end of his/her allotted time.
- A pilot having the ability to maneuver a given number of swirls would be disqualified if he does not complete the exact number of swirls depending on his category. However, none of them were disqualified.
- R and the other pilot, who flew jet J₂, achieved the same height of 10000 feet and this was the lowest height achieved among all the competitors.
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- The winner flew neither the jet J₂ nor J₃ and he was neither P nor Q. Further, the winner flew at a height which was thrice the height achieved by J₄, which was the jet that made the lowest total number of swirls.
- Q flew the jet J₁ to a height of 50000 feet, which was his personal best.

Q.40
Jet J₃ was flown to what height (in feet)?

- 1 ☐ 30000
- 2 ☐ 10000
- 3 ☐ 70000
- 4 ☐ Either (1) or (2)

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Q.41
Six swirls per 100 feet was achieved by _____.

- 1 ☐ P
- 2 ☐ Q
- 3 ☐ R
- 4 ☐ Cannot be determined

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Q.42
What is the rank of pilot 'R' and which jet he was flying?

- 1 ☐ J₄, rank 3
- 2 ☐ J₄, rank 5
- 3 ☐ J₂, rank 4
- 4 ☐ Either (1) or (2)

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Directions for questions 43 to 46: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

“Kukoo’s Nest” is a popular beauty salon in New Delhi. It offers beauty services to women. The different services provided by it are given below with their prices and the time required in doing them.

S.No.	Service		Price (in Rs.)	Time required (in minutes)
1	Hair Spa	a-With shampoo	1400	30
		b-Without shampoo	1100	20
2	Hair smoothening		35000	45
3	Facial		1800	25
4	Pedicure		800	15
5	Manicure		450	8

- A customer can avail maximum 4 services and minimum 2 services in a single visit.
- No customer can get more than one service simultaneously.
- Salon strictly follows the principle of “ first come first service”.

There are 3 styling experts – Rahul, Riya and Rajat – in the salon to provide these services. Salon opens at 12 noon everyday and as per the experience of these three experts it is fixed that the first customer of the day is attended by Riya, 2nd by Rahul and 3rd by Rajat and after that it depends on their availability. Some details about the first four customers who visited the salon yesterday are as follows:

- 1st customer visited at 12:05 p.m. and wanted to avail maximum possible services spending least amount.
- 2nd customer visited at 12:10 p.m. and wanted to avail minimum possible services but with maximum amount.
- 3rd customer visited at 12:12 p.m. and wanted to avail maximum possible services spending maximum time.
- 4th customer visited at 1:05 p.m. and wanted to avail minimum possible services spending minimum amount.

Q.43

Jyoti, a frequent visitor to this salon, visited the salon yesterday 5 minutes after the 4th customer and wanted to avail maximum services in minimum possible time. By what time did she get her job done?

1 ☐ 2:26 p.m.

2 ☐ 2:21 p.m.

3 ☐ 2:28 p.m.

4 ☐ 2:10 p.m.

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- 4th customer visited at 1:05 p.m. and wanted to avail minimum possible services spending minimum amount.

Q.44

Jyoti, a frequent visitor to this salon, visited the salon 5 minutes after the 4th customer and wanted to avail maximum services in minimum possible time. If Jyoti wanted all her services to be done by Rajat, then by what time did she get her job done?

- 1 ☐ 3:07 p.m.
- 2 ☐ 2:44 p.m.
- 3 ☐ 2:21 p.m.
- 4 ☐ 3:15 p.m.

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Q.45

What is the idle time (in minutes) spent by Riya between her first two customers?

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Q.46

If a customer visited the salon 20 minutes after the 4th customer and wanted to avail three services spending minimum possible amount, then by what time and by spending how much amount did she get all her job done?

- 1 ☐ 2:15 p.m., Rs. 2,350
- 2 ☐ 2:25 p.m., Rs. 2,350
- 3 ☐ 2:25 p.m., Rs. 2,650
- 4 ☐ None of these

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Directions for questions 47 to 50: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

Anurag, the chairperson of big C company, has created a group called "BCB" and has four members namely Maxi, Ricky, Shane and Chris in this group. Each member of this group has a particular kind of food preference based on which he/she is one among the vegetarian, non-vegetarian and eggetarian. A person who is vegetarian always speaks the truth, the one who is non-vegetarian always lies and the one who is eggetarian can either lie or speak the truth. Also, two of these four members are from Australia and the remaining two are from West Indies. When Anurag asked them about their nationalities and their food preference, each of them gave two statements. It is also known that if a person lies, he lies in both the statements. And the same is true if he is speaking the truth.

The statements given by them are as follows:

- Maxi: I am a non-vegetarian. Ricky is from Australia.
Ricky:I am a vegetarian. Chris is not from Australia.
Shane: I am neither vegetarian nor non-vegetarian. Maxi is from West Indies.
Chris: I am not non-vegetarian. Shane is not from West Indies.

Q.47

What is the maximum number of people who might be non-vegetarian?

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Ricky:I am a vegetarian. Chris is not from Australia.
Shane: I am neither vegetarian nor non-vegetarian. Maxi is from West Indies.
Chris: I am not non-vegetarian. Shane is not from West Indies.

Q.48

If Ricky is Eggetarian, then Shane must be

- 1 ☐ Non-vegetarian
- 2 ☐ Vegetarian
- 3 ☐ Eggetarian
- 4 ☐ Cannot be determined

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Q.49

If Shane is non-vegetarian and Chris is not, then Ricky must be

1 ☐ Vegetarian

2 ☐ Non-vegetarian

3 ☐ Eggetarian

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Q.50
For how many members their food preference can be determined uniquely?

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Directions for questions 51 to 54: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

There is a 4 x 4 grid with all its 16 cells filled with some digits as shown in the figure given below, where R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 denote the rows and C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 denote the columns. Any cell can be denoted with its row and column number as ' R_iC_j '.

	C_1	C_2	C_3	C_4
R_1	1	7	2	8
R_2	5	3	6	4
R_3	5	3	6	4
R_4	1	7	2	8

Amit, a curious kid, is currently standing at the top left cell i.e, R_1C_1 having 1 in it. Now he has to move exactly 3 steps - 1 step row-wise, 1 step column-wise and 1 diagonally, in any order. In one step he can move by only 1 cell.

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Q.51
Which of the following sums cannot be achieved by Amit after his 3 steps?

1 11

2 13

3 17

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Q.52

Which of the following sums can be achieved in atleast 4 different ways?

1 ☐ 14

2 ☐ 16

3 ☐ 12

4 ☐ Both (1) and (3)

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Q.53

Amit's friend Sanjeev is also there standing in the grid at the cell ' R_4C_1 ' and he has to move following the same rules. In how many ways can they reach at the same cell after each of them has moved 2 steps?

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Q.54

Amit's friend Sanjeev is also there standing in the grid at the cell ' R_4C_1 ' and he has to move following the same rule. What is the maximum possible difference between their final scores after 3 steps of each of them?

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Directions for questions 55 to 58: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

A digital clock shows time in MM : DD : HH : mm : SS format, where DD stands for the date of the month, MM stands for the month, HH stands for hours, mm is for minutes and SS is for seconds. The HH in the clock is in 24 hours format, so it can be maximum 23.
For example, if it is 2nd October and the time of the day is 5:45:08 p.m., then that clock will show 10 : 02 : 17 : 45 : 08. One day, while looking at the clock, Sanjeev noticed that all the digits in the time shown by the clock are distinct.

Q.55

If the time, when Sanjeev noticed, is the earliest possible of the year using all distinct digits, then what must be the digits at the place of HH?

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Q.56

If the time, when Sanjeev noticed, is maximum possible of the year using all distinct digits, then what must be the value of SS?

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Q.57
How many distinct times are possible with all distinct digits?

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Q.58
What can be the maximum number of 4's in this clock at any time, if all the digits in the clock are not necessarily distinct?

1 ☐ 6

2 ☐ 7

3 ☐ 1

4 ☐ 5

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Directions for questions 59 to 62: Answer the questions on the basis of the information given below.

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Q.59
If S R Krishnan held the post of Vice President before his appointment as the President, then who worked on the post of Food and Agriculture Minister before being appointed as the President?

1 ☐ F A Ahmed

2 ☐ Z Husain

3 ☐ V V Giri

4 ☐ S R Krishnan

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Q.60
In which year was the one working on the post of the acting President appointed as the President?

- 1 ☐ 1967
- 2 ☐ 1969
- 3 ☐ 1972
- 4 ☐ 1977

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Q.61
Who was appointed as the President for the Presidential term of 2 years?

1 ☐ F A Ahmed

2 ☐ S R Krishnan

3 ☐ V V Giri

4 ☐ Z Husain

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Q.62

The President, who completed the first term of longest duration of 5 years, was holding which post before being appointed as the President?

- 1 ☐ Vice President
- 2 ☐ Food and Agriculture Minister
- 3 ☐ Chief Justice
- 4 ☐ Cannot be determined

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- 6. Three people bought the saplings of Fire Lily, Gerbera and Tree Flower only on each day.
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- 8. On each day, 15 people bought the saplings of Gerbera but not Tree Flower and 11 people bought the saplings of Tree Flower but not Gerbera.
- 9. The number of visitors who bought the saplings of both Juliet Rose and Tree Flower only on day-1 and on day-2 were 3 and 1 respectively.

Q.63
How many people bought the saplings in the combination of any three flowers, on both the days taken together?

1 ☐ 35

2 ☐ 16

3 ☐ 14

4 ☐ 30

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Q.64
How many people bought the saplings of Gerbera and exactly one more flower on both the days taken together?

1 ☐ 9

2 ☐ 14

3 ☐ 15

4 ☐ 24

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Q.65
How many people, on day-1, did not buy the saplings of Fire Lily but bought Juliet rose?

1 ☐ 13

2 ☐ 7

3 ☐ 11

4 ☐ 19

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Q.66
Find the total number of flower saplings sold in the exhibition during the two days exhibition.

- 1 ☐ 92
- 2 ☐ 144
- 3 ☐ 214
- 4 ☐ Cannot be determined

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Q.67

The absolute sum of a and b is written as $\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}$, where x and y are co-primes and a and b satisfy the equations: $a - b = 4$ and $a^3 - b^3 = 20$. Find the number of factors of $(x + y)$.

1 ☐ 2

2 ☐ 3

3 ☐ 4

4 ☐ 12

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Q.68

Parul, Shikha and Yashi paid the electricity bill of their flat for the months of January, February and March respectively. After that, Shikha and Parul give Rs. 200 and Rs. 350 to Yashi respectively, so that the final amount spent by all of them are in the ratio of 2 : 3 : 5 respectively. Find the absolute difference between the electricity bills (in Rs.) of January and February combined and March alone.

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Q.69

Two cans, A and B, contain milk worth Rs. 7 per litre and Rs. 9 per litre respectively. If the contents of can A and can B are transferred to another can C in the ratio of 3 : 7, then the cost (in Rs. per litre) of the mixture in the can C is

1 ☐ 8.4

2 ☐ 9.4

3 ☐ 10.10

4 ☐ 7.5

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Q.70

Anand, Bakshi and Chowdhury are three friends. Anand takes twice the time taken by all three together to do a work, while Bakshi takes thrice the time taken by all three together for the same work. If Chowdhury alone can complete the work in 18 hours, then how long (in hours) will all three of them together take to complete that work?

1 ☐ 2

2 ☐ 3

3 ☐ 9

4 ☐ 24

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Q.71

Let 'a' be a root of the equation: $x^2 + 4x + 6 = 0$. Find the value of $(a - 2)(a + 1)(a + 3)(a + 6)$.

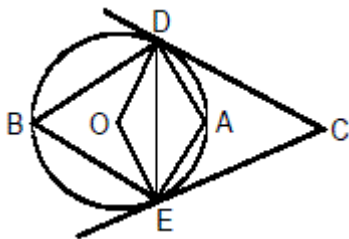
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Q.72

In the figure given below, CD and CE are tangents to a circle, having centre O, from point C. B is the point on the major arc DE. If $\angle DCE$ and $\angle DBE$ are x° and $2x^\circ$ respectively, then what is the measure of $\angle DAE$?



1 ☐ 150°

2 ☐ 130°

3 ☐ 108°

4 ☐ 90°

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Q.73

Anuj and Rishi start running simultaneously, from a same point on a circular track of length 10 km, in opposite directions. Their speeds get doubled every time they cross each other. Find the number of times they will meet within the first hour, given that they started the race at their respective speeds of 8 kmph and 12 kmph.

1 ☐ 6

2 ☐ 8

3 ☐ 7

4 ☐ None of these

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Q.74

A borrowed some money to be repaid in three equal installments at a rate of 10% compound interest compounded annually. Find the value of each installment (in Rs.), if the principal borrowed was Rs. 3310.

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Q.75

In a class of 10 students, the average weight of the girls is 1 kg less than that of the boys while the weight of the students in the class are consecutive integers from 51 to 60 kg. If the average weight of the boys and that of the girls are integral values, then find the number of boys in the class.

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Q.76

A certain computer program generates a sequence of numbers: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n such that $a_1 = a_2 = 1$ and $a_k = a_{(k-1)} + 2a_{(k-2)}$ for all integers k , where $3 \leq k \leq n$. If $n > 6$, then a_7 is equal to

1 ☐ 32

2 ☐ 43

3 ☐ 64

4 ☐ 100

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Q.77

How many four-digit numbers in base 7 are three-digit numbers in base 8?

1 ☐ 448

2 ☐ 545

3 ☐ 170

4 ☐ 169

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Q.78

Two distinct numbers are selected randomly from 1, 2, ..., 100 and then multiplied. What is the probability (correct up to two decimal places) that the product so obtained is divisible by 5?

1 ☐ 0.33


2 ☐ 0.30

3 ☐ 0.35

4 ☐ 0.36

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Q.79

Fresh dates contain 80% water by weight, whereas dry dates contain 10% water by weight. A trader purchases fresh dates at the rate of Rs. 100 per kg and makes a profit of 10% by selling them once they are dried. Find the selling price per kg (in Rs.) at which the trader sells the dry dates.

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Q.80

Two sides of an acute angled triangle are 3 cm and 6 cm long. If the third side of the triangle is also an integer, then how many values can the length (in cm) of the third side take?

1 ☐ 3

2 ☐ 2

3 ☐ 1

4 ☐ 0

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Q.81

Find the least integral value of 'a' for which the quadratic equation: $x^2 (3a + 1) - 6x + 2 = 0$ has no real roots.

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Q.82

Three milk solutions of concentration level - 80%, 70% and 50% - are available in sealed packets of one litre each at the rate of Rs. 40, 30 and 20 per litre respectively. A milkman decides to prepare a 10 litre milk solution, having concentration level of 60%, using these three milk solutions such that exactly 2 litres of milk solution with 80% concentration are used. What will be the amount (in Rs.) that he needs to spend to prepare that solution?

1 ☐ 260

2 ☐ 250

3 ☐ 240

4 ☐ 300

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Q.83

Bike A beats bike B by 200 m in a 1000 m bike race, while bike B beats bike C by 50 m in a 500 m race. If bike A beats bike C by 56 seconds in a 3600 m race, then how long (in seconds) will bike B take to travel a distance of 3000 m?

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Q.84

The set of all real numbers of x for which the inequality: $x^2 - |x + 2| + x > 0$ holds true is

1 ☐ $[-2, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

2 ☐ $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

3 ☐ $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

4 ☐ $(\sqrt{2}, \infty)$

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Q.85

The wheel of a motor car makes 1000 revolutions in moving 550 m. Find the diameter of the wheel (in cm).

1 ☐ 17.5

2 ☐ 18.5

3 ☐ 20

4 ☐ 18

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Q.86

Find the number of digits in $(288)^{40}$. (Take $\log 2 = 0.3010$ and $\log 3 = 0.4771$)

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Q.87

Find the range of values of k , for which the lines $4x + y = 7$ and $kx - 3y = 2$ intersect in the first quadrant.

1 ☐ $k > 6/7$

2 ☐ $k > 8/7$

3 ☐ $k > 9/7$

4 ☐ $k > 7/9$

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Q.88

The number of boys in a class is 40% more than the number of girls. In an exam, the number of boys who passed is same as the number of girls who failed. The total number of boys and girls who did not appear for the exam was 60% less than the total number of students who passed the exam. What can be the number of girls who did not appear for the exam?

1 ☐ 4

2 ☐ 5

3 ☐ 6

4 ☐ 7

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Q.89

If $t_n = \frac{1}{5} (n + 2)(n + 3)$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, then $\frac{1}{t_1} + \frac{1}{t_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{t_{2005}}$ is equal to

1 ☐ $\frac{10025}{6023}$

2 ☐ $\frac{10022}{6019}$

3 ☐ $\frac{10025}{6024}$

4 ☐ $\frac{10023}{6029}$

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Q.90

Manufacturing of a product requires 3 raw materials – A, B and C – in the ratio of 1 : 2 : 4, by quantity. The cost per ton of A, B and C is in the ratio of 3 : 4 : 6. The product is sold at a profit of 20%. If the costs of A, B and C increase by 30%, 40% and 10% respectively, then what should be the approximate percentage increase in the selling price of the product so that the profit percent remains same?

1 ☐ 17

2 ☐ 19

3 ☐ 20

4 ☐ 23

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Q.91

Let n be a 4-digit number such that when divided by 100 its quotient and remainder are q and r respectively. For how many values of n , is $(q + r)$ divisible by 11?

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Q.92

How many arrangements of the word "SIMULTANEOUS" are possible such that all the vowels appear in the same order as in the English alphabet and same is true for all the consonants?

1 ☐ 7

2 ☐ 120

3 ☐ 924

4 ☐ 5040

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Q.93

Three runners - Aman, Baman and Chaman - had to run from point A to point B and come back again to point A. The time interval between the starting times of the three runners was 10 seconds each i.e. Baman started 10 seconds after Aman, and Chaman started 10 seconds after Baman. The three runners met at a certain point C, which is somewhere between points A and B, before any of them had reached point B. Then Chaman reached point B and reversed his direction, and met Baman 36 m short of point B and Aman 60 m short of point B. Find the speed of Aman, if the distance between points A and B is 220 m.

1 ☐ 4 m/s

2 ☐ 3 m/s

3 ☐ 2 m/s

4 ☐ 1 m/s

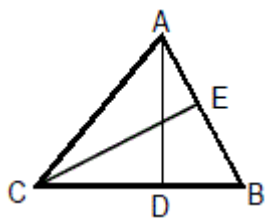
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Q.94

In the figure shown below, AD is perpendicular to BC, and CE is perpendicular to AB. If $CD = AD = 2BD$, then find the value of $CE : AE$.



1 ☐ 3 : 1

2 ☐ 4 : 1

3 ☐ 2 : 1

4 ☐ 6 : 1

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Q.95

Find the area (in sq. units) of the graph formed by the following functions for $x > 0, y > 0$.

$$|2x + 3| - 1, \quad x < 2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(13 - |2x - 3|), \quad 2 \leq x < 4$$

$$6 - 2|x - 3|, \quad x \geq 4$$

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Q.96

There are three solutions of HCL, H_2SO_4 and HNO_3 acids with respective concentrations of 40%, 50% and p% respectively. If 250 ml of HCL is mixed with 'c' ml of HNO_3 , it produces an acid having concentration of 60%, and when 200ml of H_2SO_4 is mixed with 'c' ml of HNO_3 , it produces an acid solution having concentration of 62%. Find the approximate value of p.

1 ☐ 60

2 ☐ 62

3 ☐ 64

4 ☐ 65

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Q.97

Find the value of the expression: $\frac{16 - 5a}{a(5a + 3)}$, where $a = 16^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \log_{1/4} 25 + \log_{64} 125\right)}$.

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Q.98

If $f(f(x)) = f^2(x)$, $f(f(f(x))) = f^3(x)$ and so on for $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(1+x^2)}}$, then find the value of $f^{10}(6)$.

1 ☐ 4/5

2 ☐ 1/3

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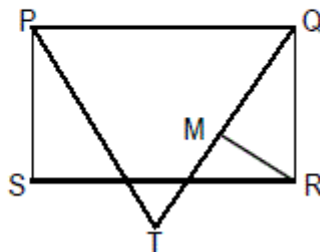
Q.99

Two pipes A and B can fill a tank of volume 288 m^3 in 4 hours and 6 hours respectively. Both the pipes were opened together to fill the tank, but later it was found that the tank got full in 36 minutes more than the actual time needed due to some leakage in the tank. Find the time taken (in minutes) to empty the whole tank by the leakage alone.

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Q.100

PQRS is a rectangle, in which PQ is twice as long as QR. T is a point, as shown in the figure, such that the shortest distance of T from PQ is $\sqrt{3}$ times the length of QR. If $PT = QT$ and M is the midpoint of QT, then what is the measure (in degrees) of angle RMQ?

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