



# **SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II**

## **English : Mock Test 20**

**Mock Test Questions & Solutions**

## Mock Test Solutions in English

### Questions

1. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The big picture to emerge from Reliance Industries' (RIL) latest results is one of an oil and petrochemicals company diversifying away from its old businesses into fast-growing new ones, accompanied by a reduction in debt and still robust margins. Net profit for the March quarter rose 9.8%, to cross Rs 10,000 crore. Refining margins, while significantly above benchmarks, dropped somewhat. Reliance Retail grossed revenues over Rs 1 lakh crore and the telecom arm, Reliance Jio, reported 65% growth in net profits, despite a drop in the average revenue per user.

The oil and gas business is under long-term pressure, thanks to climate change and that does not require petrofuels. Hydrogen is being tried out for ships and planes, as a non-polluting fuel. While these changes are still some time off in the future, it makes sense for a company that has the option, unlike a State monopoly custom-built for the oil and gas business, to diversify into new areas. RIL's promise to invest more in research and development (R&D) has never been more relevant than now.

While the petrochemical industry would seem relatively safe from the climate-change challenge, concerns about plastic pollution of the planet have to be addressed, by creating ways to digest plastics after their active use and reuse. New materials such as carbon fibre are being pushed to the mainstream by the relentless pressure to improve energy efficiency and new developments in nanotechnology could well produce materials that substitute staples from the petrochemicals industry. RIL should not just diversify to more profitable consumer businesses but play an active role in creating new materials by stepping up R&D.

Only after these have become sustainable on their own can demerger and stake sales really take hold. However, RIL's direction of travel, besides the pace of progress, looks sound.

The most suitable title for the passage is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Reliance India Limited- moving into a considerate future
- B. Research and development of the petrochemical industry
- C. State monopoly in the oil and gas business
- D. Hydrogen the future fuel

2. The passage suggests that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Reliance industries has plans to introduce hydrogen as an automobile fuel.
- B. RIL has been in loss for a long time.
- C. RIL has a promising future as suggested by its profit margins.
- D. Renewable sources are the ultimate game changers for the climate change.

3. The writer uses the words relentless in the line "New materials such as carbon fibre are being pushed to the mainstream

by the **relentless** pressure to improve energy efficiency..." out of the given options which is the most suitable meaning of the word in context of the passage?

A. cold hearted

C. constant

B. uncaring

D. abated

4. Which factors have affected the petrochemicals industry?

A. Climate change

B. World wide recommendation to use electric motors

C. Trials for a non polluting fuel

D. All of the above

5. What does writer imply from "these changes" in the line "While these changes are still some time off in the future, it makes sense for a company that has the option, unlike a State monopoly custom-built for the oil and gas business, to diversify into new areas."?

A. Future profits of the RIL.

B. Renewable energy sources.

C. Government policies all over the world to tackle the climate change.

D. The writer is trying to emphasize on the factors like climate change and trials for hydrogen as a fuel.

6. According to the writer \_\_\_\_\_.

A. RIL should limit itself to quarterly profits only.

B. RIL should not only focus on the sundry profits but should also focus on Research and Development.

C. The profits for march quarter has been stooped too low.

D. Petrochemical industry has improved a lot in past few years.

7. Which fuel according to the writer is the non-polluting fuel?

A. hydrogen fuel

B. petroleum

C. coal

D. solar energy

8. What can be inferred from this line "RIL's promise to invest more in research and development (R&D) has never been more relevant than now"?

A. RIL is state owned company

B. RIL has large global demand

C. At the time when so much changes are going on in the

world and the oil and gas industry is under pressure a smart D. RIL has acquired businesses in USA move of introducing new products will be a welcome move.

9. Despite the drop in average revenue per user why does the writer thinks that RIL is doing good?

A. Reliance JIO has shown the net profit of 85 %.

B. Reliance Jio has acquired new telecom company.

C. Reliance jio is not showing any loss.

D. Reliance JIO has shown the net profit of 65 %.

10. What are the statistics provided by the writer in relation to RIL?

A. Net profit for March quarter was 9.8%.

B. The profit crossed Rs 20,000 crore margin.

C. Jio has shown profit of 75 %

D. All of the above

11. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

About 13.5 billion years ago, matter, energy, time, and space \_\_\_\_\_ (1) into being in what is known as the Big Bang. The story of \_\_\_\_\_ (2) fundamental features of our \_\_\_\_\_ (3) is called physics. About 300,000 years \_\_\_\_\_ (4) their appearance, matter and energy started to \_\_\_\_\_ (5) into complex structures, called atoms, which then combined into \_\_\_\_\_. (6) The story of atoms, molecules and their \_\_\_\_\_ (7) is called chemistry. About 3.8 billion years ago, on a planet called Earth, certain molecules combined to form particularly large and \_\_\_\_\_ (8) structures called organisms. The story of organisms is called biology. About 70,000 years ago, organisms belonging to the species Homo sapiens started to form even more \_\_\_\_\_ (9) structures called cultures. The subsequent \_\_\_\_\_ (10) of these human cultures is called history.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. come
- B. has come
- C. came
- D. have come

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. those
- B. this
- C. that
- D. these

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. planets
- B. universe
- C. solar system
- D. earth

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. after
- B. around
- C. before
- D. ago

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. break
- B. unite
- C. decrease
- D. shrink

16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6

- A. elements
- B. protons
- C. molecules
- D. mixtures

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7

- A. interactions
- B. communications
- C. discussions
- D. sessions

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8

- A. introductory
- B. intricate
- C. elementary
- D. rudimentary

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9

- A. simple
- B. plain
- C. elaborate
- D. expanded

Railways are a mode of land transport for bulky goods and passengers over long distances. The railway gauges vary in different countries and are roughly classified as broad (more than 1.5 m), standard (1.44 m), metre gauge (1 m) and smaller gauges. The standard gauge is used in the U.K. Commuter trains are very popular in U.K., U.S.A, Japan and India. These carry millions of passengers daily to and fro in the city. There are about 13 lakh km of railways open for traffic in the world. Europe has one of the most dense rail networks in the world. There are about 4,40,000 km of railways, most of which is double or multiple-tracked. Belgium has the highest density of 1 km of railway for every 6.5 sq kms area. The industrial regions exhibit some of the highest densities in the world. The important rail heads are London, Paris, Brussels, Milan, Berlin and Warsaw. Passenger transport is more important than freight in many of these countries. Underground railways are important in London and Paris. Channel Tunnel, operated by Euro Tunnel Group through England, connects London with Paris. Trans-continental railway lines have now lost their importance to quicker and more flexible transport systems of airways and roadways. In Russia, railways account for about 90 per cent of the country's total transport with a very dense network west of the Urals. Moscow is the most important rail head with major lines radiating to different parts of the country's vast geographical area. Underground railways and commuter trains are also important in Moscow. North America has one of the most extensive rail networks accounting for nearly 40 per cent of the world's total. In contrast to many European countries, the railways are used more for long-distance bulky freight like ores, grains, timber and machinery than for passengers. The most dense rail network is found in the highly industrialised and urbanised region of East-Central U.S.A and adjoining Canada. In Canada, railways are in the public sector and distributed all over the sparsely populated areas. The transcontinental railways carry the bulk of wheat and coal tonnage. Australia has about 40,000 km of railways, of which 25 per cent are found in New South Wales alone. The west-east Australian National Railway line runs across the country from Perth to Sydney. New Zealand's railways are mainly in the North Island to serve the farming areas. In South America, the rail network is the most dense in two regions, namely, the Pampas of Argentina and the coffee-growing region of Brazil which together account for 40 per cent of South America's total route length. Only Chile, among the remaining countries has a considerable route length linking coastal centres with the mining sites in the interior.

What does the word “sparsely” used in the passage means?

- C. Paris D. Berlin

23. Contrary to European countries, railways are utilized more in transporting heavy freight than passengers in:  
A. London B. Paris  
C. North America D. Brussels

24. In context of Europe, which of the following is responsible for the fading prominence of Trans-continental railway lines?  
A. Highly industrialised and urbanised region. B. Non-uniform distribution of railway lines.  
C. Dense network of railway lines. D. Quicker and more flexible transport systems of airways and roadways.

25. Australia has high percentage of railway networks in New South Wales, but New Zealand has its rail network primarily in:  
A. Pampas B. West of the Urals  
C. North Island D. Farm region of New Zealand in the east

26. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

There are about 5000 languages \_\_\_\_\_ (1) in the world today, but scholars group them together into relatively few families - probably less than twenty. Languages are \_\_\_\_\_ (2) to each other by shared words or sounds or grammatical constructions. The theory is that the members of \_\_\_\_\_ (3) linguistic group \_\_\_\_\_ (4) descended from one language, a common \_\_\_\_\_ (5).

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1



It was a bright spring day. The sun was high in the blue sky. A herd of sheep was grazing contentedly on the hillside.

The little lambs with their soft white coats and curly tails were playing among themselves. The Shepherd, seeing that his flock was safe and happy, had fallen asleep under the spreading branches of a large old tree. Suddenly an Eagle **swooped** down from the sky. It pounced on a little lamb and carried it off so swiftly that none of the other lambs even had the time to bleat. The sleeping Shepherd heard nothing. A Crow was sitting on the tree under which the Shepherd lay asleep. He had seen how the Eagle had caught the lamb and carried it off to his nest. 'What a wonderful way to get dinner!' he thought. 'Why do crows look for old smelly food?'

The Crow decided to do exactly as the Eagle had done. It had looked easy enough. All he had to do was to decide which sheep he wanted, swoop down upon it, hold it as firmly as he could in his claws and fly off with it... Easy! If the Eagle could do it, then so could he! The Crow looked down at the flock of sheep to decide which sheep he wanted. Just below the tree, by the Shepherd, a big, old Albert was grazing. He had curling horns and thick heavy fleece.

'Aha! He should be a good meal for me!' thought the Crow greedily. He was very hungry and the thought of a large juicy Albert for lunch made his mouth water. The Crow swooped silently and swiftly down onto the Albert, just as he had seen the Eagle do and grasped it firmly by its fleece. 'And now to fly off with it to my nest,' said the Crow to himself. He flapped his wings with all his strength, but could not lift the Albert. The Albert was large. He was much too heavy for the Crow to carry. The Crow tried again and again, but without success. The Albert felt the Crow on its back and was annoyed. "Just what do you think you are doing, you pesky bird?" he snapped, glaring at him over his shoulder. The Crow flapped harder still, trying to carry the Albert away.

"Now stop that!" cried the Albert. "Go away! Shoo! Leave me in peace!" He jumped and bucked and tried to shake the Crow off his back. "Oh oh!" thought the Crow, alarmed at Albert's **fierce** antics. "Maybe this wasn't such a good idea after all! Perhaps I should look for my dinner somewhere else! I had better let the Albert be!"

The Crow tried to fly away, but he found he could not move. His claws were caught in Albert's thick fleece! The Crow pulled his feet this way and that. He flapped his wings as hard as he could. But no matter what he did, he only seemed to get stuck more firmly. Oh, how was he ever going to get free? The Crow squawked loudly in fear and despair. Albert started running around the tree, bellowing with rage. The Shepherd woke up with a start. Who was making that horrible noise? Were his sheep in danger? He sat up. What a sight met his eyes! Albert was running round and round the tree. On his back was the Crow, squawking and trying to rise into the air. The Shepherd began to laugh. At last, wiping his eyes, the Shepherd stood up. He stopped Albert as he ran by and calmed him with gentle words. When Albert was still, the Shepherd took a pair of shears from his sack. Holding the Crow with one hand, he deftly snipped the fleece until the Crow was free. "What did you think you were doing, my fine friend" asked the Shepherd, looking at the Crow. "Playing at being an Eagle, were you?" The Shepherd burst out laughing again. The Crow was too embarrassed even to croak. He wished only that the Shepherd would let him go so he could fly away to his nest and hide his foolish head.

Finally, when the Shepherd let the Crow go, the Crow flapped his wings and flew off as fast as he could. "And the next time you want to be an Eagle, make sure you pick an animal of your size!" called the Shepherd after him. The Crow, feeling silly and foolish, promised himself that from now on he would only do as other crows did!

Which of the following is the most appropriate title for the given passage?

- A. The crow and the eagle
- B. The shepherd and his sheep
- C. Caught in the act
- D. Meaningless fight

32. What did the crow think when he saw the eagle carry away a little lamb?
- A. He thought of waking up the shepherd and letting him know
  - B. He wondered that it would be difficult for him to do such a thing
  - C. He thought of doing the same since the eagle could do it
  - D. He thought of snatching the lamb from eagles claws
33. What did the shepherd do when he saw the crow struggling to get away?
- A. He sat behind looking at the crow struggling
  - B. He killed the crow
  - C. He decided to let Albert kill it
  - D. He freed the crow
34. What happened when the crow tried to grasp Albert?
- A. The crow successfully caught Albert and flew with it
  - B. The crow couldn't take Albert so he took a lamb instead
  - C. The crow couldn't carry Albert due to its weight and in the process got his claws stuck in Albert's fleece
  - D. The crow was caught by the shepherd and was killed
35. How did the shepherd first react when he saw the crow struggling to free himself from the Albert's fleece?
- A. The shepherd's laughed as he was amused by the fact that a crow had tried lifting Albert
  - B. He was very angry by the crow's antics
  - C. He became sad for the crow as he wasn't getting his food
  - D. He remained calm and observed the situation from far
36. When did the crow first realize that his idea was bad?
- A. When Albert started to shake him violently
  - B. When he was about to go near Albert
  - C. When he was being rescued by the shepherd
  - D. When he returned back to his nest
37. Which of the following is the MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to 'swoop'?
- A. Dive
  - B. Plummet
  - C. Ascend
  - D. Plunge
38. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to 'fierce'?
- A. Apathetic
  - B. Indifferent
  - C. Ferocious
  - D. Meek
39. What was the shepherd doing when the eagle took the little lamb?
- A. Eating
  - B. Roaming
  - C. Sleeping
  - D. Was away
40. What did the crow promise himself after the whole incident?
- A. that he will apologise to Albert
  - B. that he will make eagle his friend
  - C. that he would only do as other crows did
  - D. that he will only go for small animals
41. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

Due to COVID-19, most of the industries are forced to (1)\_\_\_\_\_ work for a few months which is impacting the environment (2)\_\_\_\_\_. As a result, vehicular pollution dropped and also, pollution reduced drastically. Carbon

emissions from (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sources than before improved air quality. People could see clear skies in many areas, which were hitherto difficult, even impossible. But this has a huge (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for economies. Due to the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ slowdown in the world, exports-imports, and the informal sectors were badly hit.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

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| A. halt     | B. begin    |
| C. reassure | D. continue |
42. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2
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| A. questionably | B. negatively |
| C. positively   | D. in a way   |
43. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3
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| A. a few   | B. fewer |
| C. the few | D. few   |
44. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4
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| A. quantum leap | B. breakthrough |
| C. headway      | D. setback      |
45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5
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| A. malfunction  | B. consumption |
| C. distribution | D. alteration  |

**46. Read the following passage and answer the questions given after it.**

Andaman and Nicobar Islands consist of mainly two groups of islands, with distinctive features of the original residents — Negroid and Mongolese. It is strange to see how these two different groups migrated to these islands so far from the mainland — from India and Myanmar. The aborigines found in these islands are the Jarawas, Sentinelese, Onges, Shompenites, mainly found in Andaman and the Nicobarese in Nicobar. Of these the Nicobarese in general, and some of the Onges, have accepted the so-called modern civilization and learned the use of modern tools and facilities. They can be seen frequently in the Port Blair market. The aborigines are looked after by the Anthropological Department of the Government, who make regular visits to their islands and supply them with food and other necessities. These aborigines still do not know how to use a matchbox and prepare fire by rubbing two pieces of wood; they also do not know the use of cloth. If the people from the Anthropological Department offer them clothes, they use them only as turbans and not to wrap their bodies.

Original residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are

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| A. Negroid               | B. Mongolese    |
| C. Negroid and Mongolese | D. None of them |

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The original residents migrated to the islands from

- A. Arab
- B. Vietnam
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. India and Myanmar

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The aborigines are looked after by

- A. the Government of India
- B. the Anthropological Department of the Government
- C. the Tourism Department
- D. some NGOs

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the Government, who make regular visits to their islands and supply them with food and other necessities. These aborigines still do not know how to use a matchbox and prepare fire by rubbing two pieces of wood; they also do not know the use of cloth. If the people from the Anthropological Department offer them clothes, they use them only as turbans and not to wrap their bodies.

The aborigines prepare fire by

- A. rubbing two pieces of stones
- B. using a matchbox
- C. using gas lighter
- D. rubbing two pieces of wood

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Find out a word which is the antonym for 'usual'.

- A. strange
- B. migrated
- C. frequently
- D. regular

51. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

More sleep generally means greater scope for REM sleep – the last stage, when we typically dream. Waking up more often during the night may mean better dream recall, but it can leave us feeling \_\_\_\_\_ (1) the next day. As for what we see in our dreams, research has long suggested that \_\_\_\_\_ (2) contents are linked to our waking mindset. We process intense memories, current stressors and emotions \_\_\_\_\_ (3) REM sleep; our dreams are often heavy with symbolism and strange renderings \_\_\_\_\_ (4) reality. It could also be that, as life is reduced to the size of a few rooms in lockdown, we have far less daily stimuli to draw from and are \_\_\_\_\_ (5) digging around in the past.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. exhausted
- B. better
- C. pumped up
- D. jealous

52. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. them
- B. his
- C. her
- D. their

The state transport department has increased the frequency of buses because according to the new rules only limiting passengers are allowed.

- A. the frequency of buses because according to the new rules

B. only limiting passengers are allowed.

C. The state transport department has increased

D. No error

57. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

The union government has announced a gradual reboot of manufacturing sector who was adversely affected due to coronavirus pandemic.

- A. due to coronavirus pandemic. B. of manufacturing sector who was adversely affected  
C. The union government has announced a gradual reboot D. No error

58. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P) It was a nationwide revolt which started as a mutiny of Royal Indian Navy Soldiers working under the sovereignty of the British Government.

Q) There were few causes that were making the path for revolt.

R) These causes included the racial discrimination of India naval staff.

S) The Royal Indian Navy Mutiny in India was started on 18th February 1946.

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| A. SPQR | B. PQRS |
| C. SRQP | D. PRSQ |

59. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

The hostellers were terrified when they see the gruesomely appearance of the ghost in the horror movie.

- A. saw the gruesome
- B. seen the gruesome
- C. saw gruel
- D. No improvement

**60. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. It is a low cost and eco-friendly technique for preserving every drop of water by guiding the rain water to bore well, pits and wells.

Q. Such a technique increases water availability, checks the declining ground water table.

R. Rainwater harvesting has been practised through various methods by different communities in the country for a long time.

S. It also improves the quality of groundwater through dilution of contaminants like fluoride and nitrates.

- A. QPRS
- B. SQPR
- C. RPQS
- D. PQRS

**61. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

She said, "I go for a walk every evening."

- A. She told that she went for a walk every evening.
- B. She said that she goes for a walk every evening.
- C. She says that she goes for a walk every evening.
- D. She said that she will go for a walk every evening.

**62. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

The teacher said to Mahesh, "Congratulations! Wish you success in life."

- A. The teacher congratulated Mahesh and said wish you success in life.
- B. The teacher wished congratulations and success in life to Mahesh.
- C. The teacher said congratulations to Mahesh and wished him success in life.
- D. The teacher congratulated Mahesh and wished him success in life.

**63. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

The standing committee of parliament is formulating a draft plan to regulate the cryptocurrencies.

- A. A draft plan is formulated by the standing committee of parliament to regulate the cryptocurrencies.
- B. A draft plan is being formulate by the standing committee of parliament to regulate the cryptocurrencies.
- C. A draft plan was being formulated by the standing committee of parliament to regulate the cryptocurrencies.
- D. A draft plan is being formulated by the standing committee of parliament to regulate the cryptocurrencies.

**64. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. They are concentrated in a particular area or rock formations.

Q. Minerals are not evenly distributed over space.

R. A naturally occurring substance that has a definite chemical composition is a mineral.

S. Some minerals are found in areas which are not easily accessible such as the Arctic ocean bed and Antarctica.



**65. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

In a fix

- A. witching
  - B. making imaginary schemes
  - C. in puzzling state
  - D. talk irrelevantly

66. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence. Rita told Raj, "My sister took care of the dog while I was away.".

- A. Rita told Raj that my sister took care of the dog while she was away.

B. Rita told Raj that my sister had taken care of the dog while she was away.

C. Rita told Raj that her sister took care of the dog while she was away.

D. Rita told Raj that her sister was taking care of the dog while I was away.

67. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. It takes far-sighted leader to anticipate the onslaught of the pandemic and announce measures such as the "Janta curfew".

- A. It takes far-sighted leader to anticipate  
B. the onslaught of the pandemic and announce  
C. measures such as the “Janta curfew”  
D. No error

68. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

It is advised to pack one's diet by nutrients that are necessary for good hair health and growth.



**69. Select the incorrectly spelt word.**



**70. Select the incorrectly spelt word.**



71. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

They pick the fresh flowers every morning.

- A. The fresh flowers are picked every morning by them.
- B. The flowers are fresh and picked every morning by them.
- C. The flowers are picked fresh every morning by they.
- D. The picked flowers which are fresh every morning by them.

**72. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

Gavaskar said, "Bravo! Azhar, you have done well"

- A. Gavaskar exclaimed with joy that Azhar has done well.
- B. Gavaskar called Azhar and exclaimed that he had done well.
- C. Gavaskar congratulated Azhar saying that he had done well.
- D. Gavaskar praised Azhar for his having done well.

**73. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has launched a new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors.

- A. A new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors had been launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- B. A new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors has been launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- C. A new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors was launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- D. A new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors is launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

**74. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No improvement'. The newspaper's edition that day reported over a range of events.**

- A. are reporting about the
- B. reported a
- C. reporting the
- D. No improvement

**75. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

Will the economy slows down too quickly, there would be major problems.

- A. Were the economy to slow down
- B. Was the economy to slow down
- C. The economy will slow down
- D. No improvement

**76. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

The chief medical officer said that this ambulances will addressed the medical needs of the rural people who are living in the difficult terrains.

- A. these ambulances will addressed
- B. this ambulances will address
- C. No improvement
- D. these ambulances will address

77. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

If you describe someone as a maverick, you mean that he is unconventional and independent and do not think or behave in the same way as other people.

- A. If you describe someone as a maverick,  
C. and independent and do not think or
- B. you mean that he is unconventional  
D. behave in the same way as other people

78. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The thing she hated most about school was \_\_\_\_\_ up early.

- A. got  
C. gets
- B. get  
D. getting

79. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

- A large impressive house
- A. mansion  
C. shack
- B. cabin  
D. fort

80. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The short black dress \_\_\_\_\_ her slenderness.

- A. increased  
C. Debilitated
- B. accentuated  
D. infiltrated

81. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P: Soil pollution has become a major challenge to the whole human fraternity in modern times.

Q: Soil is the most important natural resource highly required to maintain a healthy life here.

R: It is the home for many small animals, it is the life of plants and used by human beings to produce a variety of crops to continue the life cycle here.

S: However, increasing human population increases the need for crops production and other technological resources to live life comfortably.

- A. SPQR  
C. RQPS
- B. PQRS  
D. QPRS

82. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Good reading \_\_\_\_\_ the sense of liberal educated mind.

- A. beliefs  
C. reflects
- B. leads  
D. starts

83. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A person who can endure pain or hardship without showing his feelings or complaining

- A. agnostic
- C. ascetic

- B. stoic
- D. pedant

84. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

My friend said to me, "Has your father returned from Kolkata?"

- A. My friend said to me that my father has returned from Kolkata.
- C. My friend told me that his father had returned from Kolkata.
- B. My friend asked me if my father had returned from Kolkata.
- D. My friend enquired me if his father have returned from Kolkata.

85. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

The accused is acquit on the grounded of incomplete evidence presented before the central administrative tribunal during the trial.

- A. acquitted on the grounds
- C. acquital on the grounds
- B. acquitted on the grounding
- D. No improvement

86. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P- Musharraf had recorded a video message from his hospital bed in which he said he was ready to record his statement in the case.

Q- Musharraf, who is currently in Dubai, is facing treason charges for suspending the Constitution and imposing emergency rule in 2007, a punishable offence for which he was indicted in 2014.

R- A three-member bench of the special court, headed by Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Waqar Ahmad Seth, handed Musharraf, 76, death sentence in the long-drawn high treason case against Pervez Musharraf.

S- The 76-year-old former Pakistan Army chief had left for Dubai for medical treatment and has not returned since, citing security and health reasons.

- A. RQSP
- C. QSRP
- B. RPQS
- D. QPRS

87. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

The doctor has made an initial diagnosis, but there'll be an addition examination by a specialist.

- A. an additional examine by
- C. an additional examination by
- B. an additional examination on
- D. No improvement

88. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. All of us would get together and we all became like a family for them three-four years.

- A. All of us would get together
- B. family for them three-four years



95. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

## DEFIANCE

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. resistance | B. pretence  |
| C. assistance | D. deference |

96. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

"I arrived in India last week," said Sarah.

- A. Sarah said she had arrived in India the previous week.      B. Sarah said she had arrived in India the last week.  
C. Sarah said she has arrived in India the last week.      D. Sarah said she arrived in India the last week.

97. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. My nephew has been in hospital since four weeks because of mumps.



98. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

His boss explained the procedure to him in a \_\_\_\_\_ detailed manner.

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| A. substance | B. narrowly    |
| C. primitive | D. harrowingly |

99. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

The foundations will have to be reinforced to prevent the house to sink further into the ground.



**100. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

## INNATE

- A. basic
  - B. simple
  - C. unassuming
  - D. acquired

101. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

He said that if she had loved Rahul, she hadn't have left his.



102. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

The daily commuters is waiting to the bus which is widely popularised in the country for its excellent services.

- A. is waiting for
  - B. are waiting to
  - C. No improvement
  - D. are waiting for

103. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

Not only it was raining all day at the wedding but also the band was late.



**104. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A strong feeling of dislike towards someone or something.

- A. empathy
  - B. sympathy
  - C. antipathy
  - D. telepathy

105. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The government is to launch a new affordable housing scheme.

- A. A new affordable housing scheme is being launched by the government.

B. A new affordable housing scheme is to be launched by the government.

C. A new affordable housing scheme is launched by the government.

D. A new affordable housing scheme has to be launched by the government.

106. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Something that cannot be avoided



107. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P. The temperate grasslands of North America are known as the Prairies.

O. They have successfully harnessed technology to utilise their rich natural resources.

R. The people of this region are very hardworking.

S. It is a region of flat, gently sloping or hilly land.



108. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then

**select 'No error'.** The pandit told me where was the temple and even led me to it.



109. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

As per the investigative agencies, an international drug lord has been living in Mumbai since last four years.



110. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. The company has offered me a job.

- A. I was offered a job by the company.      B. I have been offered a job by the company.  
C. I have being offered a job by the company.      D. I has been offered a job by the company.

**111. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

Manna asked Rohan, "Have you sat in a trolley bus before?"

- A. Manna asked Rohan whether he had sat in a trolley bus earlier.

B. Manna asked Rohan had he sat in a trolley bus before.

C. Marina asked Rohan if he sat on a trolley bus before.

D. Manna asked Rohan if he has ever sat in a trolley bus.

**112. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A person belonging to a foreign country

- A. native
  - B. resident
  - C. alien
  - D. inhabitant

**113. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the sentence.**

Ria has tried hard not to steal her brother's thunder but it was inevitable.

- A. take away her brothers opportunities for jobs      B. get more recognition than her brother for their success  
C. get a big reward from her brother for her achievement      D. pick up her brothers lucky charms to win prizes

114. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

The recent exodus of migrant workers is the outcome of an inefficient administration and the insensitivity of policy advisors.



115. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. People believed wrongly that the

moon was hot, and the sun was cool.

- A. sun was cool
- B. hot, and the
- C. that the moon
- D. people believed wrongly

**116. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

He said to me, "I've lived here for most of my life."

- A. He told me that he has lived there for most of his life.
- B. He told me that he had lived there for most of his life.
- C. He told me that he have lived there for most of his life.
- D. He told me that he had lived there for most of my life.

**117. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

No new content can be developed at this time, with much production activities coming to a halt.

- A. No new content can be
- B. with much production activities
- C. coming to a halt
- D. No error

**118. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

Those man as false to their family should be avoided.

- A. The men as
- B. Man
- C. Such men as
- D. No improvement

**119. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

To pick holes

- A. to lose courage
- B. to be afraid to die
- C. to find the weak points in something
- D. to articulate clearly

**120. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. It takes thousands of years for the formation and concentration of minerals.

Q. The rate of formation is much smaller than the rate at which the humans consume these minerals.

R. Thus, in order to conserve these minerals we can reduce wastage in the process of mining.

S. Minerals are a non-renewable resource.

- A. RQPS
- B. SPQR
- C. RPSQ
- D. RSQP

**121. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

OPPORTUNE

- A. rarely
- B. likely
- C. timely
- D. barely

122. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

- P. As a result, more and more water is being drained out of the rivers reducing their volume.
- Q. On the other hand, a heavy load of untreated sewage and industrial effluents are emptied into the rivers.
- R. This affects not only the quality of water but also the self-cleansing capacity of the river.
- S. The growing domestic, municipal, industrial and agricultural demand for water from rivers naturally affects the quality of water.

- A. RQPS
- B. SPQR
- C. RSQP
- D. PQRS

123. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Each of those new cells have a new copy of your DNA.

- A. new cells have
- B. each of those
- C. of your DNA
- D. a new copy

124. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

- TURBID
- A. mixed
  - B. varied
  - C. confused
  - D. clear

125. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The officials are conducting a lot of practice sessions for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.

- A. A lot of practice sessions are being conducted by the officials for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.
- B. A lot of practice sessions is being conducted by the officials for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.
- C. A lot of practice sessions were being conducted by the officials for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.
- D. A lot of practice sessions have been conducted by the officials for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.

126. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

Manoj will hand over resignation letter to the manager at the end of this quarter.

- A. Manager will be handed over the resignation letter at the end of this quarter by Manoj.
- B. Resignation letter should be handed over by Manoj to the manager at the end of this quarter.
- C. Resignation letter will be handed over by Manoj to the manager at the end of this quarter.
- D. Resignation letter would be handed over by Manoj to the manager at the end of this quarter.

127. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

Manish said that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup was not transparent.

- A. It was said by Manish that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup was transparent.  
B. It is said by Manish that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup was not transparent.  
C. It was said by Manish that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup was not transparent.  
D. Manish told that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup had not been transparent.

128. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

When she came home from school, she really doesn't look well.

- A. didn't look well  
B. didn't look good  
C. didn't look best  
D. No improvement

129. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

Finance minister thinks GST issues are already settled, and therefore any further discussion on the same is useless.

- A. on them is useless  
B. on it is useless  
C. on them are useless  
D. No improvement

130. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

The death toll from the hurricane was climbing minute on minute.

- A. minute in minute  
B. minute with minute  
C. minute by minute  
D. No improvement

131. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

"I didn't know the way. Do you know?" he asked.

- A. He said that he didn't know the way and asked me if I did.  
B. He said that he hadn't known the way and asked me whether I knew.  
C. He told me that he hadn't known the way and asked me whether I did.  
D. He told me that he hadn't known the way and asked if I know the way.

132. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. And taking this village lad into their midst was terribly upsetting.  
B. She was by no means pleased with this unnecessary addition to her family.  
C. When he reached Calcutta, Phatik met his aunt for the first time.

133. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

States will be caught , with furious constituents on one side and adamant party leadership on the other.

- |                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| A. red-handed                   | B. lion's share |
| C. between Scylla and Charybdis | D. scot free    |

**134. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**

They sent him to prison \_\_\_\_\_ he was innocent.



135. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

The Director said, "Can you dance?" and she said, "No".

- A. The Director asked her if she could dance and she said that she couldn't.

B. The Director asked her if she could do the dance and she said that she can't.

C. The Director inquired her if she can dance and she said that she can't.

D. The Director asked her if she can dance and she said that she can't.

136. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. In a society like our, where traditional social prejudices and hierarchies are deeply embedded, discriminatory practices can masquerade as social distancing.

- A. prejudices and hierarchies are deep embedded
  - B. In a society like ours, where traditional social
  - C. No error
  - D. discriminatory practices can masquerade as social distancing

137. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

- P. When I returned to my seat, I happened to see a man who was my neighbor years ago.

Q. He was a great talker.

R. So I did not wish to meet him now, just as my holiday was about to begin.

S. It used to take hours to get away from him.

- A. PRQS
  - B. PSQR
  - C. PQRS
  - D. PQSR

138. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Can I solve these equations on my own?

- A. Could these equations be solved by me on my own?      B. Can these equations be solved by me on my own?  
C. Could these equations solved by me on my own?      D. Can these equations solved by me on my own?

139. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

If you will care to see my photo album, I will bring it with me next time.



140. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

Hardly had he finished her dinner than the doorbell rang abruptly with a deafening noise.



141. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence. Tom said to me, "I shall meet you at the station."

- A. Tom told me that he would meet me at the station.  
B. Tom told me that he will meet me at the station.  
C. Tom told me that I would meet me at the station.  
D. Tom told me that he would have met me at the station.

142. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

P: After Sardar Patel had saved enough for his study in England, he applied for a pass and ticket.

Q: He returned to India, started practicing at Ahmadabad and became a successful barrister.

R: At the age of 36, he got the chance to travel to England.

S: He studied law at Middle Temple Inn in London, completing a 36-month course in just 30 months.



143. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. A. The clock struck quarter past nine as Mamta hurried into the big block of offices

B. She resolved to leave home earlier from the next day.

C. So she was a few minutes late on the first day of her job.

D. The bus had crawled through the dense traffic.

A. ABDC

C. ADCB

B. ABCD

D. ACDB

**144. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

She said to me, "Can you help me in completing the assignment?"

A. She asked me if I can help him in completing the assignment.

C. She asked me if I could help her in completing the assignment.

B. She told me if I could help her in completing the assignment.

D. She said to me that she needs my help in completing the assignment.

**145. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

BLUNT

A. lengthy

C. large

B. sharp

D. charred

**146. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** She said, "Ugh! I hate mice."

A. She said with disgust that she hates mice.

C. She said that she hates mice.

B. She exclaimed with disgust that she hated mice.

D. She exclaimed with sorrow that she hates mice.

**147. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. It will also highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma sector that has huge growth potential.

Q. Chief Minister will inaugurate the First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector on Friday via video conferencing.

R. This is a distinctive initiative that aims to bring together key Indian and international stakeholders from various fields.

S. They will discuss and strategize priorities to foster a thriving innovation ecosystem in the pharmaceuticals sector in India.

A. QRSP

C. RSPQ

B. RQSP

D. SPQR

**148. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** He said, "Planets revolve around the Sun."

A. He said that the Planets revolve around the Sun.

C. He said that the Planets revolved around the Sun.

B. He told that the Planets revolve around the Sun.

D. He said that the Planets used to revolve around the Sun.

149. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

He said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."

- A. He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.  
B. He urged them and said be quiet and listen to his words.  
C. He said they should be quiet and listen to his words.  
D. He said you should be quiet and listen to my words.

**150. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

The architect will take a month's time to finalise the draft of the residential architecture design.

- A. A month's time would be taken by the architect to finalise B. A month's time will be taken by the architect to finalise  
the draft of the residential architecture design. the draft of the residential architecture design.

C. A month's time is being taken by the architect to finalise D. A month's time had been taken by the architect to  
the draft of the residential architecture design. finalise the draft of the residential architecture design.

151. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The engineering students will submit the project next month.

- A. The project will be submitted by the engineering students next month.

B. The project will be submit by the engineering students next month.

C. The project will submitted by the engineering students next month.

D. The project is submitted by the engineering students next month.

152. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A stiff-necked person



**153. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

He said to me, "Are you going to college tomorrow?"

- A. He asked me whether I was going to college the next day.  
B. He asked me if I was going to the college tomorrow.  
C. He told me if I am going to the college tomorrow.  
D. He asked me about going to the college tomorrow.

154. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Splendid and expensive-looking

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. sumptuous | B. curious   |
| C. peculiar  | D. malicious |

155. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

Madhur said to his sister, "If I won a million pounds, I would give this job up!"

- B. Madhur told his sister that he would give that job up if he

won a million pounds.

had won a million pounds.

C. Madhur told his sister that he would give that job up if he will win a million pounds.

D. Madhur told his sister that he would give that job up if he won a million pounds.

**156. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

## ERODE

- A. fix
  - B. disintegrate
  - C. preserve
  - D. build

**157. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

## Kill two birds with one stone

- A. to try something impossible
  - B. to plan two murders simultaneously
  - C. to achieve two results with a single effort
  - D. to be an expert shooter

**158. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Population density is the number of people living in a unit area of the earth's surface.

Q. It is normally expressed as per square km.

R. South Central Asia has the highest density of population followed by East and South East Asia.

S. The average density of population in the whole world is 51 persons per square km.



159. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. We believe every one of us deserve equal access to vital public service journalism.

- A. We believe every one  
B. No error  
C. of us deserve equal access  
D. to vital public service journalism

**160. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

We said, "May God make him happy!"

- A. We will pray that he might be happy.  
B. We pray that he might be happy.  
C. We shall pray that he might be happy.  
D. We prayed that he might be happy.

**161. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

I am sure he will give me some advice about admission in the University of Delhi.

- A. I am sure I will be given some advice by him about admission in the University of Delhi.

B. I am sure I can be given some advice by him about admission in the University of Delhi.

- C. I am sure he will be given some advice by me about admission in the University of Delhi.
- D. I am sure I was given some advice by him about admission in the University of Delhi.

**162. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

Riya said, "I'll try not to bore you with lots of plodding details."

- A. Riya said that she will tries not to bore me with lots of plodding details.
- B. Riya said that I would try not to bore me with lots of plodding details.
- C. Riya said that she will try not to bore me with lots of plodding details.
- D. Riya said that she would try not to bore me with lots of plodding details.

**163. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. She was a tall woman and she carried a large purse.
- B. Suddenly a boy ran up behind her and tried to snatch her purse.
- C. It was 11 o'clock at night and a woman was walking alone.
- D. It had a long strap, and she carried it slung across her shoulder.

- A. CADB
- B. ACDB
- C. DBCA
- D. DCBA

**164. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

Were all formalities completed by you?

- A. Have you completed au formalities?
- B. Did you complete all formalities?
- C. Will you complete au formalities?
- D. Have you been completing all formalities?

**165. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

He said, "I have often told you not to waste your time."

- A. He said that he have often told you not to waste your time.
- B. He said that he had often told him not to waste his time.
- C. He said that he has often told him not to waste his time.
- D. He told that he had often told him not to waste his time.

**166. Given below are four Jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

- A: New ideas on marketing were brainstormed and all the members agreed to try them forthwith.
- B: Upon their return from an off-site camp, Ravi and Sunil decided to hold a meeting.
- C: As soon as everyone assembled, the meeting which lasted for four hours, began.

D: Its purpose was to replace some of the old ways of marketing used by the company with new ones.

- A. CDBA
- B. BDAC
- C. BCDA
- D. ACBD

**167. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

To be a good speaker you need to memorize these speeches.

- A. To be a good speaker these speeches need to be memorized by you
- B. To be a good speaker these speeches being memorized by you.
- C. These speeches will be memorized by you to be a good speaker.
- D. To be a good speaker these speeches need to memorize by you.

**168. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

Not a word was spoken by the criminal in self-defense.

- A. The criminal speaks not a word in self-defence.
- B. The criminal in self-defence has not spoken no word.
- C. The criminal did not speak a word in self-defence.
- D. The criminal spoke in self-defence a word.

**169. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

Aristotle said, "The law is a reason, free from passion."

- A. Aristotle said that the law is a reason, free from passion.
- B. Aristotle said that the law was a reason, free from passion.
- C. Aristotle said that the law is a reason and it is free from passion.
- D. Aristotle told me that the law is a reason, free from passion.

**170. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A person who held a job or office before the current holder

- A. predecessor
- B. ancestor
- C. successor
- D. descendant

**171. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. I was lesser critical than my wife on the slow workings of the law.**

- A. I was lesser
- B. critical than my
- C. wife on the slow
- D. workings of the law

**172. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.**

We must respect the elders.

- A. The elders must be respected from us.
- B. The elders must be respected.
- C. The elders should be respected.
- D. Respect the elders.

173. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

An instrument used for measuring atmospheric pressure

- A. thermometer
- C. altimeter

- B. voltmeter
- D. barometer

174. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence. Sita said to Komal, "Thanks again for everything you did for me."

- A. Sita thanked Komal for everything she had done for her.
- B. Sita thanked Komal for everything she has done for her.
- C. Sita thanked Komal for everything she had done for me.
- D. Sita thanked Komal for everything she done for her.

175. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

Raj says, "I can't come on Friday."

- A. Raj tells that he can't come on Friday.
- C. Raj says that he couldn't come on Friday.
- B. Raj said that he can't come on Friday.
- D. Raj says that he can't come on Friday.

176. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Many people join politics to feather their own nest.

- A. makes others' life comfortable
- C. utilize black money
- B. serve their country
- D. promote their own interest

177. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

Sujata was junior to me in college.

- A. junior than
- C. junior of
- B. junior most to
- D. No improvement

178. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Several stone pillars were erected by the reign of Ashoka.

- A. were erected
- C. by the reign
- B. of Ashoka
- D. Several stone pillars

179. P. Social dimension of health refers to the ability of individuals to interact with others in the socio-cultural environment.

Q. Good social health includes not only having positive relationships but behaving appropriately and maintaining socially acceptable standards.

R. Sound social health helps us in maintaining healthy relationships with others.

S. It focuses on creating and maintaining healthy, and supportive relationships with family, neighbourhood, friends, peers, teachers, and community members.



**180. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

"I like having Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner," said Mohan to the flight attendant.

- A. Mohan told the flight attendant that he liked to have Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner.

B. Mohan told the flight attendant that he liked having Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner.

C. Mohan told the flight attendant that he likes having Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner.

D. Mohan told the flight attendant he liked Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner.

**181. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

A person or thing that has the same name as another

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| A. pseudonym | B. namesake  |
| C. relative  | D. successor |

182. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

Electric heaters and geysers were providing to all the trainee officers in their rooms during winters.



183. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

I owe a big debt of gratitude to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.

- A. A big debt of gratitude had been owed by me to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.

B. A big debt of gratitude was owing by me to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.

C. A big debt of gratitude is owed by me to my mentor, Ms Pallavi Dutta.

D. A big debt of gratitude will be owed by to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.

184. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. He gave jobs to several unemployed men in a remote village who is battling poverty.



**185. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.** He said to Jyoti, "Can we all go to the swimming pool this afternoon?"

- A. He asked Jyoti if they all should go to the swimming pool B. He asked Jyoti if they all can go to the swimming pool that afternoon.

- C. He asked Jyoti if they all could go to the swimming pool this afternoon.

D. He asked Jyoti if they all could go to the swimming pool that afternoon.

186. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The Union Home Minister attended the passing out parade of NCC cadets on Wednesday.

- A. The passing out parade of NCC cadets was attended by the Union Home Minister on Wednesday.

B. The passing out parade of NCC cadets were attended by the Union Home Minister on Wednesday.

C. The passing out parade of NCC cadets is attended by the Union Home Minister on Wednesday.

D. The passing out parade of NCC cadets has been attended by the Union Home Minister on Wednesday.

**187. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

## Lion's mouth

- A. strict rules
  - B. cruel behaviour
  - C. a big part
  - D. a dangerous situation

188. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

"Please don't go away", she said to me.

- A. She said to please her and not to go away.  
B. She told me not to go away.  
C. She begged that I should not go away.  
D. She begged me not to go away.

189. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

Some people reject the idea of a mixed economy.



190. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The investigation team viewed the CCTV video clip.

- A. The CCTV video clip is being viewed by the investigation team.  
B. The CCTV video clip was being viewed by the investigation team.  
C. The CCTV video clip had been viewed by the investigation team.  
D. The CCTV video clip was viewed by the investigation team.

191. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

- A. She started the Udaipur-based organisation Shikshantar to create a space for self-directed learning called 'unschooling'.
  - B. It also organizes week-long camps where children involve themselves in local communities and interact with other

kids who don't attend school.

- C. Nidhi Jain has been an unschooling parent for over two decades.
- D. The organisation arranges everything from internships in film-marking to cooking forum schooled kids.
- A. ACDB
- B. CADB
- C. CBAD
- D. DBAC

192. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.

In our country, the number of people employed on agriculture has fallen in the last decade.

- A. employed on agriculture has fallen
- B. In our country, the number of people
- C. in the last decade.
- D. No error

193. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- A. velocity
- B. viscocity
- C. variability
- D. vegetarian

194. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.

The warden punished the boys who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms.

- A. The boys who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms were punished by the warden.
- B. The boys were punished by the warden who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms.
- C. The boys who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms was punished by the warden.
- D. The boys who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms punished the warden.

195. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.

Her mother said to him, "I cannot allow you to waste your precious time in playing video games"

- A. Her mother told him that she could not allow him to waste his precious time in playing video games.
- B. Her mother told him that she could not allow her to her precious time in playing video games.
- C. Her mother told her that she cannot not allowed her to her precious time in playing video games.
- D. Her mother told her that he could not allow her to waste his precious time in playing video games.

196. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

One who is in charge of a museum or art gallery

- A. monitor
- B. curator
- C. instructor
- D. collector

197. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.

- P. The soils are not very fertile in the velds due to the presence of discontinuous grasses exposing barren surface.

Q. Cash crops like tobacco, sugarcane and cotton are also grown.

R. Velds are known for cattle rearing and mining.

S. However where the land is fertile crops are grown like: maize, wheat, barley, oats and potato.

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| A. SQRP | B. PQRS |
| C. SPQR | D. RPSQ |

198. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

The man and his dog who I saw yesterday have been murdered.



199. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

If a developing country will become a developed country, it has to attract foreign investors.



**200. Select the wrongly spelt word.**

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| A. valuable | B. villain |
| C. victory  | D. vacuum  |

### Solutions

1. A

Sol. The most suitable title for the passage is 'Reliance India Limited- moving into a considerate future'. It is because the whole passage revolves around the company doing good business in various ventures.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

2. C

Sol. In reference to the given passage, we can conclude that RIL has a promising future as suggested by its profit margins.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

3. C

Sol. Out of the given options "constant" is the most suitable meaning. As in the context of the sentence, a word is required which denotes continuous or persistent pressure to improve energy efficiency.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

4. D

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that the reasons why oil and gas industries are under long-term pressure.

"The oil and gas business is under long-term pressure, thanks to climate change and that do not require petrofuels. Hydrogen is being tried out for ships and planes, as a non-polluting fuel. While these changes are still some time off in the future, it makes sense for a company that has the option, unlike a State monopoly custom-built for the oil and gas business, to diversify into new areas."

So, it suggests that all of the given options have affected the petrochemical industries.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

5. D

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that the oil and gas business is under long-term pressure, thanks to climate change and that does not require petrofuels. Hydrogen is being tried out for ships and planes, as a non-polluting fuel. While these changes are still some time off in the future, it makes sense for a company that has the option, unlike a State monopoly custom-built for the oil and gas business, to diversify into new areas.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

6. B

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that RIL should not just diversify to more profitable consumer businesses but play an active role in creating new materials by stepping up R&D.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

7. A

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that hydrogen is being tried out for ships and planes, as a non-polluting fuel.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

8. C

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that the oil and gas business is under long-term pressure, thanks to climate change and that do not require petrofuels. Hydrogen is being tried out for ships and planes, as a non-polluting fuel. While these changes are still some time off in the future, it makes sense for a company that has the option, unlike a State monopoly custom-built for the oil and gas business, to diversify into new areas.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

9. D

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that Reliance Jio, reported 65% growth in net profits, despite a drop in the average revenue per user.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

10. A

Sol. It has been mentioned in the given paragraph that net profit for the March quarter rose 9.8%, to cross Rs 10,000 crore. Refining margins, while significantly above benchmarks, dropped somewhat. Reliance Retail grossed revenues over Rs 1 lakh crore and the telecom arm, Reliance Jio, reported 65% growth in net profits, despite a drop in the average revenue per user.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

11. C

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

• At the start of the passage, the time period is mentioned, i.e. '13.5 billion years'.

• Whenever the time is mentioned, always use the simple past tense.

For eg :- I met Sohan 9 hours ago.

• Present perfect is used when we have to show the effect of the past in the present.

For eg :- We have got freedom

- Thus, '**came**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

12. D

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

- **Those/that** = referring to the more distant of two things.
- **This/these** = referring to a specific thing just mentioned.
- In the passage, we are pointing towards the fundamental features namely: matter, energy, time, and space.
- Use of this and that is grammatically incorrect as the features that are mentioned are plural.
- Those can't be used as per the meaning mentioned above.
- Thus, '**these**' will be the right usage.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

13. B

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

- This phenomenon is a part of the universe.
- Also, planets, solar system, and earth are themselves part of 'universe'.
- Also 'physics' is a branch that deals in the study of the entire universe- related facts, not particularly just of planets, solar system, and earth.
- Thus, '**universe**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

14. A

Sol. The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **After** = in the time following.
  - **Around** = located or situated on every side.
  - **Before**: prior to/previous to.
  - **Ago** = before the present/earlier, when we go back to the past from the present.
- 
- As per the passage, the formation of atoms started only after the formation of the fundamental features.
  - So, the formation of atoms is followed by the formation of fundamental features.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

15. B

Sol. The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Break** = to separate into pieces.
  - **Unite** = to unify or join.
  - **Decrease** = to reduce/diminish.
  - **Shrink** = to become smaller in size.
- 
- In the passage, there is a line 'complex structures called atoms' which shows that amalgamation of energy and matter has given rise to the atoms.
  - Energy and matter united to form complex structures.
  - Also, the formation of complex structures always involves joining or combining processes.

- o Thus, '**unite**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

16. C

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

- An atom is a single unit, which combines with the same type of atoms having the same properties and features to give rise to more big structures called 'molecules'.
- Option b i.e protons are part of an atom.
- **Mixture** = a combination of different things in which the component elements are individually distinct.
- **Element** = a section/portion of something.
- Thus, '**molecule**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

17. A

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Communication** = the imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing.
- **Discussion** = process of talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas.
- **Sessions** = term/period/time/spell/stretch.
- **Interaction** = in terms of science, a particular way in which matter, fields, and atomic and subatomic particles affect one another.

- o As per the passage, the Interaction of atoms and molecules gives rise to some complex structures.
- o Also, it is through interaction only, that they combine and hence help in chemical reactions.

- Communication and discussion are purely used in conversation either verbally or in written form or for debating and group discussions.
- Thus, '**interactions**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

18. B

Sol. The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Introductory** = serving as an introduction to a subject or topic/basic/opening/initial.
- **Elementary/rudimentary** = of the most basic kind/fundamental/primary.
- **Intricate** = very complicated or detailed.

- As per the passage, matter, space and energy combine to form atoms, atoms combined to form molecules and molecules further combine to form more complex structure with detailed anatomy called 'organisms'.
- They are intricate/complex because of the working/functioning of their processes.
- Thus, '**intricate**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

19. C

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

- As we read the passage we can see that the level of complexity is increasing with the formation of new things.
- When organisms called Homo sapiens-(mankind) established themselves, they formed some communities, which was an extended/elaborated form of their existence.
- It defines their culture and helps in giving the basis to various communities and structures.

- As cultures and various structures are extended forms given by homo-sapiens.
- Thus, '**elaborate**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

20. B

Sol. • The passage is all about Big Bang and how it came into existence.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Destruction** = a cause of ruin/damage.
- **Invention** = creative ability.
- **Dispersion** = the action or process of distributing/separation.
- **Development** = a new and advanced product or idea.

- As per the passage when human developed the culture/structures or communities, this gave rise to the history i.e. stories about the way of existence of mankind.
- So, the creation of culture leads to the development of history.
- Thus, '**development**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

21. A

Sol. The word "sparsely" is used as an adverb and it means something that is present in small numbers and is spread across a vast area. Here, in the passage it is mentioned to show that railway networks in Canada are spread in those areas where population is small.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

22. B

Sol. The given passage clearly mentions that Paris, Brussels, Milan, Berlin, Warsaw and London are the significant rail heads in the Europe. In these places, transport of passengers is more important than the freight.

There is no mention of St. Petersburg in the given paragraph.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

23. C

Sol. The given passage clearly mentions that in contrast to European countries, North America uses railways as a mode of transport mainly for the bulky freights like timber and machinery. Railways as transporting medium for people is used comparatively less.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

24. D

Sol. The given passage clearly mentions that the availability of flexible and fast transport facilities of airways and roadways has led to the downfall in the importance of Trans-continental railway lines. This trend can be seen in European countries like London, Paris, Brussels, Milan.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

25. C

Sol. The given passage clearly mentions that New Zealand has its network of rail transport primarily in the North Island. Here, railways are used to connect the needs of farming sector.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

26. B

Sol. • The passage is about the different languages that are there in the world.  
• We cannot "illustrate" or "show" languages. But we can definitely "speak" or "translate" them.  
• Since the passage doesn't mention the word "translate", which is an entirely different topic, we cannot use it in the blank. The passage is about a general topic about languages. Thus, the word "spoken" fits in the blank perfectly.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

27. A

Sol. • The sentence is in passive voice.  
• We use a V<sub>3</sub> form after an auxiliary verb. Thus, "linked" is the correct word for the blank.

Note: The word "Linkages" is a noun.

"Link" and "links" are V1 forms (in the plural and singular forms respectively).

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

28. C

Sol. Let's first see the use of the words given in the options:

All – every one (of), or the complete amount or number (of), or the whole (of)

It is followed by a plural subject (noun). But the blank is succeeded by a singular noun (group). This means "all" is not a suitable word here.

Very – It is used before adverbs and adjectives to add emphasis. It means 'to a great degree'. The blank is followed by a noun. This means "very" is not a suitable word here.

Each – every thing, person, etc. in a group of two or more, considered separately = It is followed by a singular subject.

Little – little is a negative quantifier meaning 'some'. It is used with uncountable nouns. The noun following the blank is a countable noun. Hence, "little" is not appropriate for the blank.

The sentence here talks about the theory which suggests that people from one linguistic group have a common origin.

Thus, "each" fits in the blank perfectly.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

29. B

Sol. According to the subject-verb agreement, the verb should agree with the subject in number. Our subject here is "the members" (a plural noun); therefore, the verb should be plural too.

Note: We use "have/has + been" in two conditions:

- 1) When the tense is in present perfect continuous, i.e. has/have+ been + Ving
- 2) When the sentence is in passive voice, i.e. has/have + been + V3

The blank is followed by a V3 form, this rules out possibility 1.

The given sentence is not in passive form. It is given in an active form.

This rules out possibility 2 also.

Thus, "have" is the correct word for the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

30. D

- Sol.
- The theory mentioned in the last sentence suggests that the members of a linguistic group have descended from a common source. An ancestor is someone who lived a long time ago.
  - The only suitable word here is 'ancestor'.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

31. A

- Sol.
- The story portrays the foolishness of the crow when it tries to imitate an eagle. Hence, "the crow and the eagle" should be the most appropriate title for the above passage. Though the other options seem to fit in, they cover piece-by-piece aspects of the story and not the entire essence of the story.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

32. C

- Sol.
- The crow after watching the eagle taking the lamb thought to himself that he could do the same thing with the same ease.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

33. D

- Sol.
- Looking at the crow struggling to get his claws out of Albert's fleece, the shepherd got up and freed the crow by cutting the fleece. Refer to the following statement of the passage, "Holding the Crow with one hand, he deftly snipped the fleece until the Crow was free."

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

34. C

- Sol.
- Albert was very heavy and so the crow couldn't lift it up in the sky. His claws were caught in Albert's fleece in the process which made him get stuck to Albert's back. Refer to the following statement of the passage, "The Crow tried to fly away, but he found he could not move. His claws were caught in Albert's thick fleece! The Crow pulled his feet this way and that."

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

35. A

- Sol.
- When the shepherd got up after hearing all the noises, he couldn't stop laughing looking at what the crow had done to get food. Refer to the following statement of the passage, "Albert was running round and round the tree. On his back was the Crow, squawking and trying to rise into the air. The Shepherd began to laugh."

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

36. A

Sol. When the crow got to Albert's back, Albert started to shake and tried to remove the crow from his back. This is when the crow realized that Albert is way more powerful than him.

Refer to the following statement of the passage - He jumped and bucked and tried to shake the Crow off his back. "Oh oh!" thought the Crow, alarmed at Albert's fierce antics. "Maybe this wasn't such a good idea after all!"

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

37. C

Sol. Swoop means to descend quickly. Contrary to it, 'ascend' is the antonym which means to move in an upward direction. All the other options refer to the downward movement.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

38. C

Sol. "Fierce" means violent or angry. Corresponding to it, 'ferocious' meaning 'savagely fierce, cruel, or violent' is its synonym.

Meanings of other words:

Apathetic = unconcerned

Indifferent = uncaring

Meek = gentle, submissive

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

39. C

Sol. When the eagle pounced at the little lamb and carried it off, the shepherd was sleeping.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

40. C

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that the crow promised himself that he would only do as other crows did.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

41. A

Sol. Let us understand the meaning of the given words:-

Halt = to (cause to) stop moving or doing something or happening

Begin = to start to happen or exist

Reassure = to comfort someone and stop them from worrying

Continue = to keep happening, existing, or doing something, or to cause something or someone to do this

- It is a fact that due to the pandemic situation a lot of industries have shut down.
- In the passage, it is further confirmed by the statements used in the latter part.
- Thus, "halt" is the correct word here.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

42. C

- Sol.
- The immediately following statement records that "vehicular pollution dropped and also, pollution reduced drastically".
  - So this is a positive effect.
  - Thus, "**positively**" is appropriate for the blank.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

43. B

- Sol.
- "Than before" implies the fact that here the comparison is being made between the earlier and current situation.
  - So, we must use a comparative adjective.
  - Thus "fewer" is appropriate to the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

44. D

Sol. Let us understand the meaning of the given words:-

Quantum leap=a great improvement or important development in something

Breakthrough= an important discovery or event that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

Headway= to make progress or get closer to achieving something

Setback= something that happens that delays or prevents a process from developing

- The sentence starts with "but".
- Thus it is clear that this sentence speaks about some contrary situation in comparison to whatever is said so far.
- Everything said is positive hitherto. So, the blank must be filled with a negative word i.e. "**setback**".

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

45. B

Sol. Let us understand the meaning of the given words:-

Malfunction= to fail to work or operate correctly

Consumption= the amount used or eaten

Distribution= the process of giving things out to several people, or spreading or supplying something

Alteration= a change, usually a slight change, in the appearance, character, or structure of something

- After analyzing the meaning of the given words, we can understand that "consumption" is directly related to the economy and exports-imports.
- Thus, "consumption" is the appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

46. C

Sol. As given in the first line of the passage, the original residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are Negroid and Mongolese.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

47. D

Sol. The original residents migrated to the islands from India and Myanmar.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

48. B

Sol. The aborigines are looked after by the Anthropological Department of the Government.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

49. D

Sol. The aborigines still prepare fire by rubbing two pieces of wood.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

50. A

Sol. The word "usual" means normal; happening, done, or used most often.

Its antonym would be "strange" as it means unusual and unexpected.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

51. A

Sol. • The given sentence talks about the ill effects of incomplete sleep.

• Incomplete sleep has several bad effects on one's body.

• Thus, the word '**exhausted**' is appropriate for the blank.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

52. D

Sol. • The given sentence points out the link between the dreams that we see and the daily activities that leave an impact on our minds.

• The use of "**their**" is appropriate here as it is a possessive pronoun used for the "dreams".

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

53. A

Sol. • There are various things that occur during the time we sleep as suggested in the given sentence.

• The preposition '**during**' is used to show that something happened within the period of time mentioned.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

54. B

Sol. • The noun "**rendering**" takes the preposition "**of**" after it.

e.g. Her **rendering** of the song was delightful.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

55. C

Sol. Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Consciously = in a way that is determined and intentional

Subconsciously = in a way that uses or relates to the subconscious (= the part of your mind that notices and remembers information when you are not actively trying to do so, and influences your behaviour even though you do not realize it)

Repressed = having feelings that you do not express

Expressed = clearly and intentionally stated

- What we see in our dreams is part of our subconscious mind.
- Thus, the word "**subconsciously**" fits in the blank perfectly.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

56. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and the error lies in **option B**. The error is related to **Adjective**.

- Sometimes, the third form of the verb is used as an adjective to qualify the nouns.

**For example:**

We are conducting interviews for **limited** posts.

We are looking for fully **furnished** accommodation.

- Here, in the given sentence, the continuous form of the verb is used as an adjective for the noun (passengers). Thus, we need the third form of verb i.e. "limited" to use it as an adjective.

**Note:** Continuous verb form needs the action in progress but here "limiting" is not showing the intent of the action verb. No such progressive action is visible in its usage in the given sentence.

Thus, the correct sentence becomes:

**The state transport department has increased the frequency of buses because according to the new rules only limited passengers are allowed.**

57. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and the error lies in **option B**. The error is related to **Relative Pronoun**.

- Relative pronoun "who" is used to refer for human being.

**For example:** The young man who lives on the corner rides a scooter.

- In the given sentence, “who” is used to refer “manufacturing sector” which is not a human being. We need a relative pronoun like “which”. It is used for things or an idea.
- **Note:** We can use “that” to refer any noun but it is usually preferred when the noun it refers is definite. Also, “which” is more formal than “that” when it comes to refer nouns other than humans.

For example: The young man **that** lives on the corner rides a scooter.

Here, “man” is made definite by using the article “the”.

Thus, the correct sentence becomes:

**The union government has announced a gradual reboot of manufacturing sector which was adversely affected due to coronavirus pandemic.**

58. A

Sol. S has the name of the event, so it is clear that S is an introductory statement. P provides more information about it, so SP is a pair. Q and R both talk about “causes”, so QR is also a pair. All these conditions are fulfilled in option A; hence, option A is the correct answer.

59. A

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in verb and adjective.
- The underlined part needs the verb in past form since the sentence is in the simple past tense (were terrified). Thus, the second form of the verb “see”, i.e. “saw” should be used here.
- Also, we need an adjective for the noun “appearance”. But in the underlined part, the adverb “gruesomely” is used, which is wrong. Thus, “gruesome” is the correct adjective.
- For example:

She saw the **gruesome caricature** of a doll.

- Hence, “**saw the gruesome**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The hostellers were terrified when they saw the gruesome appearance of the ghost in the horror movie.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

60. C

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about

**Rainwater harvesting.** Thus, **R** will be the first sequence.

- **P** will be the next in the sequence as it mention the details about “Rainwater harvesting” which was introduced in Sentence R.
- **Q** will be the next as it mentions the uses of rainwater harvesting. Also, the phrase “such a technique” is used to link it with Sentence P.
- **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by listing one more advantage of rainwater harvesting i.e. “dilution of contaminants”. The word “also” shows that something more is added to what was mentioned in previous sentence Q.

Thus, the **correct sequence is RPQS.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Rainwater harvesting has been practised through various methods by different communities in the country for a long time. It is a low cost and eco-friendly technique for preserving every drop of water by guiding the rain water to bore well, pits and wells. Such a technique increases water availability, checks the declining ground water table. It also improves the quality of groundwater through dilution of contaminants like fluoride and nitrates.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

61. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb will remain the same.
- Inverted commas will be removed.
- Here, the reported speech consists of the habit of a person. As we know that no changes are made to the tense of the reported speech in indirect speech if it consists of a habit, a proverb or a universal fact.
- The first person pronoun "I" will change to "she" according to the subject "She". With the pronoun "she", we will use the verb "goes".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **She said that she goes for a walk every evening.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

62. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The sentence has two parts. The first part, i.e. "Congratulations" will be changed to the verb "congratulated" followed by the object "Mahesh".
- For the second part, we will use the verb "wished" followed by the pronoun "him" for the object "Mahesh".

These two parts will be joined with the help of "and".

- Inverted commas (" ") will be removed.

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The teacher congratulated Mahesh and wished him success in life.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

63. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **present continuous tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + is/ am/ are + Verb (V1+ing form) + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + is/am/are + being + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A draft plan is being formulated by the standing committee of parliament to regulate the cryptocurrencies.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

64. A

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Minerals**. Thus, **R** will be the first sequence.

• **Q** will be the next in the sequence as it talks about uneven distribution of minerals.

• **P** will be the next as it adds further points to the distribution pattern of minerals. Also, "they" used in this sentence refers to the "Minerals" mentioned in Sentence Q.

• **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the unreachable locations of minerals.

Thus, the **correct sequence is RQPS**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **A naturally occurring substance that has a definite chemical composition is a mineral. Minerals are not evenly distributed over space. They are concentrated in a particular**

**area or rock formations. Some minerals are found in areas which are not easily accessible such as the Arctic ocean bed and Antarctica.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

65. C

Sol. The phrase "in a fix" means in a difficulty or in a situation of dilemma.

e.g. He kept turning to me whenever he was **in a fix** and of course, I'd help him out.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

66. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- We will not change the tense of the speech here. If the reporting speech has **two actions to be happening at a time**, then there is no change in the tense.
- The first person pronouns "I" and "my" will be changed to "she" and "her" according to the subject "Rita".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Rita told Raj that her sister took care of the dog while she was away.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

67. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The noun "leader" is a countable noun.
- The adjective "far-sighted" has been used for the noun "leader".
- Since we are not talking about any specific leader here, we will use the indefinite article "a" before the adjective "far-sighted".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **It takes a far-sighted leader to anticipate the onslaught of the pandemic and announce measures such as the "Janta curfew".**

68. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The use of the preposition “by” is erroneous in the given sentence.
- It should be replaced by “with” because it conveys “accompanied by” in this context.

e.g. heat milk with honey

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **It is advised to pack one's diet with nutrients that are necessary for good hair health and growth.**

69. A

Sol. **Option A** has the incorrectly spelt word. **Relieve** is the correct spelling of the word. It means to lessen the intensity of or calm.

Other words with their meanings:

Recruit = enroll or enter.

Receipt = an acknowledgement that payment has been made.

Realm = a domain in which something is dominant.

70. C

Sol. **Option C** has the incorrectly spelt word. **Vicious** is the correct spelling of the word. It means deliberately harmful.

Other words and their meanings are:

Violin = a musical instrument.

Visionary = something utopian or impractical.

Voyage = a journey to some distant place.

71. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice. It is simple form of **present tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + verb (“s” or “es” with singular noun) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + Is/are/am + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- **The fresh flowers are**

**picked every morning by them.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

72. C

Sol. This is a direct narration of an exclamatory sentence. We change such sentences in indirect narration using following rules:

- Said is changed to '**congratulated**'.
- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- The tense of the reported speech is in present perfect and it will be changed to the past perfect tense in the indirect narration.
- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and full stop is used.
- The pronoun will be changed according to the subject of the reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'he'.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **Gavaskar congratulated Azhar saying that he had done well.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

73. B

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **present perfect tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + has/have + Verb (V3 form) + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + has/have + been + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A new campaign for increasing awareness among Investors has been launched by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

74. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The use of "that day" shows that it is talking about a day of the past.

- Thus, the verb in the underlined part should be in the past form too.
- We do not use the preposition "over" after the verb "reported".

The correct sentence will be: **The newspaper's edition that day reported a range of events.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

75. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence gives us an unreal situation. An unreal conditional sentence expresses events that are hypothetical or improbable.
- Generally, an unreal conditional sentence begins with an if clause containing the past tense or past perfect tense of a verb followed by a conditional clause containing a modal verb such as "would." But, if the verb in the if-clause is "to be," use "were," even if the subject of the clause is a third-person singular subject.

e.g. If I were a rich man, I would make more charitable donations.

- Thus, "**Were the economy to slow down**" is the most suited one.

The correct sentence will be: **Were the economy to slow down too quickly, there would be major problems.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

76. D

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in determiner and verb.
- As a determiner, "this" is used for singular nouns, and "these" is used for plural nouns. Here, "ambulances" is a plural noun. Thus, "these" should be used here.
- For example:

There was a court case resulting from **this** incident.

**These** glasses allow you to see the film in 3D.

- Also, the modal verb "will" takes the base form of a verb after it. Here, "addressed" is the third form of the verb and is used after the modal verb. Thus, the base form "address" should be used here.

- Hence, “these ambulances will address” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The chief medical officer said that these ambulances will address the medical needs of the rural people who are living in the difficult terrains.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

77. C

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option C.**

- Here, the error lies in the usage of verb.
- The subject (he) in the sentence is singular.
- So, we need a singular verb for it.
- Thus, **replace 'do not' with 'does not'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes : **If you describe someone as a maverick, you mean that he is unconventional and independent and does not think or behave in the same way as other people.**

78. D

Sol. • After the auxiliary verb "was", we need an object for it.

- The only word among the options that can be used in the blank is "getting". It is a gerund.

A gerund is a form of a verb that ends in -ing that is used as a noun.

- Thus, "getting" is the correct word for the blank.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

79. A

Sol. **Mansion** = a large impressive house.

**Cabin** = small room on a ship or boat where people sleep.

**Shack** = hut or hutch.

**Fort** = a military post where troops are stationed.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

80. B

Sol. Let's first see the meanings of the given meanings:

Accentuate = to emphasize a particular feature of something or to make something more noticeable

Infiltrate = to secretly become part of a group in order to get information or to influence the way that group thinks or behaves

Debilitate = to make someone or something physically weak

Increase = to (make something) become larger in amount or size

- "Slenderness" is a quality of being thin and delicate, often in a way that is attractive.
- The black dress made her lean and delicate structure more noticeable. Thus, the word "accentuate" fits best in the sentence.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

81. B

Sol. • The pronoun "it" in sentence R is used for "soil" mentioned in Q. This makes QR a mandatory pair.

- Thus, we can eliminate options C and D.

- The use of "however" at the beginning of sentence S makes it inappropriate as a first sentence of the sequence.

- Thus, the sequence will start with sentence P that talks about "soil pollution".

Thus, the correct sequence is **PQRS**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Soil pollution has become a major challenge to the whole human fraternity in modern times. Soil is the most important natural resource highly required to maintain a healthy life here. It is the home for many small animals, it is the life of plants and used by human beings to produce a variety of crops to continue the life cycle here. However, increasing human population increases the need for crops production and other technological resources to live life comfortably.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

82. C

Sol. • The given blank needs to be filled with a **verb**.

- "Beliefs" is an incorrect word here as it is a noun while the sentence requires a verb.
- Option b would have been correct if, it would have been "leads to" as "lead to" means to cause something to happen or exist.
- "Reflects" means to show, express, or be a sign of something.
- Here, the habit of good reading shows that the mind of the reader is liberal and educated.
- So, using this verb makes sense in the sentence.
- The verb "starts" also fails to form any meaning in the sentence.
- Thus, '**reflects**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

83. B

Sol. **Stoic** = a person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.

**Agnostic** = someone who does not know, or believes that it is impossible to know, if a god exists.

**Ascetic** = avoiding physical pleasures and living a simple life, often for religious reasons.

**Pedant** = a person who is too interested in formal rules and small details that are not important.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

84. B

Sol. • The given sentence is an interrogative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.

- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then 'if' will be used before the reported speech.
- As the sentence is an interrogative sentence, said to will be changed to 'asked' in the indirect narration.
- The tense of the reported speech is in present perfect and it will be changed to the past perfect tense in the indirect narration.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and full stop will be used.

- The second person pronoun will be changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. 'your' will be changed into 'my'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **My friend asked me if my father had returned from Kolkata.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

85. A

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in verb and noun.
- The given sentence is in passive voice because the action of "acquit" is not done by the subject of the sentence. Thus, "be+V3" i.e. "is acquitted" should be used.
- Also, we need a noun since preposition "on" needs **object of preposition which can be either a noun or a pronoun**. But here "**grounded**" (**an adjective**) is made its object which is wrong.

Thus, "grounds" which is a **noun** should be used. "**Grounds**" means **a good or true reason for saying/doing something**.

- For example:

You have no **grounds** for complaint.

She likes to keep herself **grounded**.

- Hence, "**acquitted on the grounds**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The accused is acquitted on the grounds of incomplete evidence presented before the central administrative tribunal during the trial.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

86. A

Sol. 

- The first sentence will be **R** as it marks the introduction of entire passage on which the successive sentences are based - Pervez Musharraf and the punishment imposed on him.
- **Q** is the second sentence as it properly explains the reasons behind the death penalty mentioned in sentence R.

- **S** is the third sentence as it defines the present status and whereabouts of Musharraf.
- **P** will be the last one in extension to sentence **S**, also it draws the response from Musharraf while still maintaining the conditions mentioned in sentence **S**.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **RQSP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **A three-member bench of the special court, headed by Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Waqar Ahmad Seth, handed Musharraf, 76, death sentence in the long-drawn high treason case against Pervez Musharraf. Musharraf, who is currently in Dubai, is facing treason charges for suspending the Constitution and imposing emergency rule in 2007, a punishable offence for which he was indicted in 2014. The 76-year-old former Pakistan Army chief had left for Dubai for medical treatment and has not returned since, citing security and health reasons. Musharraf had recorded a video message from his hospital bed in which he said he was ready to record his statement in the case.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

87. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- For the noun "examination", we need an adjective to describe it.
- Thus, we will replace the noun "addition" with its adjective form "additional".
- The use of the preposition "by" is correct in the underlined part.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The doctor has made an initial diagnosis, but there'll be an additional examination by a specialist.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

88. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option B**.

- Here, the error lies in the usage of pronoun.
- The sentence is in past tense.

- It talks about a time in the past when all members got close and became a family.
- Here, we need a demonstrative pronoun to show the years.
- Thus, **replace 'them' with 'those'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes: **All of us would get together and we all became like a family for those three-four years.**

89. A

Sol. The given blank needs to be filled with a **noun**.

Let's try to understand the meanings of the given words:

- **Eloquence** = fluent or persuasive speaking or writing.
  - **Soberness** = the state of not being under the influence of alcohol; sobriety.
  - **Compulsion** = the action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint.
  - **Coherence** = the quality of being logical and consistent.
- 
- The sentence talks about the judges getting convinced by the persuasive speaking of the lawyer due to which they acquitted the suspect.
  - Thus, "**eloquence**" is the most suited one.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

90. A

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Atmosphere**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.  
• **Q** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the benefits of having an atmosphere.  
• **S** will be the next as it mentions what will happen if atmosphere is absent. Also, the phrase "this blanket of protection" refers to the atmosphere which has been mentioned in previous sentences.

- R will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by using the word "so". Also, it emphasises on importance of atmosphere by connecting it with "liveable temperature".

Thus, the **correct sequence is PQSR.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Our earth is surrounded by a huge blanket of air called atmosphere. It provides us the air we breathe and protects us from the harmful effects of the sun's rays. Without this blanket of protection, we would be baked alive by the heat of the sun during day and get frozen during night. So it is this mass of air that has made the temperature on the earth liveable.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

91. C

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Squeal** = to make a long, high-pitched sound.
  - **Squint** = to partly close your eyes in order to see more clearly.
  - **Stink** = to have a strong unpleasant smell.
  - **Squirt** = to cause (a liquid) to be ejected from a small opening in a thin, fast stream or jet.
- 
- The correct verb to be used in the sentence is "squirt" as the sentence talks about throwing a spray liquid.
  - Thus, "squirts an unpleasant spray" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **Before a skunk squirts an unpleasant spray from the glands under its tail, it will stamp its feet and hiss a warning.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

92. A

Sol. **Panacea** = a remedy for all diseases.

**Antidote** = a medicine taken or given to counteract a particular poison.

**Patent** = a government authority or licence conferring a right or title for a set period, especially the sole right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention.

**Antibiotic** = a medicine or chemical that can destroy harmful bacteria in the body or limit their growth.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

93. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an interrogative sentence. The sentence is in the present perfect tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Has/Have + Subject + Verb (V3 form) + Object?

Passive Voice: Has/Have + Object + been + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject?

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Have the weekly status report and presentation been submitted by you in the online portal?**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

94. B

Sol. • The correct preposition to be used in the blank is "on" as "keep on" means to continue or persist in doing something.

e.g. My sister kept on asking me question after question.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

95. A

Sol. Let's first learn the meanings of the words :-

**Defiance** = open resistance

E.g.: In defiance of the ceasefire, rebel troops are again firing on the capital.

**Resistance** = the refusal to accept or comply with something.

E.g. :- Government troops offered no resistance to the rebels.

**Pretense** = an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true.

**Assistance** = the action of helping someone by sharing work.

**Deference** = polite submission and respect.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

96. A

Sol. The given question is of direct speech. Follow the rules below to change it to indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will remain the same.
- Inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple past to the past perfect tense.
- The first person pronoun (I) will change according to the subject "Sarah" to "she".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Sarah said she had arrived in India the previous week.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

97. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- In the present perfect continuous tense, 'for' and 'since' are used for the period and point of time respectively.

For example, for two weeks, for three days, since Monday, since 2019, etc.

- In this sentence, the time 'four weeks' is given which shows the period.
- Thus, replace "since" with "for" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **My nephew has been in hospital for four weeks because of mumps.**

98. D

Sol. • The given blank needs to be filled with an **adverb**.

- The adjective "detailed" is modifying the noun "manner" in the sentence.

- Adverbs are used to describe adjectives.
- So, an adverb would fit in the given sentence to modify the adjective "detailed".
- Out of the given alternatives, only options c and d are adverbs.
- "Substance" is a noun while "primitive" is an adjective. So, options a and b are eliminated.
- The adverb "narrowly" would not fit here as something which is detailed cannot be narrow at the same time.
- So, the adverb form "harrowingly" would be better. It means acutely distressing.
- It fits contextually in the sentence as someone's manner can be distressing to someone.
- Thus, '**harrowingly**' is the most suited one.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

99. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part

- The verb "prevent" cannot be followed by 'to'.
- It should be followed by 'from' and a gerund.
- Therefore, "to sink" must be replaced with "from sinking" to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The foundations will have to be reinforced to prevent the house from sinking further into the ground.**

100. D

Sol. Let's understand the meaning of the given words :-

**Innate** = inborn, natural.

E.g. :- Cyril's most impressive quality was his innate goodness.

**Unassuming** = showing no attitude.

**Acquired** = gained by effort.

E.g. :- He acquired the firm in 2008.

**Basic** = simple and not complicated, so able to provide the base or starting point from which something can develop.

**Simple** = easy to understand or do; not difficult.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

101. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- As we can clearly see this is an indirect statement.
- When we report third conditionals, there are no changes in the verb forms.

e.g. Tom remarked that if they **had booked** their flight earlier, it **would have been** cheaper.

- Also, we do not need the possessive pronoun "his" in the underlined part. We need an objective pronoun "him" in its place.

The correct sentence will be: **He said that if she had loved Rahul, she wouldn't have left him.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

102. D

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in helping verb and preposition.
- The underlined part has verb "is" (singular) which is not in accordance with the subject "commuters" (plural). Plural verb "are" should be used for plural subject.
- "to" preposition is used to point towards a direction. Preposition "for" should be used because here we need the context of purpose.
- Hence, "**are waiting for**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The daily commuters are waiting for the bus which is widely popularised in the country for its excellent services.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

103. C

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- When we use "not only" at the beginning of a clause, we invert the subject and the verb i.e. we use the inversion rule.
- The correct way of writing is "was it raining".
- Thus, "**was it raining all day**" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **Not only was it raining all day at the wedding but also the band was late.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

104. C

Sol. **Antipathy** = a voluntary or involuntary dislike for something or somebody.

**Empathy** = the capacity to understand or feel what another person is experiencing from within their frame of reference.

**Telepathy** = the purported vicarious transmission of information from one person to another without using any known human sensory channels or physical interaction.

**Sympathy** = (an expression of) understanding and care for someone else's suffering.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

105. B

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in **present tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + is/are/am + to + Verb (V1 form) + Object.**

Passive Voice: **Object + is/are/am + to + be + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject.**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A new affordable housing scheme is to be launched by the government.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

106. C

Sol. **Indelible** = (of ink or a pen) making marks that cannot be removed.

**Infallible** = incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.

**Inevitable** = certain to happen; unavoidable.

**Invincible** = too powerful to be defeated or overcome.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

107. C

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Prairies**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.

- **S** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the geography of the prairies. Also, the word "it" refers to the "Prairies" mentioned in sentence P.
- **R** will be the next as it mention about the people of this region.
- **Q** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by giving additional details about the people there. Also, the word "They" refers to the "people" mentioned in sentence R.

Thus, the **correct sequence is PSRQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **The temperate grasslands of North America are known as the Prairies. It is a region of flat, gently sloping or hilly land. The people of this region are very hardworking. They have successfully harnessed technology to utilise their rich natural resources.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

108. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, the error is in the sentence structure. The use of the auxiliary "was" before the subject "temple" is erroneous.
- The given sentence is an assertive sentence. A verb should follow a subject and it should not be vice-versa unless it is an interrogative sentence (or the sentence begins with a negative adverb).
- Thus, place the verb "was" after the subject "temple" to make it grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The pandit told me where the temple was and even led me to it.**

109. B

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in preposition and adjective (ordinals).
- The underlined part has “since” as the preposition of time. It is used for specific point of time. Here, “last four years” is not a specific time. Thus, usage of “since” is wrong. Proper time preposition “for” should be used as it shows period of time.
- For example:

**She has been living here for five months.**

**She has been living here since April.**

- Also, ordinals (adjectives) take definite article “the” before them.
- Hence, “**for the last four years**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **As per the investigative agencies, an international drug lord has been living in Mumbai for the last four years.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

110. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the active form. It is in the simple past tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb (IInd form) + object...

Passive: Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **I have been offered a job by the company.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

111. A

Sol. • The given sentence is an interrogative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.

• 'Asked' will remain the same.

• As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then 'whether' will be used before the reported speech.

- The tense of the reported speech is in present perfect and it will be changed to the past perfect tense in the indirect narration.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and full stop will be used.
- The second person pronoun will be changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'he'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **Manna asked Rohan whether he had sat in a trolley bus earlier.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

112. C

Sol. **Native** = a person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth, whether subsequently resident there or not.

**Resident** = a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.

**Alien** = belonging to a foreign country.

**Inhabitant** = a person or animal that lives in or occupies a place.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

113. B

Sol. The idiom “to steal someone’s thunder” means to win praise for oneself by pre-empting someone else’s attempt to impress. In the context of this sentence, it means getting more recognition than her brother.

e.g. Sam **stole my thunder** when he said he’d done all the work.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

114. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- “Inefficiency” is a noun, whereas we need an adjective here to describe the noun “administration”.
- Thus, replace the noun “inefficiency” with its adjective form “inefficient” to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The recent exodus of migrant workers is the outcome of an inefficient administration and the insensitivity of policy advisors.**

115. D

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option D.**

- Here, the error lies in the usage of adverb of manner.
- The pattern is "adverb of manner + main verb + clause/object having several words".
- Thus, **replace 'believed wrongly' with 'wrongly believed'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes: **People wrongly believed that the moon was hot, and the sun was cool.**

116. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "told" as it is followed by an object (me).
- Since the reporting verb "said" is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the present perfect to the past perfect.
- The first-person pronoun "I" will change to "he" according to the subject (he) of the reporting speech.
- "Here" will be changed to "there".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He told me that he had lived there for most of his life.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

117. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option B.**

- Here, the error lies in the usage of adjective.
- We use 'much' with uncountable nouns and 'more' with countable nouns.
- The given sentence talks about some activities (which are countable).

- Thus, **replace 'much' with 'more'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes: **No new content can be developed at this time, with more production activities coming to a halt.**

118. C

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- We use as after Such + Noun, Not after who, whom, which.
- But we can use that after '**such**' if there is a clause of something in the such-clause and result in the other clause.
  - E.g. :- There was such a noise that I was not able to hear anything
- Thus, "**Such men as**" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **Such men as false to their family should be avoided.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

119. C

Sol. The idiom "to pick holes" means to try and make an idea or piece of work seem bad by finding all the things that are wrong or missing.

e.g. Every time I show my brother one of my stories, he just **picks holes in** it without saying anything that he liked about it

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

120. B

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Conservation of Minerals**. Thus, **S** will be the first sequence.

- **P** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the lengthy process in formation of those minerals. Also, "it" refers to the "minerals" mentioned in Sentence S.
- **Q** will be the next as it connects the rate of formation with increasing human consumption.
- **R** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the necessity of conservation of minerals by reducing the wastage.

Thus, the **correct sequence** is SPQR.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: -

**Minerals are a non-renewable resource. It takes thousands of years for the formation and concentration of minerals. The rate of formation is much smaller than the rate at which the humans consume these minerals. Thus, in order to conserve these minerals we can reduce wastage in the process of mining.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

121. C

Sol. Let's first learn the meanings of the words :-

**Opportune** = done or occurring at a favourable time; well timed.

E.g. :- She intervened further and asked when there would be an opportune time to refer to it.

**Timely** = done or occurring at a favourable or useful time; opportune.

E.g. :- He regarded his project as a timely compromise.

**Rarely** = not often; seldom.

**Barely** = only just; almost not.

Hence, **option C** is the correct choice.

122. B

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **River Pollution**. Thus, **S** will be the first sequence.

• **P** will be the next in the sequence as it shows the result of "growing demand" mentioned in introductory sentence **S**.

• **Q** will be the next as it mentions the add-on scenario of "emptying untreated effluents" that further deteriorates the river.

• **R** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the degrading effect of "emptying untreated effluents into river" i.e. reduced water quality and self-cleansing capacity.

Thus, the **correct sequence** is SPQR.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **The growing domestic, municipal, industrial and agricultural demand for water from rivers naturally affects the quality of water. As a result, more and more water is being drained out of the rivers reducing their volume. On the other hand, a heavy load of untreated sewage and**

**industrial effluents are emptied into the rivers. This affects not only the quality of water but also the self-cleansing capacity of the river.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

123. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- When we use "each of" with a "plural noun" as subject, it's normally followed by a singular verb.

e.g. Each of the buildings is surrounded by high metal fencing.

- Thus, replace the plural verb "have" with the singular "has" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Each of those new cells has a new copy of your DNA.**

124. D

Sol. Let's understand the meaning of the given words :-

**Turbid** = not clear.

E.g. :- Several different species of fish inhabit these turbid shallow waters.

**Varied** = having different types.

**Confused** = perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements; filled with bewilderment.

**Clear** = readily apparent to the mind.

E.g. :- Can we make the sound any clearer?

**Mixed** = showing a mixture of different feelings or opinions.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

125. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the active form. The sentence is in the present continuous tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Subject + is/ am/ are + Verb (V1+ing form) + Object

Passive Voice: Object + is/am/are + being + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A lot of practice sessions are being conducted by the officials for the upcoming track events in the Olympics.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

126. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is written using the **modal in indefinite form**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + modal + V1 + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + modal + be + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Resignation letter will be handed over by Manoj to the manager at the end of this quarter.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

127. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + V2 + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

In the given sentence structure, entire clause “that.... transparent” is the object of verb “said”. Also, clause contains the stative verb “was” and passive is not possible for stative verbs. So, we will put the entire clause as it is and put the dummy subject “I” in the front as subject in the passive structure to refer the clause.

But we have “said” as the second form of the verb (past indefinite tense), it will be changed according to the rules of voice i.e. “was said” is used in passive voice.

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **It was said by Manish that the entire selection process for upcoming world cup was not transparent.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

128. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- As we can clearly see, the given question is in the simple past tense (see the use of the verb "came").
- Thus, the second part will also take the past verb "didn't".
- Also, we need an adverb for the verb "look" in the underlined part.
- Thus, we will use "well" in place of "good".

The correct sentence will be: **When she came home from school, she really didn't look well.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

129. A

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- We should not use the same in place of pronoun (him, her, it, them, they, etc.) and the appropriate pronoun should be used instead of the same.
- The pronoun 'them' is most suitable as it is used for GST issues.
- Thus, "**on them is useless**" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **Finance minister thinks GST issues are already settled, and therefore any further discussion on them is useless.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

130. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The phrases "minute by minute"/ "hour by hour"/ "day by day", etc. are used to say that something increases or changes with every minute, hour, day, etc. that passes.

e.g. The credibility of the campaign has deteriorated month by month.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with "minute by minute".

The correct sentence will be: **The death toll from the hurricane was climbing minute by minute.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

131. B

- Sol.
- This is a combination of simple sentence and question sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.
  - The reporting verb "asked" is changed to "said" in the indirect speech.
  - The inverted commas used in the direct narration will be removed and that conjunction will be used in its place.
  - As the tense of the verb of reported speech is simple past it will be changed to past perfect in indirect narration.
  - In indirect narration, the pronoun of the reported speech 'I' will be changed in accordance with the object of the sentence, i.e. to 'you'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **He said that he hadn't known the way and asked me whether I knew.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

132. D

- Sol.
- Sentence A cannot be the first sentence as it starts with conjunction 'and' which means there has to be a sentence preceding it.
  - Again, sentence B starts with a pronoun that we have no idea about. Thus, we can eliminate options A and C.
  - Sentence **C** becomes the first sentence. The second sentence will be sentence **B** in which 'she' is used for aunt who was not pleased on meeting phatic.
  - Thus, the correct sequence is **CBDA**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **When he reached Calcutta, Phatik met his aunt for the first time. She was by no means pleased with this unnecessary addition to her family. She found her own three boys quite enough to manage without taking in anyone else. And taking this village lad into their midst was terribly upsetting.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

133. C

- Sol.
- Let's first see the meanings of the idioms given:

Between Scylla and Charybdis = to be in a position where avoidance of one danger exposes one to another danger.

Red-handed = used to indicate that a person has been discovered in or just after the act of doing something wrong or illegal.

Lion's share = the largest part of something.

Scot-free = without suffering any punishment or injury.

"Between Scylla and Charybdis" fits in the blank perfectly. All other options are out of context as two conflicting sides have been mentioned in the sentence.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

134. D

Sol. • The given blank needs to be filled with a conjunction.

- 'He was innocent' is an opposite reason i.e despite his being innocent, he was sent to jail.
- To show contradiction, we use '**though**'.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

135. A

Sol. • The given sentence is an interrogative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.

- The reporting verb "said" is changed to "asked" in the indirect speech.
- Inverted commas are removed and since the reported speech is in yes/no question form, '**if**' is used before the reported speech.
- As the tense of the verb of reported speech is present it will be changed to past in indirect narration.
- In indirect narration, the pronoun of the reported speech 'you' will be changed in accordance with the object of the sentence, i.e. to 'you'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **The Director asked her if she could dance and she said that she couldn't.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

136. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option B.**

- Here, the error lies in the usage of pronoun.
- We need an independent possessive pronoun (ours) here in place of "our".
- Thus, **replace 'our' with 'ours'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes: **In a society like ours, where traditional social prejudices and hierarchies are deeply embedded, discriminatory practices can masquerade as social distancing.**

137. D

Sol.

- Here, the first sentence is given as **P** in which the narrator told that when he returned to his seat, he came across a person who was his neighbor years ago and told about his nature of being talkative which is discussed in sentence **Q**.
- Because of this conduct, the narrator took hours to get away from him.
- The sentences **S** and **R** have a cause-effect relationship as because the said person took hours in talking, the narrator did not want to him as he did not want to ruin his holiday.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **PQSR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **When I returned to my seat, I happened to see a man who was my neighbor years ago. He was a great talker. It used to take hours to get away from him. It used to take hours to get away from him. So, I did not wish to meet him now, just as my holiday was about to begin.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

138. B

Sol. The given sentence is of active voice and it uses a modal verb in interrogative form. The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

Active: Modal verb + subject + verb (1st form) + object...

Passive: Modal verb + object+ be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Can these equations be solved by me on my own?**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

139. C

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- We can use If+ would like/care to express a want/wish more politely.
- In this question, it is a polite wish.
- Thus, "**would care to**" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **If you would care to see my photo album, I will bring it with me next time.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

140. D

Sol. **The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.**

- The underlined part needs correction in pronoun and correlative Conjunction.
- The underlined part has "her" which is used for noun of feminine gender. For masculine, we use "his".
- Also, Correlative Conjunctions are used for emphasising the idea of one thing coming immediately after another, for eg: "Hardly.....when" , "No sooner.....than"
- For example: **Hardly** had Ravi sat down **when** the phone rang.
- Hence, "**his dinner when**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Hardly had he finished his dinner when the doorbell rang abruptly with a deafening noise.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

141. A

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it to the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "told" since it is followed by an object.
- The inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.

- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the modal "shall" to "would".
- The first person pronoun "I" will change according to the subject (Tom) to "he".
- The second person pronoun "you" will change according to the object (me) to "me".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Tom told me that he would meet me at the station.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

142. A

- Sol.
- Only sentence P mentions the name of the person on whom the whole passage is based, i.e. Sardar Patel. Thus, P will be the introductory sentence.
  - R will be the next in the sequence as it mentions his travel to England.
  - S will be the next as it tells us about the course that he studied.
  - Q will be the last in the sequence as it mentions the job that he took in India after completing his studies.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **PRSQ**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **After Sardar Patel had saved enough for his study in England, he applied for a pass and ticket. At the age of 36, he got the chance to travel to England. He studied law at Middle Temple Inn in London, completing a 36-month course in just 30 months. He returned to India, started practicing at Ahmadabad and became a successful barrister.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

143. C

- Sol.
- The opening fragment will be statement A as it mentions a proper noun 'Mamta'.
  - Statement B cannot follow the opening statement as there is a mention of 'resolved' in it which cannot be stated without a lucid reason. Neither can statement C follow the opening fragment as it contains the conjunction 'so'.

This leaves us with only option D for the second position. It gives us the reason why she reached her office late.

- For the third position, sentence C is the best available option since it shows the result of action stated in sentence D using the conjunction 'so'.

- And lastly, sentence B will be placed.

Thus, the correct sequence is **ADCB**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The clock struck quarter past nine as Mamta hurried into the big block of offices. The bus had crawled through the dense traffic. So she was a few minutes late on the first day of her job. She resolved to leave home earlier from the next day.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

144. C

Sol. • The given sentence is an interrogative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.

- 'Said to' will be changed to 'asked' in the indirect narration.
- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then 'if' will be used before the reported speech.
- As the tense of the verb of reported speech is present it will be changed to past in indirect narration.
- The pronoun will be changed according to the subject of the reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'I' and 'me' will be changed to 'her'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **She asked me if I could help her in completing the assignment.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

145. B

Sol. Let's understand the meaning of the given words :-

**Large** = big in size or amount.

**Lengthy** = continuing for a long time.

**Blunt** = not sharp.

E.g. :- I'll be blunt - that last piece of work you did was terrible.

**Sharp** = having a thin edge or point that can cut something or make a hole in something.

E.g. :- The point of this pencil isn't sharp enough.

**Charred** = burnt black by fire.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

146. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The speech has an exclamatory part. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The word "ugh" is used to express the sound that you make when you think something is disgusting. The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "exclaimed with disgust".
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple present to the simple past.
- The first person pronoun "I" will change according to the subject (She) to "she".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **She exclaimed with disgust that she hated mice.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

147. A

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals**. Thus, **Q** will be the first sequence.  
• **R** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions what makes this summit distinct from others.  
• **S** will be the next as it continues the points mentioned in Sentence R. Also, "they" used in this sentence refers to "stakeholders" mentioned in Sentence R.  
• **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning what else is going to happen in the summit i.e. "highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma sector"

Thus, the **correct sequence is QRSP.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Chief Minister will inaugurate the First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals sector on Friday via video conferencing. This is a distinctive initiative that aims to bring together key Indian and international stakeholders from various fields. They will discuss and strategize priorities to foster a thriving innovation ecosystem in the pharmaceuticals sector in India. It will also highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma sector that has huge growth potential.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

148. A

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will remain the same since it is not followed by any object.
- The inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- The speech states a fact. Thus, it will remain the same in the indirect speech too.

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He said that the Planets revolve around the Sun.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

149. A

Sol. • This is an imperative sentence. In this sentence command or an order has been given.

- So, 'said' used in direct speech will be changed to 'urged' in the indirect narration.
- The inverted commas will be removed and 'to' will be used before the main verb.
- The first person pronoun will be changed according to the subject of the reporting speech i.e. 'my' will be changed to 'his'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

150. B

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is written using the modal in indefinite form.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Subject + modal + V1 + Object

Passive Voice: Object + modal + be + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A month's time will be taken by the architect to finalise the draft of the residential architecture design.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

151. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice. It is in the simple future tense.

Let us understand the structures for active/passive voices for such sentences.

Active: Subject + will/shall + verb (1st form) + object...

Passive: Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice: **The project will be submitted by the engineering students next month.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

152. B

Sol. The idiom "a stiff-necked person" is used for someone who is haughtily stubborn or obstinate.

e.g. My **stiff-necked old uncle** angrily refuses to wear boots and a hat when it snows so he always gets sick each winter.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

153. A

- Sol.
- The given sentence is an interrogative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.
  - 'Said to' will be changed to 'asked' in the indirect narration.
  - In yes/no questions the reporting part and the reported parts are joined with conjunction 'whether'.
  - As the tense of the verb of reported speech is present it will be changed to past in indirect narration.
  - In indirect narration, the pronoun of the reported speech 'you' will be changed in accordance with the object of the sentence, i.e. to 'I'.
  - Words like 'tomorrow' will be changed to 'the next day'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **He asked me whether I was going to college the next day.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

154. A

Sol. **Sumptuous** = splendid and expensive-looking.

**Curious** = eager to know or learn something.

**Peculiar** = particular; special.

**Malicious** = intending or intended to do harm.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

155. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "told" as it is followed by an object.
- Inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added.
- Since the speech is a conditional sentence, it will remain the same in the indirect speech. There will be no change in the tense.
- The first person pronoun "I" will be changed to "he" according to the subject "Madhur".
- "This" will change to "that".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Madhur told his sister that he would give that job up if he won a million pounds.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

156. B

Sol. Let's first learn the meanings of the words :-

**Erode** = gradually destroy or be gradually destroyed.

E.g. :- Over time, the assembly could erode and degrade.

**Disintegrate** = decay or decompose.

Eg. :- I didn't expect the critical infrastructure to disintegrate so fast.

**Fix** = to restore something.

**Preserve** = conserve or maintain.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

157. C

Sol. The idiom "kill two birds with one stone" means to achieve two results with a single effort.

e.g. I have to go to the bank, and on the way back, I'll pick up the groceries as well, **killing two birds with one stone**.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

158. D

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about - **Population density**. Thus, P will be the first sequence.

• Q will be the next in the sequence as it mentions how it is expressed. Also, "it" refers to the "population density" mentioned in Sentence P.

• S will be the next as it states figure of population density at global level.

• R will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the highest rank in terms of population density.

Thus, the **correct sequence is PQSR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Population density is the number of people living in a unit area of the earth's surface. It is normally expressed as per square km. The average density of population in the whole world is 51 persons per square km. South Central Asia has the highest density of population followed by East and South East Asia.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

159. C

Sol. • The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option C**.

• Here, the error lies in the usage of verb.

• With "everyone", we use a singular verb.

◦ E.g. :- Every one of the large cats is a fast runner.

• Thus, **replace 'deserve' with 'deserves'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes: **We believe every one of us deserves equal access to vital public service journalism.**

160. D

Sol. The question is of direct speech. The speech given is an optative sentence. Follow the rules below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "prayed".
- Inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be used to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- The modal "may" will change to "might".
- We will change the structure to - subject + might - in the indirect speech. The subject "he" will be used in the given sentence.
- The exclamation mark will be removed and a full stop will be added.

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **We prayed that he might be happy.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

161. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in simple **future tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + will/shall + Verb (V1 form) + Object.**

Passive Voice: **Object + will/shall + be + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject.**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **I am sure I will be given some advice by him about admission in the University of Delhi.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

162. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it to the indirect speech:

- The inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the modal "will" to its past form "would".
- The first person pronoun "I" will change according to the subject (Riya) to "she".
- The second person pronoun "you" will change to "me".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Riya said that she would try not to bore me with lots of plodding details.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

163. A

- Sol.
- Only sentence **C** gives us the introduction of the subject in context i.e., a woman on which the whole story revolves.
  - The second sentence will be sentence **A** which starts with the pronoun 'she' used for the subject in context. It also introduces us to the object.
  - The third sentence is sentence **D** in which the details of the object are given.
  - Ultimately, the story ends in sentence **B** and it becomes the last sentence.
  - Thus, the correct sequence is **CADB**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **It was 11 o'clock at night and a woman was walking alone. She was a tall woman and she carried a large purse. It had a long strap, and she carried it slung across her shoulder. Suddenly a boy ran up behind her and tried to snatch her purse.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

164. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the passive form. It is in the simple past tense and is an interrogative sentence.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Did + Subject + verb (1st form) + object...

Passive: Was/Were + Object + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Did you complete all formalities?**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

165. B

Sol.

- The given sentence is a simple sentence of direct speech and we will change it into indirect speech accordingly.
- Said in the reporting speech will not change in the indirect narration as no object has been used after said in the direct narration.
- The inverted commas used in the direct narration will be removed and **that** conjunction will be used in its place.
- As the tense of the verb of reported speech is present perfect it will be changed to past perfect in indirect narration.
- The first person pronoun will be changed according to the subject of the reporting speech i.e. 'i' will be changed to 'he' and 'you' will be changed to 'him'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **He said that he had often told him not to waste his time.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

166. C

Sol.

- The first sentence in rearrangement will be B which is the only independent statement. Also, B introduces us to the subjects and their objective 'meeting.'
- The second sentence will be C which tells us that it began and lasted for four hours.
- D follows next as it explains the purpose of this meeting. Also, "its" in D refers to the meeting that has been talked about in the former statement.
- Finally, A comes at the end of the sequence talking about how the meeting went.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **BCDA**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Upon their return from an off-site camp Ravi and Sunil decided to hold a meeting. As soon as everyone assembled, the meeting which lasted for four hours, began. Its purpose was to replace some of the old ways of marketing used by the company with new ones. New ideas on**

marketing were brainstormed and all the members agreed to try them forthwith.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

167. A

Sol. The given sentence is of active voice and it uses a modal verb.

The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + modal verb + verb (1st form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + modal verb + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **To be a good speaker these speeches need to be memorized by you.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct choice.

168. C

Sol. The given sentence is in passive form of **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + did + not + verb (1st form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice :- **The criminal did not speak a word in self-defence.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

169. A

- Sol.
- The given sentence is in assertive form.
  - Here 'said' is not followed by 'to', so it will remain the same.
  - The conjunction 'that' will be used to connect the reported and reporting part of the sentence.
  - The reported speech is a phrase, so its formation and tense will not be changed.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **Aristotle said that the law is a reason, free from passion.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

170. A

Sol. **Predecessor** = a person who held a job or office before the current holder.

**Ancestor** = a person related to you who lived a long time ago.

**Successor** = someone or something that comes after another person or thing.

**Descendant** = a person who is related to you and who lives after you, such as your child or grandchild.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

171. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, the word "critical" is an adjective.
- It should be preceded by an adverb to describe it.
- "Lesser" is an adjective and it should be replaced by the adverb "less".

e.g. Getting out of bed in summer is less difficult than in winter.

e.g. Ethiopia and, to a lesser extent, Kenya will be badly affected by the drought.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **I was less critical than my wife on the slow workings of the law.**

172. B

Sol. The given sentence is of active voice and it uses a modal verb.

The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

Active: Subject + modal verb + verb (Ist form) + object...

Passive: Object + modal verb + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into a passive voice: **The elders must be respected (by us).**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

173. D

Sol. **Thermometer** = an instrument used for measuring temperature.

**Voltmeter** = an instrument used for measuring voltage.

**Altimeter** = an instrument used to measure the altitude of an object above a fixed level.

**Barometer** = a scientific instrument used in meteorology to measure atmospheric pressure which in turn can state short term changes in the weather.

Hence, **option D** is the correct choice.

174. A

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "thanked" followed by the object "Komal".
- The inverted commas will be removed.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple past to the past perfect.
- The first person pronoun (me) will change according to the subject (Sita) to "her".
- The second person pronoun (you) will change according to the object (Komal) to "she".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Sita thanked Komal for everything she had done for her.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

175. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. Follow the rules given below to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "says" will remain the same in the indirect speech as it is not followed by any object.
- The inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.

- Since the reporting verb is in V1 form, we will not change the tense of the speech.
- The first person pronoun (I) will change according to the subject (Raj) to "he".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Raj says that he can't come on Friday.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

176. D

Sol. The idiom "feather one's own nest" means to make money for oneself in an opportunistic or selfish way.

e.g. He used the classified information to **feather his own nest**.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

177. D

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

178. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The use of the preposition "by" is erroneous in the given sentence.
- The phrase 'in the reign of Ashoka' implies the period when Ashoka ruled as a monarch.
- Thus, replace "by" with "in" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Several stone pillars were erected in the reign of Ashoka.**

179. C

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about - **Social dimension of health**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.

• **R** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the benefits of good social health.

• **Q** will be the next as it adds more to the benefits (mentioned in Sentence R) in terms of appropriate behaviour and socially acceptable standards.

• **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the kind of social connections where it helps i.e. in interacting with family, peers.

Thus, the **correct sequence is PRQS.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Social dimension of health refers to the ability of individuals to interact with others in the socio-cultural environment. A sound social health helps us in maintaining healthy relationships with others. Good social health includes not only having positive relationships but behaving appropriately and maintaining socially acceptable standards. It focuses on creating and maintaining healthy, and supportive relationships with family, neighbourhood, friends, peers, teachers, and community members.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

180. B

Sol. This is **an assertive sentence**. The given sentence is in **Direct Speech**. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- "Said to" changes to "told" in indirect speech because object is there after the reporting verb i.e. "the flight attendant".
- As the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said'). Simple present tense (like) changes to simple past tense (liked).
- Also, the first person pronoun (I) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (he) according to the subject of reporting verb i.e. Mohan

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:

**Mohan told the flight attendant that he liked having Chinese food in the breakfast and Indian food in the dinner.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

181. B

Sol. **Pseudonym** = false or fictitious name being used by someone.

**Namesake** = someone or something having the same name as another.

**Relative** = one who is having any relation with another.

**Successor** = one who succeeds another; one who comes after another.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

182. D

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and the error lies in **option D**. The error is related to **Voice**.

- Given sentence is in passive voice because subject mentioned in the sentence is not the actual doer of the verb "providing". Passive voice structure takes verb form "Be+V3".
- Here in the given sentence, "Electric Heaters and geysers" is the subject of the passive sentence. The verb "were providing" should be in passive form i.e. "were provided".

Thus, the correct sentence becomes:

**Electric heaters and geysers were provided to all the trainee officers in their rooms during winters.**

183. C

Sol. The given sentence is in the active voice. It is in the simple present tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb ("s" or "es" with singular noun) + object...

Passive: Object + Is/are/am + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into a passive voice: **A big debt of gratitude is owed by me to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

184. D

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and **the error lies in option D.**

- Here, the error lies in the usage of verb.
- The verb must agree with the noun (men) to maintain the subject-verb agreement.
- Also, the sentence is in the past tense.
- Thus, **replace 'is' with 'were'** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence becomes : **He gave jobs to several unemployed men in a remote village who were battling poverty.**

185. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The speech is an interrogative sentence. Follow the rules below to change it to the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "asked".
- Inverted commas will be removed and "if" will be added to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the modal "can" to "could".
- The pronoun "we" will change to "they".
- "This" will change to "that".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He asked Jyoti if they all could go to the swimming pool that afternoon.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

186. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + V2 + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The passing out parade of NCC cadets was attended by the Union Home Minister on Wednesday.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

187. D

Sol. The phrase "lion's mouth" means to be in a difficult, dangerous and risky situation.

e.g. Voting to repeal these regulations for banks is just going to put our hand right back in the **lion's mouth**.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

188. D

Sol. This is an imperative sentence. In such sentences, order, request, advise or negative command is given.

Rules for changing imperative sentences in indirect speech:

- 'Said to' changes to 'begged'.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and **to** is used before the main verb.
- For negative commands, inverted commas are removed and not + to + verb (first form) is used.
- The words like kindly, please are removed.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech : **She begged me not to go away.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

189. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct and there is no need to improve it.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

190. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of simple past tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- **The CCTV video clip was viewed by the investigation team.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

191. B

Sol. • The first sentence will be **C** as it introduces us to the subject 'Nidhi Jain.'

• The second sentence will be **A** as it starts with the pronoun 'she' which takes the argument further and introduced us to the new object in discussion ' Shikshantar', on which further statements are based.

• Sentence A is followed by sentence D which tells us more about the organisation.

- Finally, the paragraph culminates in B.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **CADB**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Nidhi Jain has been an unschooling parent for over two decades. She started the Udalpur-based organisation Shikshantar to create a space for self-directed learning called ‘unschooling’. The organisation arranges everything from internships in film-marking to cooking forum schooled kids. It also organizes week-long camps where children involve themselves in local communities and interact with other kids who don't attend school.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

192. A

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect, and the error lies in **option A**. The error is related to **Preposition**.

- “In” and “On” shows position but “On” is two dimensional i.e. we use it for a surface. “In” is three dimensional and used when we see something as all around i.e. a sense of inside. Also, “In” is used when we talk about “employ somebody in something”.

**• For example:**

The book is lying **on** the table.

We were sitting **in** the library.

60% of the workforce is **employed in agriculture sector**.

- Here, in the given sentence, “people” are connected with “agriculture” with the sense of being inside it (i.e. being employed).

Thus, the correct sentence becomes: **In our country, the number of people employed in agriculture has fallen in the last decade.**

193. B

Sol. **Option B** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling is **viscosity**. It is the state of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency, due to internal friction.

Other words with their meanings are:

Velocity = the speed of something in a given direction.

Variability = lack of consistency or fixed pattern; liability to vary or change.

Vegetarian = an organism that does not eat animal products.

194. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in past indefinite tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Subject + V2 + Object

Passive Voice: Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The boys who had damaged the walls of hostel rooms were punished by the warden.**

PS: in option B, the Adjective clause "who had done their homework" which gives a description of "boys" is put away from it. Adjective Clause and Noun should be placed together as mentioned in the question

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

195. A

Sol. This is **an assertive sentence**. The given sentence is in **Direct Speech**. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- "Said to" changes to "told" in indirect speech because object is there after the reporting verb i.e. "her".
- As the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said'), Modal verb (can) changes to its past equivalent (could).
- The first person pronoun (I) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (she) according to the subject of reporting verb i.e. Mother. The second person pronoun (You) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (him) according to the object of reporting verb i.e. him. Determiner (your) is changed to "His" because "precious time" belongs to object i.e. Him

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:

**Her mother told him that she could not allow him to waste his precious time in playing video games.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

196. B

Sol. **Curator** = one who is in charge of a museum or art gallery.

**Monitor** = a person who observes a process or activity to check that it is carried out fairly or correctly, especially in an official capacity.

**Collector** = a person who collects things of a specified type, professionally or as a hobby.

**Instructor** = a person who teaches something.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

197. D

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Velds**. Thus, **R** will be the first sequence.

• **P** will be the next in the sequence as it talks about the fertility of the soil available in Velds.

• **S** will be the next as it presents the contrast to what mentioned in Sentence P by using the word "however" i.e. growing of crops where land is fertile.

• **Q** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by showing the additional list of crops i.e. cash crops.

Usage of word "also" shows that Sentence Q is an addendum to what is mentioned in previous sentence.

Thus, the **correct sequence is RPSQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Velds are known for cattle rearing and mining. The soils are not very fertile in the velds due to the presence of discontinuous grasses exposing barren surface. However where the land is fertile crops are grown like: maize, wheat, barley, oats and potato. Cash crops like tobacco, sugarcane and cotton are also grown.**

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

198. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- We use "who" in relative clauses to refer to people.

e.g. I think there'd be a lot of children who'd love to have a climbing wall in school.

- If two nouns are joined by "and", and one of them is a person and the other is an animal or a thing, we use "that".

e.g. The boy and his dog that had trespassed on the club premises were turned out.

- Also when two different subjects are joined by and, we use the plural form of the verb with it. Thus, "have" is the correct verb.

The correct sentence will be: **The man and his dog that I saw yesterday have been murdered.**

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

199. C

Sol. The underlined part of the sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- If we are saying what must happen in order to make something possible, we use If + am/is/are + to infinitive.
- Thus, "**If a developing country is to become**" is the most suited one.

So, the correct sentence will be: **If a developing country is to become a developed country, it has to attract foreign investors.**

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

200. D

Sol. **Option D** has the wrongly spelt word. The correct spelling of the word is "vacuum". It means an empty area or space.

Other words and their meanings:

Valuable = having worth, merit or value.

Villain = a wicked person.

Victory = triumph.