



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

## **English : Mock Test 16**

**Mock Test Questions & Solutions**

## Mock Test Solutions in English

### Questions

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

The U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made the appeal at the start of the latest Human Rights Council session in Geneva, known as the council's "high-level segment" because it hosts a parade of dignitaries - including Libya's prime minister and foreign ministers from countries like Germany, Saudi Arabia, and South Korea at the start of the four-week session. The head of the United Nations issued a "call to action" to countries, businesses, and all people to help renew and revive human rights across the globe, laying out a seven-point plan amid concerns about climate change, conflict, and repression.

"I have come to the Human Rights Council - the fulcrum for international dialogue and cooperation to advance all human rights to launch a Call to Action," Guterres said, speaking in broad terms and avoiding any reference to individual countries' rights records. The U.N. chief said he wanted to speak out now because "human rights are under assault." His seven-point plan involves linking human rights to issues like sustainable development, crisis prevention, gender equality, the development of the digital age, and freedom of expression and civil society, among other things.

"Success must be measured by the yardstick of meaningful change in people's lives," he said. "As a United Nations family, a culture of human rights must permeate all we do." In a veiled allusion to China's Communist government, which has made economic and social development a key pillar of its approach to human rights, Guterres said: "It would be a mistake to diminish economic, social and cultural rights. "But it would be equally misguided to think that those rights are sufficient to answer people's yearning for freedom," he said.

Guterres also spoke out against rising racism, white supremacy, and extremism, and lamented violence against women and girls "as the world's most pervasive human rights abuse." In an allusion to what is popularly known as "killer robots," he reiterated his stance that machines should never be given "lethal capacity outside human judgment or control."

"People across the world want to know we are on their side," Guterres said. "Whether robbed of their dignity by war, repression or poverty or simply dreaming of a better future, they rely on their irreducible

rights – and they look to us to help uphold them.”

“Human rights civil, cultural, economic, political and social are both the goal and the path,” he said. Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, welcomed Guterres’ message but urged him to be more direct in his statements. “By providing a strong voice advocating for victims and condemning abusers, the Secretary-General can stand tall against governments committing serious rights violations – whether it’s the mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs in China, atrocities committed against Myanmar’s Rohingyas, indiscriminate Russian-Syrian bombing of civilians in Idlib, or the forced separation of children from their parents at the U.S. border,” Roth said. “But this initiative will succeed only if the Secretary-General provides robust and regular public commentary, and does not shy away from naming abusers.’

Why did Antonio Guterres issued a “call to action” to countries, businesses and all people?

- A. to lay out a seven point plan
  - B. to talk about climate change, conflict and repression
  - C. for sustainable development.
  - D. for the development of the digital age
2. Which of the following statement is not correct as per the given passage?
- A. Antonio Guterres is against killer robots.
  - B. Foreign ministers of Germany, Saudi Arabia and South Korea will be present at the council meeting.
  - C. Human rights are not under assault.
  - D. Mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs is being done in China.
3. Why the UN secretary general is against the killer robots?
- A. because they are based on racial discrimination
  - B. they violate cultural rights
  - C. their development will lead to poverty
  - D. they have lethal capacity outside human judgement and control
4. Seven point plan is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. prevention of human rights’ violation by the Chinese government.
  - B. help to renew and revive human rights across the world.
  - C. linking human rights to issues like sustainable development, crisis prevention, gender equality, the development of the digital age, etc.
  - D. sustainable development for all
5. Which of the following human right violations are not mentioned in the above passage \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. forced separation of children from their parents at
  - B. atrocities committed against Myanmar’s

- the U.S. border,  
C. indiscriminate Russian-Syrian bombing of civilians in Idlib,
6. According to Antonia Guterres, success must be measured by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. freedom  
C. meaningful change in people's lives
7. What is the designation of Kenneth Roth \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. U.N. secretary general  
C. foreign minister of Germany
8. The secretary general can stand tall against governments committing rights' violations \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. by supporting the Victim's cause and condemning the Human Right violators.  
B. by organising Human Rights Council in Geneva  
C. by meeting the top leaders of different countries  
D. by parading the Human right violators
9. As per the above passage, which of these is the world's most pervasive human right violation \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. racism  
C. poverty
10. Session in Geneva, known as the council's "high-level segment" because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. it punishes the violators of human rights  
C. it hosts a parade of dignitaries of different countries.
11. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

Digital India is an ambitious \_\_\_\_\_ (1) of Government of India projected at Rs 1,13,000 crores. This will be for preparing India for the knowledge-based \_\_\_\_\_ (2) and delivering good governance to citizens by \_\_\_\_\_ (3) and coordinated engagement with both the Central Government and State Government. This programme has been \_\_\_\_\_ (4) by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) and will \_\_\_\_\_ (5) the ministry of communications & IT, ministry of rural development, ministry of human resource development, ministry of health and others. This programme will also benefit all states and union territories. The existing/ ongoing e-Governance initiatives would be \_\_\_\_\_ (6) to align them with the principles of Digital India. The vision of Digital India is to transform the country into a digitally \_\_\_\_\_ (7)

society and knowledge economy. It would ensure that government services are available to citizens \_\_\_\_\_ (8). It would also bring in public accountability through mandated \_\_\_\_\_ (9) of government's services electronically. The Digital India vision provides the intensified impetus for further momentum and progress for e-Governance and would \_\_\_\_\_ (10) inclusive growth that covers electronic services, products, devices, manufacturing and job opportunities.

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

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| A. participation | B. connection   |
| C. programme     | D. transmission |

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

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| A. dilemma     | B. transformation |
| C. prohibition | D. damage         |

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

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| A. synchronized | B. terrified |
| C. productive   | D. dynamic   |

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

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| A. envisaged | B. promised  |
| C. assured   | D. indicated |

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

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| A. collide | B. abide  |
| C. persist | D. impact |

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

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| A. motivated | B. revamped   |
| C. stopped   | D. terminated |

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

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| A. defined   | B. affected   |
| C. empowered | D. functioned |

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

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| A. mentally       | B. verbally |
| C. electronically | D. manually |

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

The giraffe is the tallest land mammal alive, its long legs and neck contributing to its impressive stature. Males can be up to 18ft (5.5m tall), females are a little less. In the wild, these beautiful creatures stretch their necks beyond those of antelope, kudu, and even elephants to strip leaves from the untouched upper reaches of trees. The French zoologist Jean-Baptiste Lamarck is usually credited as the first person to suggest that long necks have evolved in giraffes because they allow them to get to the parts other herbivores cannot reach. As the giraffe lives "in places where the soil is nearly always arid and barren, it is obliged to browse on the leaves of trees and to make constant efforts to reach them," he wrote in his 1809 book 'Philosophie Zoologique'. "From this habit long maintained in all its race, it has resulted that the animal's forelegs have become longer than its hind legs and that its neck is lengthened."

The English naturalist Charles Darwin also thought the giraffe's extraordinary legs and neck must have something to do with foraging. "The giraffe, by its lofty stature, much-elongated neck, fore-legs, head, and tongue, has its whole frame beautifully adapted for browsing on the higher branches of trees," he wrote in 'On the Origin of Species' in 1859. In short, giraffes' long necks are the result of generation upon generation of repeated stretching and inheritance. During the dry season when feeding competition should be most intense giraffe generally feed on low shrubs, not tall trees. What're more, giraffes feed most often and faster with their necks bent. Male giraffes often fight for access to females, a ritual referred to as "necking". The rivals stand flank to flank, then start to whack each other with their heads. The top or back of the well-armored skull is used as a club to strike the neck, chest, ribs, or legs of the opponent with a force capable of knocking a competitor off balance or unconscious. The largest males usually win these battles and do most of the breeding, says zoologist Anne Innis Dagg of the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, who has been studying giraffes since the 1950s. "The other giraffes don't get much breeding opportunity." There is also evidence that females are more receptive to advances from larger males.

Match the words with their meanings.

- a. forage - 1) hit  
b. stretch - 2) search  
c. whack - 3) draw out
- A. a-3, b-2, c-1      B. a-2, b-3, c-1  
C. a-2, b-1, c-3      D. a-1, b-3, c-2
22. Giraffe's feeding is faster when it feeds with its neck \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. bent      B. elongated  
C. straight      D. entangled
23. Which statement is NOT true according to the passage?  
A. The largest male giraffe usually wins the battles and does most of the breeding.      B. Giraffes' long necks are the result of repeated stretching over the years.  
C. The giraffe can eat leaves from the upper reaches of a tree where other animals cannot reach.      D. A giraffe's hind-legs are longer than its fore-legs and help it to bend.
24. According to the passage, 'necking' is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. repeated stretching of the neck      B. elongation of the giraffes' neck  
C. breeding by the largest males      D. fight to woo the females
25. How does a giraffe knock its opponent off balance or unconscious?  
A. By pulling the legs of the opponent      B. By using its head as a club and hitting the opponent  
C. By biting the opponent's neck, chest and ribs      D. By entangling its neck in the opponent's neck
26. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**  
With the changing times, the definition of leadership is also \_\_\_\_\_. (1). A leader is no more seen \_\_\_\_\_ (2) a powerful or an \_\_\_\_\_ (3) personality telling people what to do and what not to. He/She is someone who \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the ability to take the team members in the right direction by \_\_\_\_\_ (5) them from the front, not the otherwise.
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1  
A. immutable      B. changing  
C. permanent      D. everlasting
27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. as B. to  
C. in D. also

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

A. unimportant B. insignificant  
C. influential D. insubstantial

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

A. has B. have  
C. were D. are

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

A. succeeding B. resulting  
C. leading D. ensuing

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

Tax as a subject has undoubtedly gained priority in C-suite and boardroom discussions. Recent global and local tax and regulatory changes have changed the perception that the tax function is merely compliance-driven. The tax function of today is an integral part of discussions on corporate strategies and business plans.

This is primarily on account of the pace at which tax administrations are creating precedents(models) and embracing technology to widen the tax net, monitor compliance, and conduct targeted audits. The capability of the government to digitize tax compliance, monitoring, and audits has reached a new high after the implementation of the goods and services tax (GST). The compliance and reporting requirements under GST were designed to capture transaction-level details.

The analytics on data captured by various tax and regulatory authorities has empowered the tax administration in India to focus its efforts towards potentially non-compliant taxpayers. With governments gearing up with technology and analytics-driven tools to transform the manner in which tax is administered, taxpayers now have the additional burden of collation and submission of vast information to tax authorities, re-engineering and monitoring internal processes and workflows to align with new reporting requirements, and managing tax controversies. While traditionally taking a headcount was an answer to increased tax compliance, now companies in India are compelled to harness the power of technology to effectively face these challenges.

There are many examples of companies deploying technology for easing the compliance burden and reducing the risk of tax controversy. A few examples are: (a) automation for extraction, validation, and submission of data to tax offices; (b) running analytics on data before submission to tax offices to identify potential risks; (c) automatic allocation and charges to associated enterprises; (d) automatic generation of periodic dashboards to evaluate the tax health of the organization; (e) advanced data analytics for year-on-year comparisons to identify trends with what-if analysis to detect potential red flags. The most suitable title for the passage is

- A. Modeling structure a must for indirect tax
  - B. Governments stern decision for indirect tax
  - C. Technology changing the face of indirect tax.
  - D. Administration of indirect taxes.
32. Which of the following is not an example of technology deployment by the companies?
- A. Automation
  - B. Analytics of data before submitting to tax offices
  - C. Automatic allocation to the enterprises.
  - D. None of the above
33. According to the author, in order to be tax compliant companies are using automation at various stages which are these stages?
- A. Extraction
  - B. Validation
  - C. Submission
  - D. All of the above
34. According to the author what is the reason for Tax gaining priority in C-suite and boardroom discussions?
- A. To widen the tax net, monitor compliance, and conduct targeted audits
  - B. To deploy technology in administration.
  - C. To compete at global level.
  - D. To downsize the losses.
35. The compliance and reporting requirements under GST were designed
- A. to maximize government profits.
  - B. to capture transaction-level details.
  - C. to digitize economy.
  - D. To benefit the businessmen
36. What can be inferred from the passage?
- A. Technology is key to tax compliance.
  - B. Companies now are more transparent than previously.
  - C. The capability of the government to digitize tax compliance has reached a new high after GST came in to effect
  - D. Allowing GST to be implemented is government's worst decision.
37. Why are the taxpayers burdened?
- A. New tools are being developed to administer tax.
  - B. Tax submission is a lengthy process.

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

The real estate consulting firm CBRE South Asia's "Asia Pacific Investor Intentions Survey 2019" findings \_\_\_\_\_ (1) that Bengaluru for the first time has featured in the list of top 10 destinations for cross-border investment \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Asia Pacific. \_\_\_\_\_ (3) survey revealed that India was \_\_\_\_\_ (4) the top five preferred markets in APAC on the back of the launch of the first REIT (Embassy-Blackstone) and the resulting \_\_\_\_\_ (5) market transparency.

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

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| A. veiled   | B. concealed |
| C. revealed | D. cloaked   |

- C. A D. These

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

A. between B. into  
C. on D. among

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

A. impaired B. deteriorated  
C. improved D. hindered

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

February 2 is celebrated as World Wetlands Day. It was on this date in 1971 that the Ramsar ‘Convention on Wetlands of International Importance’ was adopted in Ramsar, Iran. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change had announced that the Ramsar Convention had declared 10 wetlands from India as new sites of “international importance”, taking the total number of Ramsar Sites in the country to 37. The Ramsar Convention definition for wetlands includes marshes, floodplains, rivers and lakes, mangroves, coral reefs and other marine areas no deeper than 6 metres at low tide, as well as human-made wetlands such as waste-water treatment ponds and reservoirs.

The IPBES (Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) global assessment identified wetlands as the most threatened ecosystem. This impacts 40% of the world's plant and animal species that live or breed in wetlands, according to UNESCO. Thirty per cent of land-based carbon is stored in peatland; one billion people depend on wetlands for their livelihoods; and wetlands provide \$47 trillion in essential services annually. This year's Wetlands Day theme is Wetlands and Biodiversity.

India has over 7 lakh wetlands and rules for their protection; yet not one of the wetlands has been notified under domestic laws, according to environmentalist Anand Arya. In India, wetlands are regulated under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. The 2010 version of the Rules provided for a Central Wetland Regulatory Authority; the 2017 Rules replace it with state-level bodies and created a National Wetland Committee, that has an advisory role. The newer regulations removed some items from the definition of “wetlands” including backwaters, lagoon, creeks, and estuaries.

In October 2017, the Supreme Court expressed concern over the disappearance of wetlands, and observed, "If there are no wetlands left, it will affect agriculture and several other things. It is a very

important issue.”

The designation as a Ramsar Site means “Wetlands of International Importance”. They are recognised as being of significant value not only for the country or the countries in which they are located, but for humanity as a whole... The inclusion of a wetland in the list embodies the government’s commitment to take the steps necessary to ensure that its ecological character is maintained. The Convention includes various measures to respond to threats to the ecological character of Sites.

The selection is made on the basis of various criteria defined under the convention. Wetlands should be selected for the List on account of their international significance in terms of ecology, botany, zoology, limnology or hydrology.”

There are currently over 2,300 Ramsar Sites around the world, covering over 2.1 million square km.

In India, the 10 new wetlands declared Ramsar Sites are Nandur Madhameshwar in Maharashtra; Keshopur-Miani, Beas Conservation Reserve and Nangal in Punjab; and Nawabganj, Parvati Agra, Saman, Samaspur, Sandi and Sarsai Nawar in UP.

As per the Ramsar Convention, which of the following are wetlands

Recep Tayyip Erdogan's re-election as President of Turkey comes as no surprise. With this, his authoritarian grip will be further \_\_\_\_\_ (1) in the new term, he will acquire the sweeping executive powers given to the presidency through last year's referendum. With Mr. Erdogan's Justice and Development Party (AKP) and its \_\_\_\_\_ (2) also winning the parliamentary election, his control over the government is \_\_\_\_\_ (3). The elections were held in a state of emergency, imposed in July 2016 following a coup \_\_\_\_\_ (4). One presidential candidate, Selahattin Demirtas of the pro-Kurdish Peoples Democratic Party (HDP), contested from prison. The outcome, which was expected, is a big \_\_\_\_\_ (5) to the secularist Republican People's Party, the main Opposition. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.



R. For example, stringing a cotton thread through a lime with chillies is because the thread absorbs the juices which when vaporised are said to have some benefits.

S. Superstition is most often portrayed as a symbol of backwardness which often gives rise to the idea that it is in poor countries that superstition rules supreme.

- A. PRQS
  - B. QRSP
  - C. SQPR
  - D. RPOS

60. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. My mother makes cookies every Saturday.

- A. Cookies are made by my mother every Saturday.

B. Cookies were made by my mother every Saturday.

C. Every Saturday cookies made by my mother

D. Cookies make my mother every Saturday.

61. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select ‘no Improvement’. It is proposed to have a system of incentives and disincentives to nudge vehicle owners to discarded older vehicles.

- A. discard older vehicles
  - B. discard old vehicles
  - C. discarded old vehicles
  - D. No improvement

62. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.  
“If the drought gets worse, we will be forced to leave the village for good.” Raul said.

- A. Raul said that if the drought will get worse they must leave the village for good.

B. Raul said that if the drought got worse, they would be forced to leave the village for good.

C. Raul said that if the drought get worse they must leave the village for good.

D. Raul said that if the drought got worse they will be forced to leave the village for good.

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

## One who studies human antiquities



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

"I don't know the trick. Do you?", Sheetal asked.

- A. Sheetal said that she did not know the trick and B. Sheetal said that she does not know the trick and

asked me if I did.

asked me if I do.

- C. Sheetal said that she does not know the trick and asked me if I did.
- D. Sheetal said that she did not know the trick and asked me if I do.

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

The transcendent employment of the categories leads to antinomy or equally balanced statements of apparent contradictory results.

- A. The transcendent employment of the categories
- B. leads to antinomy, or equally balanced statements
- C. of apparent contradictory results
- D. No error

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

The man said to the orphan girl, "I will take care of you."

- A. The man promised the orphan girl that he would take care of her.
- B. The man has promised the orphan girl that he will be taking care of her.
- C. The man had promised the orphan girl that he would have taken care of her.
- D. The man promises the orphan girl he would take good of her.

**67. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Those who have worked in crisis situations is familiar by the effects stress can have on dreams.**

- A. are familiar with the affects
- B. are familiar with the effects
- C. are familiar by the effects
- D. No improvement

**68. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. The boy's knavish reputation caused everyone doubt his word on April fool's day.**

- A. The boy's knavish reputation caused
- B. everyone doubt his word
- C. No error
- D. on April fool's day.

**69. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. I need to have washes and make myself presentable for our guests.**

- A. I need to have
- B. quite presentable
- C. washes and make myself
- D. for our guests.

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

The client said to the company director, "Do not leak private and confidential data through insider trading."

- A. The client forbade the company director no leakage of private and confidential data through insider trading.
- C. The client forbade the company director not to leak private and confidential data through inside trading.
- B. The client forbade the company director not to leaking private and confidential data through insider trading.
- D. The client forbade the company director to leak private and confidential data through insider trading.

71. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The editor will not published the writers malice article.

- A. none publish the writers malicious
- C. not published the writer malicious
- B. not publish the writer's malicious
- D. No Improvement

72. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.** A. Just as I was about to sleep, I heard a low humming sound.

- B. As they landed their lights went off.
- C. I looked out of my bedroom window.
- D. I saw a number of objects coming down from the sky.

- A. ACDB
- B. ABCD
- C. ABDC
- D. ADBC

73. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The finance secretary urged banks to ensure easy credit by preparing a format of property card that is ease acceptable of loan formalities.

- A. easily acceptable of loan
- B. easily acceptable for loan
- C. ease acceptable but loan
- D. No improvement

74. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** To hammer out

- A. to raise alarm
- B. to plan
- C. to take part
- D. to be tired of

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

She said, "Will you have time to do it?" And I said, "Yes".

- A. She asked me if I would have time to do that and I B. She asked me that she would have time to do it

said that I would.

and I said that I would.

C. She asked me would I have time to do that and I said that I would.

D. She asked me for time and I replied in the affirmative.

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

The headmaster offers Sanju a job.

- A. Sanju offered a job by the headmaster.      B. A job is offered to Sanju by the headmaster.  
C. Sanju would be offered a job by the headmaster.    D. Sanju must be offered a job by the headmaster.

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

Hotel owners are making tremendous efforts to gain new customers.

- A. Tremendous efforts being made by hotel owners to gain new customers.      B. Tremendous efforts are being made by hotel owners to gain new customers.  
C. Tremendous efforts were being made by hotel owners to gain new customers.      D. Tremendous efforts had been made by hotel owners to gain new customers.

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

The accident victim \_\_\_\_\_ to his injuries before he could be taken to the hospital.

- A. subscribed      B. submitted  
C. surrendered      D. succumbed

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

After an initial setback, all \_\_\_\_\_ cricket tours of Indian cricket team were successful due to the initiative of the new dynamic team.

- A. consequence      B. subsequently  
C. consequently      D. subsequent

**80. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

P. The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles.

Q. In recent years, the empowerment of women has been recognized as the central issue in determining

the status of women.

R. Within the framework of a democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plans, and programmes have been aimed at their advancement in different spheres.

S. The Constitution not only grants equality to them but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in their favour.

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| A. RSQP | B. PSRQ |
| C. QRPS | D. SRPQ |

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

"Do you have anything to say on behalf of the accused?" said the judge finally.

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| A. The judge finally asked if he had anything to say on behalf of the accused.      | B. The judge finally asked that whether he had anything to say on behalf of the accused. |
| C. The judge finally asked that if he has anything to say on behalf of the accused. | D. The judge finally asked that had he anything to say on behalf of the accused.         |

**82. Select the correctly spelt word.**

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| A. disorientation | B. disorientetion  |
| C. dysorientation | D. disorienatation |

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

- An unimportant person
- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| A. nonagenarian | B. nonentity     |
| C. nonpareil    | D. nonconformist |

**84. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose the proper sequence from the given options.**

S1. A slave, ill-treated by his master, runs away to the forest.

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| A. The slave bravely goes forward and removes the thorn gently. |
| B. The lion goes away without hurting him.                      |



- A. Unbidden suggestions are not to be given.  
B. Unbidden suggestions should not be given.  
C. Unbidden suggestions must not be given.  
D. Unbidden suggestions may not be given.

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

You said, "I had always wanted to be the opening batsman."

- A. You said that you had always wanted to be the opening batsman.  
B. You said you always wanted to be the opening batsman.  
C. You said that you had always want to be the opening batsman.  
D. You told that you always wanted to be the opening batsman.

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

My friend said to me, "I think she will not like your gift."

- A. My friend told me that he thought she would not like my gift.  
B. My friend says to me that he thinks that she will not like my gift.  
C. My friend told me that he thinks she will not be liking my gift.  
D. My friend told me that that he thought she would not be liking my gift.

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

The shopkeeper said to me, "When you take second exit on the roundabout you will see the tower to your right."

- A. The shopkeeper tells me that when I take second exit on the roundabout I will see the tower to my left.  
B. The shopkeeper told me that when I took second exit on the roundabout I would see the tower to my right.  
C. The shopkeeper told me that then I take second exit on the roundabout I would see the tower to my right.  
D. The shopkeeper tells me that when I would be taking second exit on the roundabout I will be seeing the tower to my right.

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

They are reaching the end of this topic.

- A. The end of this topic was being reached by them. B. The end of this topic had been reached by them.  
C. The end of this topic is being reached by them. D. The end of this topic will reached by them.

**94. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. After the exam, the student regretted that he were enable to make use of the classroom notes.**

I am think that tomorrow I will take leave and stay at home.



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

By that time tomorrow, Jack would have completed the work allotted to him.

- A. By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to Jack would be completed by them.

B. By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to him would be complete by Jack.

C. By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to Jack would be complete by Jack.

D. By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to Jack would have been completed by him.

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

Have saliva dripping copiously from the mouth

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|------------|-------------|
| A. cascade | B. inundate |
| C. sluice  | D. slobber  |

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

“Bring me my phone,” said father to me.

- A. Father ordered me and brought him his phone.  
B. Father ordered me to have brought to him his phone.  
C. Father ordered me to bring him his phone.  
D. Father ordered myself to bring his phone to where

he was.

100. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** To bury the hatchet

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|------------------|----------------------|
| A. to make peace | B. to dig the ground |
| C. to comprehend | D. to make war       |

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

- A. "It's sort of cool to be on a ship but even more amazing is this Earth we live on," Williams remarked as she described life on a spaceship to eager kids.
- B. Williams, who is set to be one of the first to fly aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in November 2019, was introduced at the festival by former NASA astronaut Mike Massimino.
- C. On Sept. 22, 2018 NASA astronaut Sunita Williams — a veteran of two long-duration spaceflights — talked to families and space enthusiasts about space travel.
- D. She was speaking at the Intrepid Air, Sea & Space Museum during the recent Space & Science Festival.
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| A. BCDA | B. CDBA |
| C. BACD | D. CBDA |

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

The government approves 100 new Non-Government Organisations every year.

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| A. 100 new Non-Government Organisations were approved every year by the government.      | B. 100 new Non-Government Organisations are approved every year.                   |
| C. 100 new Non-Government Organisations are being approved every year by the government. | D. 100 new Non-Government Organisations are approved every year by the government. |

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

- Exercising a compelling charm
- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| A. dismissive  | B. uninspiring |
| C. charismatic | D. vapid       |

104. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no**

**improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

Finding himself in financial difficulty, he came across me for help and advice.

- A. No improvement
- B. is come up to
- C. came to
- D. comes with

**105. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

He is more smarter than his brother though he does not earn much money.

- A. much money
- B. than his brother
- C. though he does not earn
- D. He is more smarter

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

Army personnel will execute all orders promptly.

- A. Army personnel are executing all orders promptly.
- B. All orders are executed promptly by army personnel.
- C. All orders will be executed promptly by army personnel.
- D. All orders have been executed promptly by army personnel.

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

He has been \_\_\_\_\_ an invitation, but I do not want him to come.

- A. angling with
- B. made up
- C. angling for
- D. act out

**108. Select the incorrectly spelt word.**

- A. fomentation
- B. bureaucracy
- C. plateau
- D. horizontal

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

The Judge delivered the sentence at the courtroom yesterday.

- A. The sentence been delivered yesterday by the judge.
- B. The sentence was delivered by the judge at the courtroom yesterday.
- C. The sentence was being delivered at the
- D. Yesterday the sentence had been delivered at the

courtroom yesterday by the judge.

courtroom by the judge.

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

Suman really has \_\_\_\_\_. She moved to a new house just a month back but already has a lovely garden.

- A. a heart of gold
  - B. a foot in the door
  - C. green fingers
  - D. a bad hair day

**111. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

There are many modes of travel to go to Agra but I prefer road travel.

- A. prefer road travel
  - B. Agra but I
  - C. There is many modes
  - D. to go to

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

Rosina said to me, "And how are your daughter-in-law and your grandson?"

- A. Rosina asks how are your daughter-in-law and your grandson.  
B. Rosina asked that how was your daughter-in-law and your grandson.  
C. Rosina asked and how your daughter-in-law and your grandson are.  
D. Rosina asked how my daughter-in-law and your grandson were.

113. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no

**improvement required, select ‘no Improvement’.** The President interacted with a group of achievers from Assam who has left a mark in its respective fields.

- A. have left a mark in their  
B. have left a mark in its  
C. has left a mark in their  
D. No improvement

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

The woman said, "Someone is coming here to pick me up."

- A. The woman told that someone was coming there  
to pick me up. B. The woman said that someone was coming there  
to pick her up.

C. The woman said that someone was coming there  
to pick me up. D. The woman said that someone was coming here  
to pick her up.

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

The receptionist said, "What can I do for you?"

- A. The receptionist asked what he could do for me. B. The receptionist asked what he can do for me.  
C. The receptionist asked what he could be doing for D. The receptionist asked what he can be doing for  
me. me.

**116. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. Always speak the truth at order to avoid problems in life.**

- A. always speak
  - B. order to avoid
  - C. the truth at
  - D. problems in life

117. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The Prime Minister has expressed depth grieve over the demise of renowned bollywood actor.

- A. depth grief over the  
C. deep grieve over the

B. deep grieve over the  
D. No improvement

**118. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The Governor said that Panchayati Raj Day is a occasion to rededication ourselves to the pledge of redevelopment of rural India.



**119. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** The entrance exam \_\_\_\_\_ by over 50,000 students.



120. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The district magistrate said that this oxygen plants will served as a major boost to oxygen availability at the district level.



**121. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. As a result, he had gotten into a million activities and hobbies.
  - B. Thus, his parents were now reluctant to spend any more money on his hobbies.
  - C. John hated finishing things almost as much as he loved starting them.

122. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. ORACULAR



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

I said to my brother, "Let us go to some beach party for a change."

- A. I suggested to my brother that they should go to some beach party for a change.

B. I suggested to my brother that we should go to some beach party for a change.

C. I suggested to my brother that let us go to some beach party for a change.

D. I suggested to my brother that let them go to some beach party for a change.

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

Nobody has answered my question.

- A. My question has been answered by somebody.      B. My question has not been answered.  
C. My question was not answered.      D. My question will remain unanswered.

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

She gave me a book.

- A. I was given a book by her.  
B. She was given a book.  
C. A book is given by her to me.  
D. I have been given her a book.

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

The reduction in the cost of education due to an increase in subsidies offered by the government is also seen as a reason to get more education.

- A. offer by the government
  - B. is also seen as a reason
  - C. due to an increase in subsidies
  - D. The reduction in the cost of education

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

## CRUCIAL

- A. critical
- B. imperative
- C. trivial
- D. pivotal

128. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose the proper sequence from the given options.

S1. Here are a few theories as to why a baker's dozen became 13.

P. Bakers who were found to be cheating their customers by overpricing undersized loaves were subject to strict punishment.

Q. There may be fluctuations in rising and baking and air content.

R. Even with careful planning, it is difficult to ensure that all of your baked goods come out the same size.

S. In medieval England there were laws that related the price of bread to the price of the wheat used to make it.

S6. For fear of accidentally coming up short, they would throw in a bit extra to ensure that they wouldn't end up with a surprise flogging later.

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

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

P. The decision has been received with muted acceptance.

Q. The Supreme Court of India has determined the manner in which the waters of the Cauvery river are to be shared among the beneficiary States.

R. It is quite understandably, by all concerned, and some token opposition.

S. In its recent judgment on the long-pending issue, the court virtually pulled the proverbial rabbit out of the hat.

- A. SQPR
- B. SPRQ
- C. QPRS
- D. QSPR

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

The emperor said, "Alas! Our enemies are well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets."

- A. The emperor exclaimed with joy that their enemies were well equipped with tanks, missiles and enemies were well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.
- B. The emperor exclaimed with sadness that their enemies had well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.
- C. The emperor exclaimed with sadness that their enemies are well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.
- D. The emperor exclaimed with joy that their enemies had well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.

**131. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.** In the modern signification, it is applied to the act of preparing, preserving and compound medicines, according to the prescriptions of physicians.

- A. modern signification, it is applied to the act
- B. preserving and compound medicines
- C. No error
- D. according to the prescriptions of physicians

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

My manager said to me, "I will give you a week-long holiday if you complete this task in two days."

- A. My manager offered me a week-long holiday if I completed that task in two days.
- B. My manager offered me a week-long holiday if I complete this task in two days.
- C. My manager said he will give me a week-long holiday if I completed that task in two days.
- D. My manager said he would give me a week-long holiday if I will complete that task in two days.

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

Raj said, "I bought this necklace for my wife."

- A. Raj said that he has bought that necklace for his wife.
- B. Raj said that he had bought this necklace for his wife.
- C. Raj said that he has bought this necklace for his wife.
- D. Raj said that he had bought that necklace for his wife.

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

CONCISE

- A. brief
- B. complex
- C. lengthy
- D. detailed

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

UNRULY

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|------------|----------|
| A. uneven  | B. undue |
| C. orderly | D. dirty |

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

In my parents' time, we mostly ate at home and family outings happened

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A. once in a blue moon  | B. in fine feather |
| C. shoulder to shoulder | D. behind the back |

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

Long distances were covered on foot in early days.

- A. In early days long distances were covered on foot.
  - B. In early days long distances has to be covered on foot.
  - C. People cover long distances on foot in early days.
  - D. People covered long distances on foot in early days.

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

P. Moreover, the standard of social life in the country is dwindling owing to the influence of the West.

Q. Positive achievers are those who have a strong sense of identity.

R. The younger generation in India and the second generation of NRIs have been suffering from a strong identity crisis, as they are unaware of their roots.

S. This individual and social dilemma is a matter of concern and we must think of a way to help the individual and society to cope with the crisis.



**139. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** Air travel can spread a pandemic worldwide within days.

- A. A pandemic can be spread worldwide within days by air travel. B. A pandemic shall be spread worldwide within days by air travel.

- C. A pandemic is spread worldwide within days by air travel.
- D. An air travel can be spread within days by worldwide pandemic.

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

"Take off your cap and hood for security checking", the security official said to the passenger.

- A. The security official ordered the passenger not to take off his cap and hood for security checking.
- B. The security official questioned the passenger to take off his cap and hood for security checking.
- C. The security official ordered the passenger to take off his cap and hood for security checking.
- D. The security official ordered the passenger taking off his cap and hood for security checking.

**141. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

The police followed the thieves for three hours but could not catch any of them.

- A. thieves
- B. followed
- C. but could not
- D. any of them

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

Difficult or impossible to reach or to get

- A. illegible
- B. inevitable
- C. inaudible
- D. inaccessible

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

In the court of God, we will be judged by our actions and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. steeds
- B. bleed
- C. gleeds
- D. deeds

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

Megha said to her tailor, "My favourite colour is green."

- A. Megha informs her tailor that her favourite colour is green.
- B. Megha told her tailor that her favourite colour is green.
- C. Megha told her tailor that her favourite colour was green.
- D. Megha tells her tailor that her favourite colour is green.

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

P. Sanskrit is the key to opening the treasure of ancient Indian wisdom.

Q. But it was forgotten due to the long period of foreign rule.

R. The Karnataka State Law University and the Karnataka Sanskrit University will be conducting joint programmes to explore this ancient knowledge and make use of it.

S. Ancient India had achieved strides in many fields, including jurisprudence, and that knowledge has been documented in Sanskrit.

- A. SQRP
  - B. RSQP
  - C. SQPR
  - D. PSQR

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

- A. Till quite recently the trend was to go to the west that offered advanced medical facilities.
  - B. This is because it has offered the highest level of services, facilities, and professional skills.
  - C. But over the last decade the trend has reversed and India is being chosen for medical tourism.
  - D. Today, it is not uncommon to travel to a foreign country for medical treatment.



**148. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

P. The media made it out to be an extravaganza for a bloated and inefficient bureaucracy bereft of any linkage between performance and remuneration.

Q. On the other hand, government employees felt it fell short of expectations

R. The recent announcement of the implementation of the Seventh Central Pay Commission (CPC) recommendations was received on expected lines.

S. as is usually the case with any kind of pay hikes.

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| A. PRQS | B. RQSP |
| C. RPQS | D. PQSR |

149. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

P. The old colonial notion that ancient Indians had no sense of history has now been blown

Q. And that its understanding of the past differed radically from the Western notions of history.

R. to bits by outstanding scholars like V. S. Pathak and Romila Thapar.

S. They have established that ancient India drew its sense of the past from a vast range of sources, of which religious texts were one.

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| A. QRSP | B. QPRS |
| C. PSRQ | D. PRSQ |

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

Garima said, "Hurrah! I have won the premiere badminton tournament abroad."

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| A. Garima exclaimed with joy that she had won the premiere badminton tournament abroad. | B. Garima exclaimed with sorrow that she had won the premiere badminton tournament abroad. |
| C. Garima exclaimed with joy that she won the premiere badminton tournament abroad.     | D. Garima exclaimed with joy that she will win the premiere badminton tournament abroad.   |

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

A family of young animals

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|-----------|--------------|
| A. clutch | B. offspring |
| C. brood  | D. nest      |

152. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. Anna decided at the beginning of Anna's first semester of college that she would run for thirty minutes every day.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. decided at the beginning | B. of Anna's first semester |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|



158. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** Those who work hard always achieve success in life.
- A. Success in life was always achieved by those who work hard.  
B. Always had success in life been achieved by those who work hard.  
C. Success in life were always being achieved by those who work hard.  
D. Success in life is always achieved by those who work hard.
159. **Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**
- Protection or exemption from something, especially an obligation or penalty.
- A. castigation  
B. immunity  
C. penance  
D. ostracism
160. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The prestigious Raisina Dialogue, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation, will be hold virtual between 10 January to 13 January 2022.
- A. held virtually on  
B. hold virtual from  
C. held virtually from  
D. No improvement
161. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**
- P. The first is the direct cost stemming from outflows on account of the operation of foreign companies.
- Q. India has seen a steep increase in FDI inflows totaling over \$55 billion in 2015-16.
- R. Apart from the direct costs, foreign investors are able to extract indirect benefits from their host economies by using bilateral investment promotion and protection agreements (BIPA).
- S. However, in the world of high finance, FDI is not a gift horse —there are at least two sets of costs that host countries have to bear.
- A. RSPQ  
B. PRQS  
C. SQPR  
D. QSPR
162. **Select the incorrectly spelt word.**
- A. opulence  
B. oppression  
C. oppurtunity  
D. opposition

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

It sparked in me an appetite for military history and big battle movies that persist to this day.



**164. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

P. The 'encounter' with Avni the tigress in Maharashtra last year shook the people.

Q. The latest two other incidents, the first where a tigress and her cubs were poisoned at Chandrapur, Maharashtra and the second where another tigress was beaten to death by villagers in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, a few days ago, should set alarm bells ringing.

R. While it is a matter of pride that India's tiger population is nearly 3,000 strong in the backdrop of shrinking forests, we cannot afford to ignore reports of growing man-animal conflict.

S. Steps must be taken to find a solution to growing encroachments in wild habitats.



**165. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The employee had become \_\_\_\_\_ to both the manager's praise as well as reprimand.**

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|-------------|----------------|
| A. hardened | B. indifferent |
| C. hostile  | D. immune      |

**166. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Ebola virus disease, also referred to as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is a severe and often fatal disease in humans and nonhuman primates such as monkeys, chimpanzees, and gorillas.

Q. And it is named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) in Africa where it was first recognized.

R. It is caused by the Ebola virus.

S. Researchers think wild animals transmit the Ebola virus to people, and the Ebola virus spreads in the human population through human-to-human contact.



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

Shut all the doors and windows in the night.

- A. Let all the doors and windows be shut in the night.
  - B. All the doors and windows may be shut in the night.
  - C. Let all the doors and windows remain shut in the night.
  - D. All the doors and windows be shutted in the night.

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

Aware that great violence and injustice have been done to our environment and society, we are committed not to live with a vocation this is harmful to humans and nature.

- A. committed not to live with a vocation that  
C. commit not to lives with an vocation that

B. committed not to lived with a vocations that  
D. No improvement

169. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. When the woman was fired, he accused a manager by being malicious towards her.

- A. No Improvement  
B. she accusing the manager of be  
C. he accused the managers of being to  
D. she accused the manager of being

170. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Never in its history India has witnessed such a high degree of cooperative federalism.



171. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose

**the proper sequence from the given options.**



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

"Let's join the dance class.", said the children. "No", said their mother.

- A. The children said to join the dance class, but their mother said no.

B. The children told mother to joining the dance class, but says no.

C. The children suggested joining the dance class, but their mother refused.

D. The children asked joining the dance class, but their mother says no.

**173. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Broken Reed**

- A. stiffness
  - B. to break trust
  - C. unreliable support
  - D. to break peace

**174. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. An unoccupied building has been transformed for a sheltered for street dogs on the outskirts of the city.**

- A. into a shelter
  - B. onto a shelter
  - C. into a sheltered
  - D. No improvement

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

He was **overjoyed** after learning that all his old friends were coming to his house to enjoy.

The ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions

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|--------------|-----------|
| A. puerility | B. acumen |
| C. stupor    | D. sanity |

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

The section officer angrily remarked, "What a pathetic working environment this section has!"

- A. The section officer angrily remarked that this section will have pathetic working environment.
  - B. The section officer angrily remarked that that section was a pathetic working environment.
  - C. The section officer angrily remarked that that section have a pathetic working environment.
  - D. The section officer angrily remarked that that section had a pathetic working environment.

179. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose the proper sequence from the given options.

S1. It was 6 o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road.

- A. He was very angry with them for their recklessness.
  - B. They laughed at him as they overtook his car.
  - C. Mohan was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on a bike sped ahead from behind him.
  - D. Mohan swerved a little and applied the brakes in the nick of time.

S6. But since he was getting late for an important meeting at his office, he ignored the bike riders and drove ahead.

- A. CADB
- B. BDCA
- C. ACBD
- D. CBDA

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

Who broke the cup?

- A. By whom was the cup broken?
- B. Was the cup broken by someone?
- C. Who has broken the cup?
- D. Is the cup broken by someone?

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

We should never \_\_\_\_\_ with the rules of driving.

- A. reckon
- B. temper
- C. tamper
- D. trifle

182. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. The General along with over 1000 officers and soldiers have surrendered to the Indian troops who are patrolling the valley.

- A. Indian troops who are patrolling the valley
- B. and soldiers have surrendered to the
- C. The General along with over 1000 officers
- D. No error

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

My sister said, "We went to a mall that is ten kilometers from here."

- A. My sister said that they had gone to a mall that was ten kilometers from here.
- B. My sister said that they have gone to a mall that was ten kilometers from there.
- C. My sister said that they had gone to a mall that was ten kilometers from there.
- D. My sister said that they have gone to a mall that was ten kilometers from here.

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

Joshi had missed the last train.

- A. The last train had been missed by him.
- B. The last train has been missed by Joshi.
- C. The last train is missed by Joshi.
- D. The last train had been missed by Joshi.

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

My uncle goes to the office on bicycle or by foot.

- A. by bicycle or by foot
- B. by bicycle or on foot
- C. on bicycle or on foot
- D. No improvement

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

The pay witness lied in the court.

- A. The pay
- B. witness lied
- C. in the court
- D. No error

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

Anurag has been transferred to Mumbai.

- A. They have transferred Anurag to Mumbai.
- B. Anurag was transferring them to Mumbai.
- C. They were transferring Anurag to Mumbai.
- D. They transferred Anurag to Mumbai.

188. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

To egg on

- A. to urge
- B. to advise
- C. to ask
- D. to warn

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

Did he invite his friends to the birthday party?

- A. Are his friend invited to the birthday party by him?
- B. Was his friends invited to the birthday party by him?
- C. Were his friends invited to the birthday party by him?
- D. Did his friends were invited to the birthday party by him?

190. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Having just taking a heavy lunch, she was not ready to have any fruit.

- A. taking a heavy
- B. to have any fruit.
- C. she was not ready
- D. Having just

191. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no

**improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

Beside be essential in bone health, Vitamin D is important in improving resistance to certain diseases and even fighting depression.

- A. Besides be essential for
- B. Beside being essential to
- C. Besides being essential for
- D. No improvement

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

He made a desperate but also partial successful effort to change the ghastly topic.

- A. No improvement
- B. but partially successful effort
- C. yet also partial successful effort
- D. though part successful effort

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

COMIC

- A. absurd
- B. amusing
- C. tragic
- D. awkward

**194. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** Rohan and one of his companions sheltered overnight in a cliff-face cave with rescue personnel after the operation to extract them were called of.

- A. to extracted him is called off
- B. to extract him being called of
- C. to extract them were called off
- D. No improvement

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

She was so tired to work any longer.

- A. No improvement
- B. so tiring to work
- C. too tired to work
- D. so tired to not work

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

P. A dozen new models are to hit our already overcrowded streets.

Q. In fact a market driven economy, blindly promoting car manufacture militates against the needs of

conservation and the growth of cities.

- R. The roads are choking with traffic and there is no space for expansion.

S. But the government continues to encourage car manufacturers.



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

He made certain useful contacts amid his staying abroad.



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

## SUCCULENT

- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| A. torrid | B. luscious |
| C. arid   | D. bare     |

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

Roshan said. "I work in a corporate office which is now being shifted."

- A. Roshan said that he worked in a corporate office which was now being shifted.

B. Roshan said that he works in a corporate office which was then being shifted.

C. Roshan said that he works a corporate office which was now being shifted.

D. Roshan said that he worked in a corporate office which was then being shifted.

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

### The crime of betraying one's country

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| A. treason  | B. frankness  |
| C. fidelity | D. allegiance |

### Solutions

1. A

Sol. As is given in the passage, Antonio has given the above-mentioned call to bring the focus of all to revive the human rights that are being violated and **lay out a seven-point plan** for doing that.

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

2. C

Sol. As the passage is about human rights violations, the same has been alluded in the passage.

So, option c is the correct answer because the opposite of it is given in the passage.

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

3. D

Sol. The passage informs us that Antonio is against killer robots, as they lack in human reason and can cause indiscriminate killings.

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

4. C

Sol. As is given in the passage, Antonio's seven point plan is about various type of developments not being seen in isolation but along with overall development human rights of people.

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

5. D

Sol. As all other human right violations find a mention in the passage except option d.

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

6. C

Sol. As said by Antonio in the above passage that economic and social development must not be the only yardstick to measure the success of its policies. It must lead to overall development including social, cultural, economic, etc and bring the said changes.

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

7. D

Sol. As is given in the passage, Kenneth is the executive director of Human Rights Watch. It does not match any of the above mentioned options. So, the correct answer is 'none of these' which is provided in option d.

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

8. A

Sol. In the above passage, Kenneth can be quoted as saying that Antonio can stand above the violators by condemning them.

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

9. D

Sol. As mentioned in the above passage, the most rampant of the human right violations is against females.

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

10. C

Sol. It is mentioned in the above passage that the Human Rights Council is the highest body as most of the dignitaries of different countries are present there to discuss the human rights violations.

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

11. C

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India program of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Participation** = the action of taking part in something.
- **Connection** = a relationship in which a person or thing is linked or associated with something else.

- **Programme** = a set of related measures or activities with a particular long-term aim.
- **Transmission** = the action or process of transmitting something or the state of being transmitted.

Out of the given options, **option C** is the perfect fit for the blank.

12. B

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Dilemma** = a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable.
- **Transformation** = a marked change in form, nature, or appearance.
- **Prohibition** = the action of forbidding something, especially by law.
- **Damage** = physical harm that impairs the value, usefulness, or normal function of something.

Out of the given options, **option B** is the perfect fit for the blank.

13. A

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Synchronized** = coordinated; combined.
- **Terrified** = caused to feel extreme fear.
- **Productive** = producing or able to produce large amounts of goods, crops, or other commodities.
- **Dynamic** = (of a process or system) characterized by constant change, activity, or progress.

Out of the given options, **option A** is the perfect fit for the blank.

14. A

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Envisaged** = contemplated or conceived of as a possibility or a desirable future event.
- **Promised** = assured someone that one will definitely do something or that something will happen.
- **Assured** = made sure of something.
- **Indicated** = pointed out; showed.

Out of the given options, **option A** is the perfect fit for the blank.

15. D

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Collide** = hit by accident when moving.
- **Abide** = accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).
- **Persist** = continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
- **Impact** = have a strong effect on someone or something.

Out of the given options, **option D** is the perfect fit for the blank.

16. B

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are:-

- **Motivated** = provided (someone) with a reason for doing something.
- **Revamped** = gave new and improved form, structure, or appearance to.

- **Stopped** = (of an event, action, or process) came to an end; ceased to happen.
- **Terminated** = brought to an end.

Out of the given options, **option B** is the perfect fit for the blank.

17. C

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are:-

- **Defined** = stated or described exactly the nature, scope, or meaning of.
- **Affected** = influenced or touched by an external factor.
- **Empowered** = gave (someone) the authority or power to do something.
- **Functioned** = worked or operated in a proper or particular way.

Out of the given options, **option C** is the perfect fit for the blank.

18. C

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are:-

- **Mentally** = in a manner relating to the mind.
- **Verbally** = by means of words.
- **Electronically** = by means of electronic equipment or devices.
- **Manually** = using the hands.

Out of the given options, **option C** is the perfect fit for the blank.

19. A

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are :-

- **Delivery** = the supply or provision of something.
- **Version** = a particular form of something differing in certain respects from an earlier form or other forms of the same type of thing.
- **Halt** = a suspension of movement or activity, typically a temporary one.
- **Deliberation** = long and careful consideration or discussion.

Out of the given options, **option A** is the perfect fit for the blank.

20. B

Sol. The passage is all about the Digital India programme of the Government of India.

The meanings of the words are:-

- **Denote** = be a sign of; indicate.
- **Promote** = support or actively encourage (a cause, venture, etc.); further the progress of.
- **Convert** = change the form, character, or function of something.
- **Suggest** = put forward for consideration.

Out of the given options, **option B** is the perfect fit for the blank.

21. B

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

'**Forage**' means '(of a person or animal) search widely for food or provisions'.

'**Stretch**' means 'extend or spread over an area or period of time'.

'**Whack**' means 'strike forcefully with a sharp blow'.

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

22. A

Sol. Giraffe's feeding is faster when it feeds with its neck bent.

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

23. D

Sol. Statement D is not true as per the passage. Giraffe's fore-legs are longer than its hind legs.

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

24. D

Sol. 'Necking' is the fight to win the females.

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

25. B

Sol. The giraffe knocks its opponent off balance or unconscious by using its head as a club and hitting the opponent.

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

26. B

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

Changing = in a state of becoming different

Immutable = not changing, or unable to be changed

Permanent = lasting for a long time or for ever

Everlasting = lasting forever or for a long time

- The opening argument is about "changing" and the author is trying to build similarity here.
- So the blank should also be filled with "**changing**".

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

27. A

Sol. • The preposition "as" is used to describe the purpose or quality of someone or something.  
• Only "**as**" fits in the blank; the rest of the options do not make any sense.

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

28. C

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

Insubstantial = not large, solid or strong

Influential = having power or influence

Unimportant = not important

Insignificant = of little value or importance

- This is about the leadership quality and except “**influential**” all others are negative that can’t be a leader’s quality.

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

29. A

Sol. • The subject “someone” is singular and “**has**” is the only singular verb here.

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

30. C

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

Ensuing = to happen after (and often as a result of) something else

Leading = best or most important

Succeeding = to manage to achieve what you want; to do well

Resulting = to happen or exist because of something

- The work of a leader is to lead and “**leading**” is the only word related to it.

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

31. C

Sol. From the passage, we can infer that the best-suited title for the passage is “Technology changing the face of indirect tax” as the whole passage revolves around how technology has made changed the scenario around the taxes.

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

32. D

Sol. Refer to the last paragraph “There are many examples of companies deploying technology for easing the compliance burden and reducing the risk of tax controversy. A few examples are: (a) automation for extraction, validation, and submission of data to tax offices; (b) running analytics on data before submission to tax offices to identify potential risks; (c) automatic allocation and charges to associated enterprises.”

All three options have relevant examples in them.

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

33. D

Sol. Refer to the last paragraph in which it has been mentioned that automation has been done for extraction, validation, and submission of data to tax offices.

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

34. A

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that technology is being used to widen the tax net, monitor compliance, and conduct targeted audits.

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

35. B

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that the compliance and reporting requirements under GST were designed to capture transaction-level details.

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

36. C

Sol. From the passage, it can be inferred that the capability of the government to digitize tax compliance has reached a new high after GST came into effect.

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

37. A

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that with new technology and analytics-driven tools to transform the manner in which tax is administered, taxpayers will have the additional burden.

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

38. D

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that taxpayers have the additional burden of **collation and submission of vast information to tax authorities, re-engineering and monitoring internal processes and workflows** to align with new reporting requirements, and managing tax controversies.

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

39. A

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that the capability of the government to digitize tax compliance, monitoring, and audits have reached a new high after the implementation of the goods and services tax (GST). Thus, we can say that most of the work has been made digital with the implementation of new GST.

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

40. A

Sol. In the context of the passage, “collation” means collection.

Other words and their meanings are:

Discriminate = to treat one person or group worse than others

Juxtapose = to put two people, things, etc. very close together, especially in order to show how they are different

Hindrance = a person or thing that makes it difficult for you to do something, an obstacle or obstruction

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

41. C

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

Cloaked = hide, cover, or disguise (something).

Revealed = make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.

Concealed = not allow to be seen; hide.

Veiled = cover, conceal, or disguise.

- With this sentence, the author intends to convey that these findings have made something known to everyone.
- "**Revealed**" is the correct word to express that. Other options mean the opposite of this.

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

42. A

Sol. • "Across" is the correct preposition for this sentence as the sentence talks about the whole of Asia Pacific.  
• The other prepositions do not fit the context.

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

43. B

Sol. • Here the sentence talks about a particular survey conducted by CBRE (which has been mentioned).  
• That is why the definite article "**the**" is appropriate here.

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

44. D

Sol. • "Among" conveys the idea that India was one of the top five preferred markets.

That is why it is the correct preposition for the blank.

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

45. C

- Sol. • The sentence conveys that the market transparency has become better and for that "improved" is the right word.  
• The other options are opposite to "improved" in meaning.

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

46. C

- Sol. As per the types of wetlands mentioned in the passage, options 1,2 and 4 are wetlands. Nandur Madhameshwar is recently declared as Ramsar site, which is also a wetland.

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

47. B

- Sol. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1971, the Ramsar Convention was adopted. That is why the day is celebrated as World Wetlands Day.

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

48. A

- Sol. As is given in the passage, National Wetlands Committee has an advisory role.

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

49. B

- Sol. As mentioned in the passage, the Supreme Court is apprehensive of wetlands deterioration and its bad effects on agriculture and the ecosystem.

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

50. C

- Sol. The effects of the disappearance of wetlands mentioned in the passage are the loss of plant and animal species that live or breed in wetlands and the livelihood of people who depend on wetlands.  
Desertification is not mentioned in the passage.

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

51. B

Sol. Let's first understand the meaning of the given words:

Consolidated = strengthen (one's position or power).

Solidify = to make solid

The other two words are self-explanatory.

- The first sentence tells us about the re-election of Recep Tayyip Erdogan as Turkey's president.
- It is assumed by the people that with his re-election as President, his power will strengthen.
- We need the third form the verb in the blank. Thus, the word "consolidated" fits in the blank contextually and grammatically.

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

52. D

Sol. Let's first understand the meaning of the given words:

Adversity = difficulties or problems

Adversary = an opponent

Allies = form a connection between or friendship

- The tone of the passage suggests that not only the president wins but also his companion or friends win.
- The word that we use for political friends is "allies".

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

53. B

Sol. Let's first understand the meaning of the given words:

Confined = to restrict

Untrammelled = not deprived of freedom of action or expression; not restricted or hampered.

Hinder = to frustrate

- Since the paragraph gives the idea that the president and its allies win, then they have unlimited Powers which is described by the word "untrammelled".

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

54. D

Sol. • We need a singular noun in the given blank.

- Also, with the word "coup" only the word "attempt" will go.

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

55. A

Sol. Let's first understand the meaning of the given words:

Setback = delay or disadvantage

Reversal = a change in fortune

- If a party wins then the opposition will get many disadvantages.
- Also, it is mentioned in the last sentence of this paragraph, that the main opposition had many disadvantages.
- Hence, "setback" is the correct answer.

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

56. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The relative pronoun "that" is preferred to "who" or "which" when the adjective is of superlative degree.
- In the given sentence, superlative degree adjective "best" is given which will take "that" after it.

Example: It is the best food that I have tasted so far.

- Thus, replace "which" with "that" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Andaman Nicobar is one of the best places that I have visited so far.**

57. C

Sol. The given question is of direct narration. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- Inverted commas will be removed and 'that' will be used.
- The reporting verb (said) is in V2 form. Therefore, the tense of the speech will change. The modal verb "will" will be changed to "would".
- The 1st person pronoun "we" will change according to the subject (i.e. government); "we" will change to "it".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The government said that it would cut business payroll taxes for new hires to raise employment.**

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

58. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- With the pronoun "you", we use the plural "do" (and not "does").
- Thus, replace "does" with "do" in the given sentence to make it grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **When you move, don't forget to update your mailing address.**

59. C

Sol. • The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader.

- Sentence **S** introduces the subject of 'superstition' and becomes the first sentence.
- Sentence **Q** states India's position as a superstitious country.
- Sentence **P** states there are scientific reasons for some superstitions and becomes the next sentence in the queue.
- Sentence **R** gives an example of the above-said statement and concludes the above paragraph.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **SQPR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Superstition is most often portrayed as a symbol of backwardness which often gives rise to the idea that it is in poor countries that superstition rules supreme. India ranks as one of the most superstitious countries in the world but how many of us know that it is prevalent in even the developed world? All superstitions do not cause harm. There are also some acts of superstition that can be explained scientifically. For example, stringing a cotton thread through a lime with chillies is because the thread absorbs the juices which when vaporised are/were said to have some benefits.**

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

60. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + verb (1st form) + object.**

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **Cookies are made by my mother every Saturday.**

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

61. B

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

\* The underlined part needs correction in verb and adjective.

\* Before the underlined part, the word “to” shows that we have to use the base form of verb to complete the Infinitive form of verb. Thus, “discard” should be used. **Note:** Discarded is the third form the verb.

\* Also, an Infinitive being a Semi Verb takes an object after it. Here, “vehicles” (a noun) is the object of the infinitive. “Older” is a comparative degree of adjective but its usage is wrong here because there is no context of comparison. Thus, we have to use the positive degree of adjective i.e. “old” to qualify the noun “vehicles”.

\* Hence, “**discard old vehicles**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **It is proposed to have a system of incentives and disincentives to nudge vehicle owners to discard old vehicles.**

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

62. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- Inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be used.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the present to the past tense.

- The pronoun "we" will change to "they".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Raul said that if the drought got worse, they would be forced to leave the village for good.**

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

63. C

Sol. **Apologist** = a person who offers an argument in defence of something controversial.

**Anthropologist** = an expert in or student of anthropology.

**Archaeologist** = a person who studies human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains.

**Entomologist** = a person who studies or is an expert in the branch of zoology concerned with insects.

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

64. A

Sol. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- We notice that the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('asked'). So, a change will be made in the tense of the reported speech.
- Also, the first person of the reported speech is changed according to the subject of reporting speech.
- The present tense (don't) is changed to past tense (did not). 'And' is used to connect the second part of the sentence.
- The second part of the sentence is a question. Therefore, 'do' will be changed to 'if' and 'you' is changed to 'I'.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be "**Sheetal said that she did not know the trick and asked me if I did**".

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

65. C

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

- Here, the error is in the usage of 'apparent'.
- "Apparent" has been used to qualify the adjective but it is in the adjective form and adjective does not qualify other adjectives, only adverbs do.
- So, we need an adverb 'apparently' here.
- Thus, **replace 'apparent' with 'apparently'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The transcendent employment of the categories leads to antinomy or equally balanced statements of apparently contradictory results.**

66. A

Sol. This is an affirmative 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.
- "**Said to**" will be changed "**promised**".
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. '**will**' will be changed to '**would**'.
- Also, the pronoun (**I**) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (**he**) since it is referring to object of the reporting verb.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The man promised the orphan girl that he would take care of her.**

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

67. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The use of "is" is incorrect as the sentence talks about the "workers" (a plural subject), therefore, a plural verb "are" should be used in its place.
- Also, the phrasal verb "familiar with" means having some knowledge about (something).
- Also, "affect" is a verb, and it means to impact or change. "Effect" is a noun and it means the result of a particular influence. We need a noun here.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Those who have worked in crisis situations are familiar with the effects stress can have on dreams.**

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

68. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- "Caused + object + infinitive" is the correct structure in English but it is not followed in the given sentence.
- In the given sentence, a bare infinitive "doubt" is used in place of an infinitive "to doubt".
- Thus, add the preposition "to" to make it an infinitive structure.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The boy's knavish reputation caused everyone to doubt his word on April fool's day.**

69. C

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The noun "wash" means the action of washing something or a part of your body.

- It is generally used in a singular form.

e.g. Those curtains need a good wash.

- Thus, replace "washes" with "a wash" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **I need to have a wash and make myself presentable for our guests.**

70. D

Sol. This is **an imperative 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.

\* In the imperative sentences, direct speech has structure: "V1+Object". This is changed to "to + V1+Object" in indirect speech. Accordingly, "leak private and confidential data" is converted to "to leak private and confidential data".

\* "Said to" changes to "forbade" in indirect speech as given sentence is an order not to do something. And "forbade" does not take "not" adverb with it since "forbade" word is itself negative in meaning.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The client forbade the company director to leak private and confidential data through insider trading.**

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

71. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The sentence is in the simple future tense.

And its structure is :- sub + will/shall + verb's first form + obj.

- So, 'publish' will be used here instead of "published".

- The word "malice" is a noun and here we need an adjective before the noun "writer".
- Hence, replace "malice" with "malicious".
- Apostrophe-s will be used to show possession after the noun *writer* (as it could be either a malicious article of the writer or the writer's malicious article).
- Thus, 'not publish the writer's malicious' is the most suited one.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The editor will not publish the writer's malicious article.**

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

72. A

- Sol.
- The first sentence should be A since it introduces the theme of the passage i.e. 'what happened when the subject was about to sleep'.
  - Sentence C should follow A as it tells what the subject did when he heard a low humming sound.
  - Sentence D should be the third sentence as it tells what he saw when he looked out from his window.
  - Sentence B will be the last in the sequence as the pronoun "they" has been used for the objects mentioned in D.

Thus, the correct order is: **ACDB**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Just as I was about to sleep, I heard a low humming sound. I looked out of my bedroom window. I saw a number of objects coming down from the sky. As they landed their lights went off.**

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

73. B

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

\* The underlined part needs correction in adverb and preposition.

\* “Acceptable” is an adjective and it means that someone agrees is of a good standard or allowed. Here, we need an adverb to qualify this adjective. But we have used “ease” (act like noun or verb) which cannot qualify it. Thus, appropriate adverb form i.e. “easily” should be used. It means “without problems or difficulty”

\* Also, preposition “of” is used for selection out of many things available OR for showing possession. Here, both the contexts are missing. We have to use a pronoun that reflects the sense of “purpose” because we have to connect the “acceptable” with “loan formalities”. Thus, preposition “of” can be used to show the purpose.

For example:

A gentle form **of** exercise will increase your ability to relax.

We got a new table **for** the dining room.

\* Hence, “**easily acceptable for loan**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The finance secretary urged banks to ensure easy credit by preparing a format of property card that is easily acceptable for loan formalities.**

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

74. B

Sol. The idiom "hammer out" means to discuss and plan out an idea.

e.g. Eventually, a deal was **hammered out** between the government and the opposition

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

75. A

Sol. The given sentence is a combination of an interrogative sentence and a simple sentence.

To convert the question sentence into indirect speech, the below rules are followed:

- "Said" is changed to "asked".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- Since the reported speech is in YES/NO question form, **if** is used before the reported speech.
- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of subject + verb.
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. "will" changes to "would".
- The sign of interrogaion (?) is removed and a full stop is used.
- The second person pronoun 'you' changes according to the object (I).
- We will join the simple sentence to the interrogative sentence using the conjunction 'and'. We can use two constructions here - we can use either "**and I replied in affirmative**" or "**and I said that I would**".

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **She asked me if I would have time to do that and I said that I would.**

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

76. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + verb (1st form) + object.**

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **A job is offered to Sanju by the headmaster.**

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

77. B

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:

**Tremendous efforts are being made by hotel owners to gain new customers.**

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

78. D

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

Let's understand the meanings of the given words :-

- **Subscribe** = arrange to receive something, typically a publication, regularly by paying in advance.
  - **Submit** = accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.
  - **Surrender** = stop resisting to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.
  - **Succumb** = die from the effect of a disease or injury.
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- The sentence implies that the accident victim died because of his injuries before he could be taken to the hospital.
  - So, the word "**succumb**" is the correct word for the blank.

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

79. D

Sol. • We need an adjective for the blank. This eliminates options A, B and C.

- The word "subsequent" means happening or coming after something else.

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

80. B

Sol. • The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence P introduces the subject of gender equality and the role of the constitution in this matter.

- Sentence S elaborates the point discussed in the previous sentence, i.e. what the constitution has for women.
- Sentence R gives information regarding steps taken to empower women.
- Sentence Q discusses the recent developments made in this matter and concludes the paragraph.

Thus, the correct order is **PSRQ**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The principle of gender equality is enshrined in the Indian Constitution in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles. The Constitution not only grants equality to them but also empowers the State to adopt measures of positive discrimination in their favour. Within the framework of a democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plans, and programmes have been aimed at their advancement in different spheres. In recent years, the empowerment of women has been recognized as the central issue in determining the status of women.**

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

81. A

Sol. The given sentence is in interrogative form. To convert such sentences into the indirect narration, the

below rules are followed:

- Said is changed to asked.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- Since the reported speech is in YES/NO question form, **if** is used before the reported speech.
- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of subject + verb.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and a full stop is used.
- The reporting verb is in the past tense, we make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: Simple present tense (have) changes to simple past tense (had).
- Second person pronoun (You) changes according to the object of reporting speech. Since there is no object present here, we can use 'he' for the same.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The judge finally asked if he had anything to say on behalf of the accused.**

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

82. A

Sol. **Option A** has the correctly spelt word. **Disorientation** means the condition of having lost one's sense of direction.

83. B

Sol. **Nonentity** = a person regarded as being of no importance or significance.

**Nonagenarian** = a person who is between 90 and 99 years old.

**Nonpareil** = a matchless person or thing.

**Nonconformist** = someone who lives and thinks in a way that is different from other people.

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

84. D

- Sol.
- Since a slave is being talked about who releases a tiger from the pain which is discussed in statement **C**, which must be followed by **A** which tells us how A slave removed the thorn.
  - **B** should come next as it sheds light upon the going of the lion without hurting the slave which then is followed by **D** as it fits correctly to continue the narration.
  - Thus, the correct sequence is **CABD**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **A slave, ill-treated by his master, runs away to the forest. There he comes across a lion in pain because of a thorn in his paw. The slave bravely goes forward and removes the thorn gently. The lion goes away without hurting him. Some days later, the slave's master comes hunting in the forest and catches many animals, and cages them. The slave is spotted by the masters' men who catch him and bring him to the cruel master.**

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

85. B

- Sol. The idiom "on cloud nine" means to be extremely happy and excited. If you say that someone is on cloud nine, you are emphasising that they are very happy.

e.g. I never expected to win, so I'm **on cloud nine**.

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

86. A

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

- The underlined part needs correction in noun and helping verb.
- "Doze" as a noun means a short period of sleep esp. during the day. Whereas the given sentence demands a noun connected with "vaccine" or we can say related to "medicine/drug". Thus, the correct noun "dose" should be used. It means "an amount of medicine or drug that is taken once or regularly over a period of time." Also, the word "90 crore" makes it mandatory to use the plural form

of “dose” i.e. “doses”.

- Also, “doses” being a plural noun will take the plural helping verb with it in accordance with the subject verb agreement. Thus, “have” should be used.
- Hence, “**doses have been**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **90 crore vaccine doses have been administered so far under Nationwide Vaccination Drive.**

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

87. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the present perfect tense and it is in active form.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + has/have + verb (IIIrd form) + object...

Passive: Object + has/have + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **My watch has been stolen by someone.**

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

88. A

Sol. **Pedant** = a person who is excessively concerned with minor details and rules or with displaying academic learning.

**Educationist** = a professional educator.

**Exhibitor** = someone who has made or owns something, especially a work of art, shown in an exhibition.

**Researcher** = a person who carries out academic or scientific research.

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

89. B

Sol. The above sentence is imperative and here it shows moral suggestion.

Structure in the active voice:- Subject + should + not + Verb's first form + Object.

Structure in the passive voice:- Object + should + not + be + Verb's third form + Subject.

Based on the above structure, the sentence in the passive voice will be: **Unbidden suggestions should not be given.**

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

90. A

Sol. The given question is of direct narration in assertive form. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- The reporting verb "said" will not change in indirect speech as it is not followed by any 'object'.
- Inverted commas ("..") will be removed and conjunction 'that' will be used in the indirect speech.
- The sentence in the direct speech is in the past perfect tense; thus, it will remain the same in the indirect speech.
- The 1st person pronoun "my" will be changed according to the subject (You); "I" will change to "you".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **You said that you had always wanted to be the opening batsman.**

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

91. A

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "told".
- The inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be added.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, the tense of the speech will change from the simple present to the simple past.
- The first person pronoun (I) will change according to the subject (my friend) to "he".
- The second person pronoun (your) will change according to the object (me) to "my".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **My friend told me that he thought she would not like my gift.**

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

92. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the imperative form. To convert such sentences into direct narration, the below rules are followed:

- "Said to" will be changed to "told".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The reported speech is in the form of WH-Question (i.e. when), no conjunction is used before the question word. The question word itself works as conjunction.
- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. 'take' and 'will' will be changed to 'took' and 'would'.
- The second person pronoun (you) changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. **you** will be changed to **I**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The**

**shopkeeper told me that when I took second exit on the roundabout I would see the tower to my right.**

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

93. C

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: **The end of this topic is being reached by them.**

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

94. B

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

- The underlined part needs correction in verb and adjective.
- The subject "he" is singular in form and it will take singular verb in accordance with the subject verb agreement. Thus, "was" should be used.
- "Enable" is a verb. "Unable" should be the correct adjective as a subject complement. "Unable" means not having skill/time to do something.
- The correct infinitive structure is "to + base form of the verb".
- Hence, "**was unable to make**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **After the exam, the student regretted that he was unable to make**

### use of the classroom notes.

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

95. C

Sol. This is an exclamatory sentence. The given sentence is in Direct Speech.

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb “said” will change to “exclaimed” in indirect speech since it is an exclamatory sentence. Also, based on interjection used here i.e. “Alas!”, we will use “sadness” with reporting verb “exclaimed”. Thus, “exclaimed with sadness” is used. **Note:** We can also use adverb “sadly” in place of noun “sadness”. Like “exclaimed sadly” can also be used.
- Also, “!” is removed in indirect speech.
- As the reporting verb is in V2 form ('said'), the tense of the speech will change from the present tense (is) to past tense (was).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:

**She exclaimed with sadness that the old man was run over by the truck in the broad daylight.**

OR

**She exclaimed sadly that the old man was run over by the truck in the broad daylight.**

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

96. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The verb "am" is followed by either "V+ing" or an "adjective". It is never followed by V<sub>1</sub>.
- With the word "tomorrow", we will use the simple future tense. Also, the verb "stay" and "take" should be in the same form.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **I think that tomorrow I will take leave and stay at home.**

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

97. D

Sol. The given sentence is in the active voice with the subject 'Jack' and the object 'the work allotted to him'. To convert it into the passive voice, the subject must become the object and the tense must be changed accordingly.

Structure in the active voice:- Subject + would have + Verb's third form + object.

Structure in the passive voice:- Object + would have + been + Verb's third form + Subject.

Based on the above structure, the above sentence in the passive voice will be: **By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to Jack would have been completed by him.**

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

98. D

Sol. **Cascade** = pass (something) on to a succession of others.

**Inundate** = flood.

**Sluice** = rinse.

**Slobber** = have saliva dripping copiously from the mouth or make an excessive and obvious show of pleasure or desire.

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

99. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The speech is an imperative sentence. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "ordered".

- The reporting verb will be connected with the main verb of the speech (bring) with the help of the preposition "to".
- The first-person pronoun (my) will change according to subject (Father) to "his".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Father ordered me to bring him his phone.**

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

100. A

Sol. The idiom "bury the hatchet" means to make peace, to settle differences.

e.g. Family members and friends are always advised **to bury the hatchet** when they find themselves in clashing situations.

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

101. B

Sol. • The first sentence is **C** which introduces us to the subject 'Sunita Williams'.

• The second sentence will be **D** which tells us the place where the event took place.

• **B** will be the next as it mentions the person who introduced her.

• **A** will be the concluding sentence where her statement is mentioned.

• Thus, the correct sequence is **CDBA**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **On Sept. 22, 2018, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams — a veteran of two long-duration spaceflights — talked to families and space enthusiasts about space travel. She was speaking at the Intrepid Air, Sea & Space Museum during the recent Space & Science Festival. Williams, who is set to be one of the first to fly aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in November 2019, was introduced at the festival by former NASA astronaut Mike Massimino. "It's sort of cool to be on a ship but even more amazing is this Earth we live on," Williams remarked as she described life on a spaceship to eager kids.**

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

102. D

Sol. The sentence is in the active voice with the subject 'The government' and the object '100 new Non-Government Organisations'. The above sentence is in the present indefinite tense.

To convert it to the passive voice, the subject must become the object and the tense must be changed accordingly.

Structure in the active voice:- Subject + Verb's first form + Object.

Structure in the passive voice:- Object + is/am/are + Verb's third form + Subject.

Based on the above structure, the sentence in the passive voice will be: **100 new Non-Government Organisations are approved every year by the government.**

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

103. C

Sol. **Charismatic** = exercising a compelling charm.

**Dismissive** = showing indifference or disregard.

**Uninspiring** = Arousing no interest.

**Vapid** = lacking significance.

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

104. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The phrasal verb "come across" means to meet somebody by chance.
- The person who was in financial difficulty went to get help intentionally and not by chance.

- "Is come up to" is an incorrect form of grammar.
- The sentence gives us a sense of past tense. So, using the present tense "comes with" is incorrect too.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Finding himself in financial difficulty, he came to me for help and advice.**

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

105. D

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

- Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between the two objects they modify (larger, smaller, faster, higher).
- They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared, in this pattern :- Noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object).
  - E.g. :- My house is larger than hers.
- We do not use **more** before the comparative form of words.
- Thus, **remove 'more'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **He is smarter than his brother though he does not earn much money.**

106. C

Sol. The sentence is in the Active voice with the subject 'army personnel' and the object 'all orders'. The sentence is in the future indefinite tense. To convert it to the passive voice, the subject must become the object and the tense must be changed accordingly.

Structure in active voice:- Subject + will/shall + Verb's first form + object.

Structure in passive voice:- Object + will/shall + be + Verb's third form + by + subject.

Based on the above structure, the sentence in the passive voice will be: **All orders will be executed promptly by army personnel.**

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

107. C

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

Angle for = try to get something indirectly, by hinting or suggesting.

Made up = invented or not true.

Act out = perform something with actions and gestures.

"Angle with" is not a phrasal verb.

- The person "he" is trying to get the invitation. Thus, the phrasal verb "angling for" is appropriate here.

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

108. B

Sol. **Option B** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling is "**bureaucracy**". It is a system of government in which the administration is run by officials, especially non-elected ones.

Meaning of other words:

Fomentation = the act of stirring up discord or instigating a rebellion

Plateau = it means a geographical region which is a relatively higher plain than the surrounding region

Horizontal = it is a condition of something being parallel to the ground.

109. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the active form and it is an assertive sentence. The sentence is in the 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 sentence was delivered by the judge at the courtroom yesterday.**

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

110. C

Sol. The idiom "**green fingers**" means to have the natural ability in growing plants. It is appropriate for the above sentence.

Other idioms are:

A bad hair day = a day when you feel that you do not look attractive and everything seems to go wrong.

A foot in the door = to have a chance to do something that could lead to further opportunities.

A heart of gold = to be very kind and generous.

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

111. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Sentences beginning with "there" follow a different order: the subject comes after the verb.

Here is an example:

There **is** the bus!

- The subject in the given sentence is "modes". It is a plural noun.
- Thus, replace "is" with "are" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **There are many modes of travel to go to Agra but I prefer road travel.**

112. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The speech is an interrogative sentence. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "asked" since it is an interrogative sentence.
- Since it is not a yes/no question, we will use the question word "how" to connect the reporting verb with the speech.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple present to the simple past.
- Also, the sentence will be made assertive, i.e. subject + verb.
- The second-person pronoun (your) will change according to the object (me) to "my".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Rosina asked how my daughter-in-law and your grandson were.**

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

113. A

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

- The underlined part needs correction in helping verb and possessive adjective.
- Here, "who" is a relative pronoun and the verb after it must be in accordance with the antecedent it refers. Here, "who" is referring to "achievers" (plural form). Thus, the plural helping verb should be used after "who" i.e. "have" in accordance with the subject verb agreement.
- Also, the possessive adjective must be according to the noun whose possession is being talked about. Here, the noun "achievers" is a living entity which uses "their" (plural) to show possession.

Possessive adjective "its" is used for showing possession for non-living entities.

- Hence, "**have left a mark in their**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The President interacted with a group of achievers from Assam who have left a mark in their respective fields.**

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

114. B

Sol. This is an imperative 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.
- "Said" will remain the same.
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. '**is** coming' will be changed to '**was** coming'.
- Also, the pronoun (me) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (her) since it is referring to object of the reporting verb (her).
- Words like '**here**' will be changed to '**there**'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The woman said that someone was coming there to pick her up.**

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

115. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the imperative form. To convert such sentences into direct narration, the below rules are followed:

- "Said" will be changed to "asked".

- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The reported speech is in the form of WH-Question (i.e. what), no conjunction is used before the question word. The question word itself works as conjunction.
- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. 'can' and 'could'.
- The person pronoun (I) changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. I will be changed to **he** and **you** will be changed to **me**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The receptionist asked what he could do for me.**

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

116. C

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

- “In order to” is a phrase which means with the objective of; in order to achieve.
- The sentence implies that we speak the truth in order to avoid problems.
- Thus, **replace 'at' with 'in'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Always speak the truth in order to avoid problems in life.**

117. C

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

- The underlined part needs correction in adjective and noun.
- The verb “expressed” needs an object. A noun/pronoun can be its object. But here, we have used “grieve” (a verb) as its object. This is wrong. The correct Noun form “grief” must be used and it

means “very sad especially when someone dies”.

- Also, “depth” is a noun. But we need an adjective form to qualify the noun “grief”. Thus, “deep” should be used. In the context of emotions, it means “strongly felt”.
- Hence, “**deep grief over the**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The Prime Minister has expressed deep grief over the demise of renowned bollywood actor.**

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

118. A

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

\* The underlined part needs correction in article and verb.

\* “Occasion” is a noun with a vowel sound. Thus, using indefinite article “a” before is incorrect. We have to use “an” for the nouns with vowel sound.

For example:

We spent **an** hour in the garden.

\* Also, infinitive form of verb takes the base form of verb after “to”. But here, a noun “rededication” is used after it. This is wrong. Thus, first form of the verb i.e. “rededicate” should be used after “to”.

\* Hence, “**an occasion to rededicate**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The Governor said that Panchayati Raj Day is an occasion to rededicate ourselves to the pledge of redevelopment of rural India.**

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

119. B

- Sol.
- The given sentence is in passive form and in the simple **past tense**.
  - The simple past is a verb tense that is used to talk about things that happened or existed before now.
  - Therefore, the correct verb form is "**was taken**".

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

120. C

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, "plants" is a plural noun hence "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, modal verb takes the base form of verb after it. Here, "served" is the third form of verb after "will" (a modal verb). Thus, base form of the verb "serve" should be used.
- \* Hence, "**these oxygen plants will serve**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The district magistrate said that these oxygen plants will serve as a major boost to oxygen availability at the district level.**

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

121. A

- Sol.
- Sentence C will be the first sentence as it introduces the main subject - John and his nature.

- Sentence A will follow sentence C as it tells what he does.
- Sentence D will follow sentence A as it tells us that John could not stick to any hobby for long.
- Sentence B will follow sentence D as it explains that his habit of not pursuing any hobby made his parents reluctant to spend money on his hobbies.

Thus, the correct order will be: **CADB**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **John hated finishing things almost as much as he loved starting them. As a result, he had gotten into a million activities and hobbies. But he never stuck with any of them for long. Thus, his parents were now reluctant to spend any more money on his hobbies.**

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

122. C

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

**Oracular** = mysterious and difficult to understand.

E.g. :- He gave an oracular statement.

**Distinct** = not alike; different in nature or quality.

**Cryptic** = of an obscure nature.

E.g. :- I got a cryptic text message from Sam.

**Unambiguous** = having or exhibiting a single clearly defined meaning.

**Lucid** = transparently clear; easily understandable.

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

123. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- "Let's /let us" usually expresses a suggestion.
- The reporting verb "said" will change to "suggested".
- We will use the structure "we should".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **I suggested to my brother that we should go to some beach party for a change.**

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

124. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the active form and it is an assertive sentence. The sentence is in the 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: **My question has been answered.**

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

125. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice. The tense of the given sentence is 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, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **I was given a book by her.**

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

126. A

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

- The form of the verb 'offer' is incorrect.
- The **participle form of the verb** is required to form a correct sentence.
- It should be 'offered'.
- Thus, **replace 'offer' with 'offered'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The reduction in the cost of education due to an increase in subsidies offered by the government is also seen as a reason to get more education.**

127. C

Sol. Let us understand the meanings of the words :-

**Crucial** = decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

E.g. :- Her work has been crucial to the project's success.

**Critical** = expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgements.

**Imperative** = of vital importance; crucial.

**Trivial** = of little value or importance.

E.g. :- I don't know why he gets so upset about something so trivial.

**Pivotal** = of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else.

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

128. D

Sol.

- Sentence S should follow S1 which provides the introduction to the theories related to the price of bread.
- Sentence P further tells that the bakers were subject to strict punishment who cheated their customers.
- Sentences Q and R form a mandatory pair because they tell that all baked goods do not come out the same size due to fluctuation in rising and baking and air content.

Thus, the correct order will be: **SPQR**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Here are a few theories as to why a baker's dozen became 13. In medieval England there were laws that related the price of bread to the price of the wheat used to make it. Bakers who were found to be cheating their customers by overpricing undersized loaves were subject to strict punishment. There may be fluctuations in rising and baking and air content. Even with careful planning, it is difficult to ensure that all of your baked goods come out the same size. For fear of accidentally coming up short, they would throw in a bit extra to ensure that they wouldn't end up with a surprise flogging later.**

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

129. D

Sol.

- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader.
- Sentence **Q** introduces the subject of 'the supreme court's decision on the distribution of waters of the Cauvery river and becomes the first sentence.
- Sentence **S** is the continuation of the above sentence. It completes the above sentence and it is the next sentence in the sequence.

- Sentence **P** gives information about how this decision has been seen by the public and others concerned.
- Sentence **R** elaborates the point discussed in the previous line and concludes the paragraph.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QSPR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **The Supreme Court of India has determined the manner in which the waters of the Cauvery river are to be shared among the beneficiary States. In its recent judgment on the long-pending issue, the court virtually pulled the proverbial rabbit out of the hat. The decision has been received with muted acceptance. It is quite understandably, by all concerned, and some token opposition.**

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

130. B

Sol. This is an exclamatory sentence. The given sentence is in Direct Speech.

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb “said” will be changed to “exclaimed” in indirect speech since it is an exclamatory sentence. Also, based on interjection used here i.e. “Alas!”, we will use “sadness” with reporting verb “exclaimed”. Thus, “exclaimed with sadness” is used. **Note:** We can also use adverb “sadly” in place of noun “sadness”. Like “exclaimed sadly” can also be used.
- Also, “!” is removed in indirect speech.
- As the reporting verb is in the V2 form, the tense of the speech will change from the simple present tense (are) to the past tense (were).
- The pronoun "our" will change to "their".

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:  
**The emperor exclaimed with sadness that their enemies were well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.**

**OR**

**The emperor exclaimed sadly that their enemies were well equipped with tanks, missiles and rockets.**

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

131. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- “And” connects two similar things.
- In the given sentence, “preparing”, “preserving” and “compound” are connected by comma and “and”.  
Two of them are in “-ing” form that means third must also be in “-ing” form to maintain the parallelism.
- So the last word should be “compounding” in place of “compound”.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **In the modern signification, it is applied to the act of preparing, preserving and compounding medicines, according to the prescriptions of physicians.**

132. A

Sol. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- In the given sentence, the subject's manager has told him that he will give him a week-long holiday.

Thus, we will replace the reporting verb "said" with "offered".

After the verb "offered", we will keep the object that has been offered (a week long holiday).

- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple present to the simple past.

Therefore, the sentence in indirect Speech will be: **My manager offered me a week-long holiday if I completed that task in two days.**

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

133. D

Sol. This is an affirmative 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.
- "Said" will remain the same.
- The tense of the given sentence changes from simple past tense to past perfect tense i.e. 'bought' will be changed to 'had bought'.
- Also, the pronoun (I, my) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (he, his) since it is referring to object of the reporting verb.
- Words like '**this**' will be changed to '**that**'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **Raj said that he had bought that necklace for his wife.**

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

134. A

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

**Concise** = giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.

E.g. :- Make your answers clear and concise.

**Brief** = concise in expression; using few words.

E.g. :- His acceptance speech was mercifully brief.

**Complex** = consisting of many different and connected parts.

**Lengthy** = (especially in reference to time) of considerable or unusual length, especially so as to be tedious.

**Detailed** = having many details or facts; showing attention to detail.

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

135. C

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

**Unruly** = difficult to control; disobedient; disorderly.

E.g. :- an unruly class of adolescents.

**Uneven** = irregular; varying; not uniform.

**Undue** = inappropriate; unjustifiable; improper.

**Orderly** = well arranged or organized.

E.g. :- She put the letters in three orderly piles.

**Dirty** = marked with dirt, mud, etc., or containing something such as pollution or bacteria.

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

136. A

Sol. The idiom "**once in a blue moon**" refers to something extremely rare in occurrence. It is correct for the above sentence.

Other idioms are:

Behind the back = without a person's knowledge and in an unfair way.

In fine feather = In excellent form, health, or humor

Shoulder to shoulder = acting together towards a common aim; with united effort.

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

137. D

Sol. The sentence is in the Passive voice. It is in the past indefinite tense without the object but the subject is "long distances". To convert it into the active voice, the subject must become the object and the tense must be changed accordingly. But, here we do not have the object, therefore, in this case, we can use someone/ somebody/ they/ he/ people etc. as per the meaning of the sentence.

Structure in the passive voice:- Object + was/were + Verb's third form + Subject.

Structure in the active voice:- Subject + Verb's second form + Object.

Based on the above structure, the sentence in the active voice will be: **People covered long distances on foot in early days.**

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

138. D

Sol. • The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence **Q** defines the positive achievers.  
• Sentence **R** mentions who are the people suffering from the problem of identity crises.  
• Sentence **P** gives reason for this suffering.  
• Sentence **S** discusses the solution to this problem and concludes the paragraph.  
• Thus, the correct sequence is **QRPS**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Positive achievers are those who have a strong**

**sense of identity. The younger generation in India and the second generation of NRIs have been suffering from a strong identity crisis, as they are unaware of their roots. Moreover, the standard of social life in the country is dwindling owing to the influence of the West. This individual and social dilemma is a matter of concern and we must think of a way to help the individual and society cope with the crisis.**

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

139. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the active voice and it uses a modal verb.

The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

Active: Subject + modal verb + verb (1st 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 passive voice: **A pandemic can be spread worldwide within days by air travel.**

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

140. C

Sol. This is **an imperative 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.

\* In the imperative sentences, direct speech has structure: "V1+Object". This is changed to "to + V1+Object" in indirect speech. Accordingly, "Take off your cap and hood" is converted to "to take off your cap and hood".

\* "Said to" changes to "ordered" in indirect speech since directions are given by the official (the one who is responsible for communicating the official orders/rules to the passengers.)

\* Also, second person pronoun (your) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (his) according to the object of the reporting verb (passenger). **Note:** When there is no clarity on gender of subject in sentence then we assume it to be of Masculine. Hence, accordingly pronouns are used.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The security official ordered the passenger to take off his cap and hood for security checking.**

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

141. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The plural of "thief" is "thieves" and not "thiefs" as given in the sentence.
- Thus, replace "thiefs" with "thieves" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The police followed the thieves for three hours but could not catch any of them.**

142. D

Sol. **Illegible** = not clear enough to be read.

**Inevitable** = certain to happen; unavoidable.

**Inaudible** = unable to be heard.

**Inaccessible** = unable to be reached.

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

143. D

Sol.     ◦ The blank requires a word that relates to an action that is **performed intentionally**.

Let's analyse the options one by one :-

- **Steeds** = a riding high-spirited horse.

- **Bleed** = to lose blood from our body.
- **Gleeds** = a glowing coal.
- **Deeds** = a conscious action.

Thus, '**deeds**' is the most appropriate one.

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

144. C

Sol. This is an imperative 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.
- "**Said to**" will be changed "**told**".
- The tense of the given sentence changes from present tense to past tense i.e. '**is**' will be changed to '**was**'.
- Also, the pronoun (my) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (her) since it is referring to object of the reporting verb (her).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **Megha told her tailor that her favourite colour was green.**

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

145. D

Sol. 

- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader.
- Sentence **P** introduces the subject of 'importance Sanskrit language'.
- Sentence **S** mentions the reason why Sanskrit is important to us and therefore will follow sentence P.

- Sentence **Q** is a continuation of the sentence **S**. It gives the reason why the Sanskrit language has been forgotten by us.
- Sentence **R** discusses the steps taken to revive the language and concludes the paragraph.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **PSQR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Sanskrit is the key to opening the treasure of ancient Indian wisdom. Ancient India had achieved strides in many fields, including jurisprudence, and that knowledge has been documented in Sanskrit. But it was forgotten due to the long period of foreign rule. The Karnataka State Law University and the Karnataka Sanskrit University will be conducting joint programmes to explore this ancient knowledge and make use of it.**

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

146. B

Sol. • Sentence **D** will be the first sentence as it introduces the situation.

- Sentence **A** will follow sentence D as it tells about the trend of going to the west for medical facilities.
- Sentence **C** will follow sentence A as it tells about the medical facilities of the west.
- Sentence **B** will follow sentence C as it shows contradiction to the trend of going to the west.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **DACB**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Today, it is not uncommon to travel to a foreign country for medical treatment. Till quite recently the trend was to go to the west that offered advanced medical facilities. But over the last decade, the trend has reversed and India is being chosen for medical tourism. This is because it has offered the highest level of services, facilities, and professional skills.**

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

147. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice. The tense of the given sentence is 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, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **The law of gravity was discovered by Newton.**

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

148. C

Sol.

- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence R introduces the subject of the newly implemented CPC.
- Sentence P discusses the response of the media on this issue.
- Sentence Q is a continuation of the previous sentence. It elaborates the point raised in the previous sentence.
- Sentence S completes the previous sentence and concludes the paragraph.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The recent announcement of the implementation of the Seventh Central Pay Commission (CPC) recommendations was received on expected lines. The media made it out to be an extravaganza for a bloated and inefficient bureaucracy bereft of any linkage between performance and remuneration. On the other hand, government employees felt it fell short of expectations as is usually the case with any kind of pay hikes.**

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

149. D

- Sol.
- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence P introduces the subject of "breaking of Colonial thinking about the sense of history to Indians".
  - Sentence R is a continuation of the previous sentence. It completes the above sentence.
  - Sentence S mentions the sources from which Indians drew their sense of the past.
  - Sentence Q is a continuation of the previous sentence. It completes the above sentence and concludes the paragraph.

Thus, the correct order is **PRSQ**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The old colonial notion that ancient Indians had no sense of history has now been blown to bits by outstanding scholars like V. S. Pathak and Romila Thapar. They have established that ancient India drew its sense of the past from a vast range of sources, of which religious texts were one. And that its understanding of the past differed radically from the Western notions of history.**

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

150. A

Sol. This is **an exclamatory 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” changes to “exclaimed” in indirect speech since it is an exclamatory sentence. Also, based on interjection used here i.e. “Hurrah!”, we will use “joy” with reporting verb “exclaimed”. Thus, “exclaimed with joy” is used. **Note:** We can also use adverb “joyfully” in place of noun “sadness”. Like “exclaimed joyfully” can also be used.

\* Also, “!” is removed in indirect speech.

\* As the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said'). Present perfect tense (have won) changes to past perfect tense (had won).

\* Also, first person pronoun (I) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (she) according to the subject of the reporting verb (Garima).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:  
**Garima exclaimed with joy that she had won the premiere badminton tournament abroad.**

**OR**

**Garima exclaimed joyfully that she had won the premiere badminton tournament abroad.**

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

151. C

Sol. **Clutch** = a tight grasp.

**Offspring** = a person's child or children.

**Brood** = a family of birds or other young animals produced at one hatching or birth.

**Nest** = a structure or place made or chosen by a bird for laying eggs and sheltering its young.

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

152. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the possessive pronoun 'Anna'.

- Here, the noun 'Anna' has been used twice in the sentence.
- A **pronoun** is a word that is used instead of a noun or noun phrase.
- Thus, in place of the possessive noun "**Anna's**", use the **possessive pronoun (dependent)** "her".

The correct sentence will be: **Anna decided at the beginning of her first semester of college that she would run for thirty minutes every day.**

153. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- Inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be used.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the past continuous to the past perfect continuous tense.
- The pronoun "we" will change to "they".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **They said that they had just been making pizzas.**

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

154. D

Sol. Option D has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the "**possessive of someone else**".

- We use **else** after **some-**, to mean '**other**', '**another**', '**different**' or '**additional**'.
- The correct way to write the possessive form of "**someone else**" is "**someone else's**".

e.g. It's kind of tacky to give her a present that **someone else** gave you.

e.g. This must be **someone else's** coat. It's not mine.

- Hence, replace "**someone's else**" with "**someone else's**" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

155. C

Sol. 

- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader.
- Sentence **Q** introduces the subject of 'Globalisation in the prospect of economic life'.
- Sentence **P** mentions its effect on caste occupation by lower caste communities from India.
- Sentence **R** is a continuation of the previous sentence. It highlights the problem that came to existence due to labour displacement.
- Sentence **S** discusses the steps taken to solve this problem and concludes the paragraph.

- Thus, the correct sequence is **QPRS**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **In the realm of economic life, globalisation has offered an expanded and varied life for the rich and made the poor poorer. In India, where caste occupations remain the survival source of the lower caste communities, globalisation killed many such trades and displaced traditional labour from the fields. Labour displacement created nightmarish conditions for the poor. Dalit-Bahujan movements have to grapple with this situation and resist economic globalisation.**

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

156. D

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

- "Persnickety grapes" is a specific object which is famous and **to specify these objects**, we use the definite **article "the"** before them.
- Thus, add the article '**the**' before 'famous persnickety grapes' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Pinot Noir has been gaining in popularity with the expansion of New World wine growing regions that cultivate the famous persnickety grapes.**

157. A

Sol. **Arsenal** = a collection of weapons and military equipment.

**Aviary** = a large cage, building, or enclosure for keeping birds in.

**Archive** = a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people.

**Apiary** = a place where bees are kept; a collection of beehives.

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

158. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + verb (1st form) + object.**

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **Success in life is always achieved by those who work hard.**

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

159. B

Sol. **Castigation** = infliction of severe punishment.

**Immunity** = exemption, freedom.

**Penance** = self- punishment.

**Ostracism** = exclusion.

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

160. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The underlined part needs correction in verb, adverb and preposition.
- “Will + be + third form of the verb” is required because the sentence is in passive form (since Dialogue is not the actual doer). Thus, “held”, which is the third form of the verb “hold”, should be used here.

- Also, we need an adverb to qualify the verb “held” but we have used “virtual”, an adjective, to qualify the verb. This is wrong. Thus, appropriate adverb form i.e. “virtually” should be used. It means “by the use of computer software” OR “not physically”.
- Preposition of time “between” is used with “and” to show the period of time separating two days/years/events.

But in the latter part of the filler, we have “to” so it is wrong to use “between” as a preposition of time.

- We can use “from” as a preposition of time because it takes “to” with it to show the range of something.

Thus, “from” should be used here.

For example:

We are open **from** 8 a.m. **to** 7 p.m. every day.

It is cheaper to buy vegetables **between** 9 p.m. **and** 10 p.m.

- Hence, “**held virtually from**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The prestigious Raisina Dialogue, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation, will be held virtually from 10 January to 13 January 2022.**

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

161. D

- Sol.
- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence Q introduces the subject of ‘increased rate of FDI in India’.
  - Sentence S introduces the two ill effects of the FDI to us which is the basic theme of the above paragraph.

- Sentence P mentions the first demerit of FDI and becomes the next sentence in the queue.
- Sentence R mentions the second demerit of FDI and concludes the paragraph.

Thus, the correct order will be: **QSPR**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **India has seen a steep increase in FDI inflows totaling over \$55 billion in 2015-16. However, in the world of high finance, FDI is not a gift horse — there are at least two sets of costs that host countries have to bear. The first is the direct cost stemming from outflows on account of the operation of foreign companies. Apart from the direct costs, foreign investors are able to extract indirect benefits from their host economies by using bilateral investment promotion and protection agreements (BIPA).**

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

162. C

Sol. **Option C** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling is “**opportunity**” which means a chance to do something.

Meaning of other words:

Opulence = wealth as evidenced by sumptuous living

Oppression = the act of subjugating by cruelty

Opposition = the feeling of disagreeing with something and the action of trying to change it

163. D

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

- According to the subject-verb-agreement rule, subjects and verbs must agree in number i.e. if the subject is singular, the verb must be singular too.

- Here, the subject “an appetite” is singular and will take a singular verb (i.e. persists) after it.
- Thus, **replace 'persist' with 'persists'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **It sparked in me an appetite for military history and big battle movies that persists to this day.**

164. B

- Sol.
- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence R introduces the subject of ‘growing conflict between man and animal’ and becomes the first sentence.
  - Sentence P states one such conflict that occurred in Maharashtra.
  - Sentence Q is the continuation of the above sentence and it mentions the other two incidents.
  - Sentence S expresses concern over the issue and concludes the above paragraph.

Thus, the correct order will be: **RPQS.**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **While it is a matter of pride that India’s tiger population is nearly 3,000 strong in the backdrop of shrinking forests, we cannot afford to ignore reports of growing man-animal conflict. The ‘encounter’ with Avni the tigress in Maharashtra last year shook the people. The latest two other incidents, the first where a tigress and her cubs were poisoned at Chandrapur, Maharashtra and the second where another tigress was beaten to death by villagers in Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh, a few days ago, should set alarm bells ringing. Steps must be taken to find a solution to growing encroachments in wild habitats.**

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

165. B

- Sol.
- The sentence contains two opposing words, praise, and reprimand, which means the blank must contain a word that reflects an appropriate response to both.
  - **Indifferent** is the only word that fits here as it means ‘**having no particular interest or sympathy.**’

- The word '**hostile**' means 'showing or feeling opposition or dislike' and does not fit here.
- **Harden** means to become or make hard. It also does not give any meaning to the sentence.
- The word '**immune**' means 'resistant' and makes no sense here.

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

166. C

- Sol.
- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader. Sentence P introduces the subject of the Ebola virus disease, so it will be the first sentence of the sequence.
  - Sentence R discusses what causes this disease
  - How this disease gets its name is further discussed in Q.
  - Sentence S discusses the view of researchers over Ebola Virus Disease and concludes the paragraph.

Thus, the correct order is **PRQS**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Ebola virus disease, also referred to as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is a severe and often fatal disease in humans and nonhuman primates such as monkeys, chimpanzees, and gorillas. It is caused by the Ebola virus. And it is named after a river in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) in Africa where it was first recognized. Researchers think wild animals transmit the Ebola virus to people, and the Ebola virus spreads in the human population through human-to-human contact.**

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

167. A

- Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **imperative sentence**. The sentence is in **past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Verb (V1 form) + Object.**

Passive Voice (for order/command): **Let + Object + be + Verb (V3 form).**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Let all the doors and windows be shut in the night.**

PS: Another possible passive structures of imperative sentence:

1. For Advice/Moral Suggestion: **Object + should be + Verb (V3 form)**

**All the doors and windows should be shut in the night.**

2. For order: **You are ordered + to + V1 + Object**

**You are ordered to shut all the doors and windows in the night.**

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

168. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- After the auxiliary verb 'are', an adjective is needed.
- 'Committed' is an adjective, so, it should be used in place of verb 'commit'.
- Also, either it should be vocations or a vocation.
- Only first option that is appropriate i.e. 'a vocation' has been used in it.
- And, here, 'that' will be used as 'that' is used to point out something.
- Thus, '**committed not to live with a vocation that**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be :- **Aware that great violence and injustice have been done to our environment and society, we are committed not to live with a vocation that is harmful to humans and nature.**

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

169. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- For the noun ‘woman’, we need the pronoun ‘she’ (not “he”).
- And as the manager is specific, i.e. the one who fired her, we will use the definite article ‘the’ before the noun ‘manager’.
- The use of the preposition ‘of’ is appropriate here.
- Thus, ‘she accused the manager of being’ is the most suited one.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **When the woman was fired, she accused the manager of being malicious towards her.**

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

170. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- When a sentence starts with a negative adverb like “never”, we use inversion (i.e. a verb before a subject).
- Thus, put “has” before “India” to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Never in its history has India witnessed such a high degree of cooperative federalism.**

171. D

- Sol.
- Sentence S should follow the sentence S1 as it further tells about a big garden with an old apple tree that the man had.
  - Sentence P should be the next sentence as it tells that the farmer used to play with the apple tree when he was a little boy.

- Sentence Q should follow next since it describes the apple tree mentioned in the sentence P.
- Sentence R tells us what happened to the tree when it aged.

Thus, the correct order will be: **SPQR**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Once upon a time, there lived a farmer in a village, beside a forest. He had a big garden that had an old apple tree and other plants, trees and beautiful flowers. When the farmer was a little boy, he spent much of his time playing with the apple tree. Those days, the apple tree had given the choicest of apples to him. However, as time passed, the apple tree became old and stopped bearing fruits. Now that the farmer was not getting any apples from the tree, he decided that the tree was useless and cut it.**

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

172. C

Sol. The given sentence is in Direct Speech because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- We notice that the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said'). Hence, a change will be made in the tense of the reported speech.
- Also, in the given sentence, the children put forward the idea of joining a dance class.
- So, 'suggested' is the apt reporting verb here. We use the gerund form of the verb after 'suggested', hence, 'joining' is the correct verb.
- The mother said 'no' to the idea of joining the dance class i.e. she refused to the idea.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be "**The children suggested joining the dance class, but their mother refused**".

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

173. C

Sol. The phrase "broken reed" is used for something or someone that fails when relied on for support or help.

e.g. I'd counted on her to help, but she turned out to be a **broken reed**.

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

174. A

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

\* The underlined part needs correction in preposition and noun.

\* Usually we use preposition "into" with verb "transformation" to show the change in state. Here, the state of building has been changed into some useful purpose i.e. for a shelter. Thus, "into" should be used here.

\* "Onto" as a preposition shows the movement on to a particular place or situation. Thus, it is wrong to use it here.

\* Also, object of preposition should be a noun or a pronoun. But here, we have used verb form "sheltered" which is wrong. Thus, appropriate noun form i.e. "shelter" should be used. It means "the fact of having a place to live or stay".

**Note:** "Shelter" can be Noun or Verb depending on its usage in the sentence.

\* Hence, "**into a shelter**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **An unoccupied building has been transformed into a shelter for street dogs on the outskirts of the city.**

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

175. A

Sol. The suitable idiom is "**all at sea**" which means to be confused or unable to decide what to do.

Other idioms are:

A loan shark = Someone who lends people money and charges them an extremely high rate of interest.

A big fish = An important, successful, or influential person

A whale of a time = a great time

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

176. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The sentence is about two people and “letter” in option B is odd because it does not fit in the context.
- The word “latter” can fit here as it means “second” which is used to refer to King Emmanuel.
- Thus, replace “letter's” with “latter's” to make the sentence grammatically sound.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **He was particularly friendly with King Emmanuel of Portugal on account of the latter's missionary enterprises in Asia and Africa.**

177. B

Sol. **Puerility** = silly or childish.

**Acumen** = the ability to make good judgments and take quick decisions.

**Stupor** = lack of critical mental function.

**Sanity** = the ability to think and behave in a normal and rational manner.

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

178. D

Sol. This is an exclamatory sentence. The given sentence is in Direct Speech.

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- This is a type of exclamatory sentence that uses the Question word. Direct speech is converted to Indirect speech as per: Indirect speech: Conjunction (that) + Assertive Sentence

- Already, reporting verb (angrily remarked) is in accordance with feeling (angrily) of the exclamatory sentence. So, no change in reporting verb.
- After the reporting verb, we will write assertive sentence from the direct speech i.e. "that section had a pathetic working environment". **Note:** "This" is changed to "that" here in accordance with narration rules. In phrase "that that", the first "that" is acting like a conjunction and the second one is "that" which refers to "section".
- As the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('remarked'), the tense of the speech will change from the present tense (has: possessive verb) to the past tense (had: possessive verb).
- Also, "!" is removed in indirect speech.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech:

**The section officer angrily remarked that that section had a pathetic working environment.**

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

179. D

- Sol.
- Statement **C** is the right sentence to be continued after S1 and C must be followed by **B** which mentioned the teenagers with the pronoun "they".
  - **D** is the next sentence that must be followed by **A** which mentions Mohan angriness by referring to him with the pronoun "he".
  - Thus, the correct sequence is **CBDA**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **It was 6 o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Mohan was driving his car when suddenly two teenagers on a bike speeded ahead from behind him. They laughed at him as they overtook his car. Mohan swerved a little and applied the brakes in the nick of time. He was very angry with them for their recklessness. But since he was getting late for an important meeting at his office, he ignored the bike riders and drove ahead.**

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

180. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of interrogative tense. The tense of the given sentence is **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Who + Subject + verb (Ist form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **By + whom + Was/Were + Object + verb (IIIrd form).**

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **By whom was the cup broken?**

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

181. C

Sol. Let's understand the meanings of the given words:

Reckon = be of the opinion.

Temper = to make something less strong, extreme, etc

Tamper = interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.

Trifle = treat without seriousness or respect.

- The sentence asks us to not interfere with the rules of driving. We should strictly adhere to them. Thus, as per the context of the sentence, the verb "tamper" fits the blank appropriately.

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

182. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- If nouns or pronouns are joined by "with, together with, along with, as well as, in addition to, besides, like, unlike, rather than, and not" the verb is kept according to the first noun or pronoun.

See the below example:

*You as well as your sister were in the wrong.*

*He together with his friends is coming today.*

- Therefore, the use of "have" is incorrect in and it should be replaced with the singular "has" (for the singular subject "general").

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The General along with over 1000 officers and soldiers has surrendered to the Indian troops who are patrolling the valley.**

183. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- Inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be removed.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from the simple past and the simple present to the past perfect and the simple past respectively.
- "Here" will be changed to "there".
- The first person pronoun "we" will change according to the subject to "they".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **My sister said that they had gone to a mall that was ten kilometers from there.**

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

184. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice. The tense of the given sentence is **past perfect tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **The last train had been missed by Joshi.**

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

185. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The correct use of preposition is 'on foot' instead of 'by foot'.
- 'On foot' shows to walk.
- **By** is used to show how something is done like 'how he goes to the office' i.e. 'by bicycle'.
- Thus, '**by bicycle or on foot**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be :- **My uncle goes to the office by bicycle or on foot.**

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

186. A

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

- An adjective is a word naming an attribute of a noun, so an adjective is needed in option a to qualify the noun "witness" but "pay" is not an adjective.
- It should be replaced by its past participle "paid" as it also behaves as an adjective.

- Thus, **replace 'pay' with 'paid'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The paid witness lied in the court.**

187. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the present perfect tense. It is in passive form.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + has/have + verb (IIIrd form) + object...

Passive: Object + has/have + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, the active voice of the given sentence would be: **They have transferred Anurag to Mumbai.**

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

188. A

Sol. The phrase “egg somebody on” means to encourage somebody to do something.

e.g. His friends kept **egging him on**, but Daniel refused to steal the watch.

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

189. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of interrogative tense. The tense of the given sentence is simple **past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Did + Subject + verb (1st form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Was/Were + Object + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice : **Were his**

**friends invited to the birthday party by him?**

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

190. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- We cannot use two participles together, i.e. "having" and "taking".
- We will use "taken", a V3 form after "having".
- "Having" + past participle means that the person(s) being referred to have done the action of the verb.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Having just taken a heavy lunch, she was not ready to have any fruit.**

191. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- "Beside" is a preposition that means nearby; at the side of whereas "besides" is an adverb and a preposition and means in addition to; as well and apart from.
- Here, "besides" is appropriate as many health benefits of Vitamin D are mentioned in the sentence.
- The use of "be" is erroneous and it should be replaced with "being" as we need a noun form here.
- Also, replace the preposition "in" with "for" after 'essential'.
- Thus, '**besides being essential for**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be : - **Besides being essential for bone health, Vitamin D is important in improving resistance to certain diseases and even fighting depression.**

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

192. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The use of conjunction 'but' is most appropriate here.
- 'But' is used to introduce an added statement, usually something that is different from what you have said before.
- We need an adverb for the given adjective 'successful' and it should be '**partially**'.
- Thus, '**but partially successful effort**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be :- **He made a desperate but partially successful effort to change the ghastly topic.**

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

193. C

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

**Comic** = causing or meant to cause laughter.

E.g. :- a comic actor/performance.

**Absurd** = wildly unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate.

**Amusing** = causing laughter and providing entertainment.

**Tragic** = causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.

E.g. :- His friends were deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic news of his death.

**Awkward** = causing difficulty; hard to do or deal with.

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

194. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- We need the base form of the verb after the preposition “to”.
- So, “extract” is the right verb here.
- Also, the sentence is in simple past tense and the subject “the operation” is singular, therefore, replace “were” with “was”.
- The phrasal verb “call off” means to **cancel or abandon**.
- Thus, '**to extract them was called off**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be :- **Rohan and one of his companions sheltered overnight in a cliff-face cave with rescue personnel after the operation to extract them was called off.**

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

195. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The adverb ‘so’ is incorrect.
- ‘So’ is similar to very (but a little stronger) and ‘too’ is used to describe a (negative) situation when something is over a limit.
- Thus, '**too tired to work**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence should be :- **She was too tired to work any longer.**

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

196. C

- Sol.
- The first sentence must introduce the subject matter of the paragraph to the reader.
  - Sentence **R** introduces the subject of 'traffic jam'.
  - Sentence **S** is a continuation of the previous sentence. It gives information about the government's negligence towards this problem.
  - Sentence **P** continuation of the previous sentence. It elaborates the point discussed in the previous sentence and says, the government has launched various new projects to boost the automobile industry.
  - Sentence **Q** mentions the reason for the same and also its effect on the cities. It concludes the paragraph.
  - Thus, the correct sequence is **RSPQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **The roads are choking with traffic and there is no space for expansion. But the government continues to encourage car manufacturers. A dozen new models are to hit our already overcrowded streets. In fact, a market-driven economy, blindly promoting car manufacture militates against the needs of conservation and the growth of cities.**

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

197. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The sentence implies that the subject made useful contacts while he was abroad.
- The preposition 'amid' means 'is surrounded by; in the middle of' while the preposition 'during' means 'for all of a given time interval'.
- We also need a noun after 'his'. Thus, replace "staying" with "stay".
- Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with 'during his stay' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **He made certain useful contacts during his stay abroad.**

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

198. B

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

**Succulent** = tender, juicy, and tasty.

E.g. :- There is a big piece of succulent steak.

**Torrid** = very hot and dry.

**Arid** = having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.

**Bare** = not clothed or covered.

**Luscious** = having a pleasingly rich, sweet taste.

E.g. :- He has a luscious ripe figs.

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

199. D

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The rules to change the given sentence into indirect speech are as follow:

- The reporting verb "said" will remain the same.
- Inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be used.
- 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 (Roshan) to "he".
- "Now" will change to "then".

Thus, the sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Roshan said that he worked in a corporate office which was then being shifted.**

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

200. A

Sol. **Treason** = the crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government.

**Frankness** = the quality of being open, honest, and direct in speech or writing.

**Fidelity** = loyalty.

**Allegiance** = loyalty and support for a ruler, country, group, or belief.

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