

PARA JUMBLES

Directions: In these questions, the first and last sentence of the passage is numbered S1 and S6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R, S.

These four parts are not given in proper order. Read the sentences and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

S1: In the middle of one side of the square sits the Chairman of the committee, the most important person in the room.

P: For a committee is not just a mere collection of individuals.

Q: On him rests much of the responsibility for the success or failure of the committee.

R: While this is happening we have an opportunity to get the 'feel' of this committee.

S: As the meeting opens, he runs briskly through a number of formalities.

S6: From the moment its members meet, it begins to have a sort nebulous life of its own.

A. RSQP B. PQRS C. SQPR D. QSRP

2.

S1: A force exists between everybody in the universe.

P: Normally it is very small but when the one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.

Q: It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton.

R: Everything on or near the surface of the earth is attracted by the mass of earth.

S: This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.

S6: The greater the mass, the greater is the earth's force of attraction on it. We can call this force of attraction gravity.

A. PRQS B. PRSQ C. QSRP D. QSPR

3.

S1: Calcutta unlike other cities kept its trams.

P: As a result there was horrendous congestion.

Q: It was going to be the first in South Asia.

R: They run down the centre of the road

S: To ease in the city decided to build an underground railway line.

S6: The foundation stone was laid in 1972.

A. PRSQ B. PSQR C. SQRP D. RPSQ

4.

S1: For some time in his youth Abraham Lincoln was manager for a shop.

P: Then a chance customer would come.

Q: Young Lincoln's way of keeping shop was entirely unlike anyone else's

R: Lincoln would jump up and attend to his needs and then revert to his reading.

S: He used to lie full length on the counter of the shop eagerly reading a book.

S6: Never before had Lincoln had so much time for reading as he had then.

A. SRQP B. QSPR C. SQRP D. QPSR

5.

S1: All the land was covered by the ocean.

P: The leading god fought the monster, killed it and chopped its body in to two halves.

Q: A terrible monster prevented the gods from separating the land from the water.

R: The god made the sky out of the upper part of the body and ornamented it with stars.

S: The god created the earth from the lower part, grew plants on it and populated it with animals.

S6: The god moulded the first people out of clay according to his own image and mind.

A. PQRS B. PQSR C. QPSR D. QPRS

6.

S1: Smoke oozed up between the planks.

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 fire on board.

S: Flames broke out here and there.

S6: Most people bore the shock bravely.

A. SRQP B. QPSR C. RSPQ D. QSRP

7.

S1: You know my wife, Madhavi, always urged me to give up smoking.

P: I really gave it up.

Q: And so when I went to jail I said to myself I really must give it up, if for no other reason than of being self-reliant.

R: When I emerged from jail, I wanted to tell her of my great triumph.

S: But when I met her, there she was with a packet of cigarettes.

S6: poor girl!

A. PSRQ B. SPQR C. QPRS D. RSPQ

8.

Sentences given in each question, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labeled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from amongst the four choices given to construct a paragraph.

1.

A. Many centre around practical needs – getting meat out of fire, speed, using whatever is around.

B. There are also many superstitions attached to them: dropping chopsticks is bad luck, sticking them upright in your rice is taboo because of the imagery of incense sticks at funeral altars.

C. Among the favourite customs are using them to fish cooked bits of meat and vegetables from boiling broth while eating "hot pot" with friends, and serving choice pieces to show affection or respect.

D. Then there is the long list of chopsticks don'ts: don't point with them, don't spear food with them, don't use them to tap your bowl; only beggars do that.

E. There are many stories of the provenance of chopsticks, which in some form have been entrenched in Chinese history for thousands of years.

1) ECDBA 2) AEBCD 3) EABDC 4) CDBAD

2.

A. Cleaner nations will become richer and their economies grow faster than dirty nations.

B. If Africa were to burn its own coal reserves, the resultant carbon emissions would cause trillions of dollars of damage to the rest of the world.

C. A global carbon market will create a new global system of economic values

D. But if the developed world can't clean up the globe on its own, it can create market conditions that make reduction in carbon emissions an economic priority for every nation

E. Of course, the US – and all developed nations for that matter – can't solve the emissions problem alone.

1) BEBCA 2) CAEBD 3) CBDEA 4) EBDCA

3.

A. Instead, the new machines test for viral load, to verify if the virus is in the blood.

B. So, it is not possible to confirm whether the baby is positive.

C. Adults are normally diagnosed on the basis of antibodies, but when babies are born they still have those of their mother.

D. But accurately testing children remains a challenge in much of the country.

E. About 400 centres across Mozambique now have printers that can quickly receive test results by GPRS .

1) EDCBA 2) AEBCD 3) EABDC 4) CDBAD

4.

A. The number of development studies courses offered by colleges and universities has grown over the last 20 years.

B. What are you hoping to get out of your course?

C. Has your interest been sparked by other studies, travel, or family connections?

D. As the new academic year begins for some people this month, we would like to hear what is motivating you to study development.

E. The content of those courses has also changed to reflect new interests and trends in the sector, with topics covering a range of subjects, from economics and politics, to the environment, gender and anthropology.

1) BDAEC 2) DCBAE 3) DAEBDC 4) AEDCB

5.

A. Some of the worst cancers aren't detected by screening.

B. The only way to be sure is to look at the results of randomized trials comparing cancer deaths in screened and unscreened people.

C. So how can we be confident that getting a screening test regularly is a good idea?

D. Even when screening "works" in such trials, the size of the benefit observed is surprisingly low: Generally, regular screening reduces fatalities from various cancers between 15 percent and 25 percent.

E. They appear suddenly, between regular screenings, and are difficult to treat because they are so aggressive.

1) DBAEC 2) AECBD 3) ADBEC 4) ACBED

6.

A. The newspaper man, the flower seller, the milkman, the sweeper, they are all privy to the chatting and sharing of news that the elderly find comforting.

B. When we remove them from their homes, it is not only the family that they are being removed from, but all those other people that they see every day and whose joys and woes become their own.

C. In our system of living, the elderly at home have a circle of acquaintances, and friends.

D. The loneliness of the discarded elderly is manifold.

E. When we forcibly remove people from surroundings they have been part of for decades we put an un-mendable tear in the fabric of their lives.

1) DECAB 2) ABDCE 3) ECADB 4) DBAED

7.

To read the characters or the letters of the text does not mean reading in the true sense of the word.

A. This mere mechanism of reading becomes altogether automatic at an early period of life.

B. You will often find yourself reading words or characters automatically, while your mind is concerned with a totally different subject.

C. This can be performed irrespective of attention.

D. Neither can I call it reading when it is just to extract the narrative portion of a text from the rest simply for one's personal amusement.

(a) BACD (b) DCBA (c) ADCB (d) CBDA

8.

A. If you are used to having your stimulation come in from outside, your mind never develops its own habits of thinking and reflecting.

B. Marx thought that religion was the opiate, because it soothed people's pain and suffering and prevented them from rising in rebellion.

C. If Karl Marx was alive today; he would say that television is the opiate of the people.

D. Television and similar entertainments are even more of an opiate because of their addictive tendencies.

(a) BACD (b) ADBC (c) BCDA (d) CBDA