



SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II

English : Mock Test 10

Mock Test Questions & Solutions

Mock Test Solutions in English

Questions

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

Rajendra was a landlord. He had made a lot of money by cheating and ill-treating his labourers who worked in the fields. One day, a young man named Mani came to Rajendra, asking for work. Rajendra was pleasantly surprised. No one had ever wanted to work for him because of his reputation and here was someone walking right into his house! Mani's next few words surprised him even more. Mani said, "I will work for you for free. Only give me a place to sleep, two sets of clothes, and two square meals a day." Rajendra was beside himself with joy when he heard this and was about to agree, when Mani added, "I have only one condition: I will tell you the truth always, but one day in the year, will lie."

Rajendra, who lied happily every day of the year, agreed to his odd condition. So, Mani began working for him. He was a wonderful worker-hard-working and trustworthy. He was very honest and soon became Rajendra's, right-hand man. Because of Mani's hard work, Rajendra had an excellent harvest. He and his wife, Manda, decided to have a big feast to celebrate. They invited all their relatives and friends, from the village and outside as well. Everyone was looking forward to the delicious feast being planned. On the morning of the feast, Rajendra decided he would also give away some gifts to his relatives, just to show off. So, he set off for the market in his cart.

As soon as, he was out of sight, Mani went running to Manda. He wept running to Manda. He wept loudly and beat his chest. Then, he fell on the floor, sobbing, and announced, "The master is dead! The cart overturned on the road. Our master has been flattened like a chapatti!". As soon as Rajendra's wife and relatives heard this, they started wailing. Mani rushed out, saying he would bring back the body, while everyone started preparing for the last rites. Mani now went running to his master and said, "Master! Your wife is dead. A cobra bit her and she fell to the ground, as blue as the spring sky." Rajendra was stunned. What! His beloved Manda, his partner in all his schemes, was dead! He hurried home shouting her name. Manda too was weeping loudly, sitting in the courtyard. When she saw her husband run in, she stopped mid-wail and Rajendra too stood open-mouthed. Then, they fell into each other's arms, unable to believe their eyes.

As one, they turned to Mani. "What is the meaning of this, Mani?" his master angrily demanded. Mani smiled "Remember my condition, that I would lie once in the year? Well, I chose today. Do you see what

lies can do? Now, think what happens to the people whom you lie to every day of the year!" Saying this, he walked out, leaving behind a stunned and ashamed landlord.

Why did Mani want to work for Rajendra?

- A. Rajendra offered him food, clothing and shelter
 - B. To learn from Rajendra who was a successful businessman
 - C. To earn his trust so he could take over the business one day
 - D. He wanted to show Rajendra the error of his ways
2. Why did Rajendra shout at Mani one day?
- I. Mani had lied to Rajendra and his wife causing them to fight.
 - II. The feast had to be cancelled because Mani and Rajendra suffered huge losses.
 - III. He had embarrassed his wife and him in front of their friends and relatives.
- A. Only I
 - B. I and II
 - C. Only III
 - D. None of these
3. What was Rajendra's immediate reaction on hearing the news of his wife's death?
- A. He panicked because his wife was responsible for them being rich.
 - B. He ran home at once because he doubted Mani's honesty.
 - C. He was very upset and rushed home at once.
 - D. He wanted to make funeral arrangements.
4. Why did Rajendra go out on the day of the feast?
- A. He wanted to share his good fortune with his relatives.
 - B. He took gifts for his relatives who were not as well off as he was.
 - C. He wanted to boast about his prosperity to his relatives.
 - D. To purchase groceries required for the feast from the market.
5. The word "sobbing" used in the passage means
- A. to laugh loudly.
 - B. to cry noisily.
 - C. to move from one place to another.
 - D. to stay calm
6. Why did Rajendra accept Mani's condition?
- A. He did not value honesty.
 - B. He had no intention of letting Mani fulfill it.
 - C. He was an expert at detecting when people lied.
 - D. He knew how difficult it was to stop lying.
7. What prompted Rajendra and Manda to have a big feast?
- A. Mani's hard-working and trustworthy character.
 - B. Excellent harvest
 - C. Friendly and supportive attitude of their friends
 - D. None of the above

and relatives

8. Which of the following is true in the context of the passage?
- A. Rajendra was ashamed only because Mani had managed to trick him B. Mani had many friends who were cheated by Rajendra
- C. Rajendra was a miser because despite being wealthy he travelled by cart D. Mani was clever and a good actor
9. Which of the following can be said about Manda?
- I. She trusted Mani.
II. She started crying for Rajendra when she heard that her husband is dead.
III. She was dishonest.
- A. Only III B. I and II
C. II and III D. None of these
10. What opinion did Rajendra's workers have of him?
- A. He was generous for paying them and providing for their basic needs B. He was a cheat and he exploited them
C. He was a weak man who listened only to his wife D. He was unfair to his workers and paid each a different salary

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

There are many coaching _____ (1) out there _____ (2) end up on the bookshelf _____ (3) read. This book _____ (4) you from start to finish. A simple read that is bold and direct, _____ (5) and real, this book will change the way you _____ (6) with colleagues at work and family at home. If you want to read one book on coaching that will resonate with you quickly, _____ (7) this one. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read that immediately _____ (8) me to adopt new habits. I've read _____ (9) books on leadership and coaching over my career but _____ (10) brought it all together.

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

- A. institutes B. methods
C. books D. libraries

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

- A. who B. that

- C. these D. this
13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.
A. thoroughly B. completely
C. wholly D. half
14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4
A. engages B. settles
C. deviates D. repels
15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5
A. distinguishable B. relatable
C. dissimilar D. variable
16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6
A. agree B. discuss
C. communicate D. argument
17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7
A. discard B. choose
C. reject D. chase
18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8
A. discouraged B. convinced
C. inspired D. persuaded
19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9
A. limited B. countless
C. immense D. minimal
20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10
A. few B. little
C. the few D. the little
21. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

In the technological system of tomorrow-fast, fluid and self-regulating will deal with the flow of physical materials; men with the flow of information and insight. Machines will increasingly perform tasks. Machines and men both, instead of being concentrated in gigantic factories and factory cities, will be scattered

across the globe, linked together by amazingly sensitive, near-instantaneous communications. Human work will move out of the factory and mass office into the community and the home.

Machines will be synchronized, as some already are, to the billionth of a second man will be de-synchronized. The factory whistle will vanish. Even the clock, "the key machine of the modern industrial age" as Lewis Mumford called it a generation ago, will lose some of its power over humans, as distinct from purely technological affairs. Simultaneously, the organization needed to control technology will shift from bureaucracy to Ad-hocracy, from permanence to transience, and from a concern with the present to a focus on the future.

In such a world, the most valued attributes of the industrial age become handicaps. The technology of tomorrow requires not millions of lightly lettered men, ready to work in unison at endlessly repetitive jobs, it requires not men who take orders in unblinking fashion, aware that the price of bread is mechanical submission to authority, but men who can make critical Judgments, who can weave their way through novel environments, who are quick to spot new relationships in the rapidly changing reality. It requires men who, in CP. Snow's compelling terms, "have the future in their bones".

The technological system tomorrow will be marked by _____.

- A. de-humanization
- B. perfection
- C. automation
- D. unpredictability

22. The future man, according to this passage, must be _____.

- A. most adaptive and intelligent
- B. most capable of dealing the changing reality
- C. more concerned with the present than the future
- D. trained and obedient

23. Near-instantaneous communication may be regarded as a symbol of _____.

- A. anachronization
- B. mischronization
- C. desynchronization
- D. synchronization

24. If a person believes that the price of bread is mechanical submission to authority, he is _____.

- A. a believer in devotion to duty
- B. a believer in taking things for granted
- C. a believer in doing what he is told, right or wrong
- D. a believer in the honesty of machines

25. The type of society which the author has mentioned makes a plea for _____.

- A. a mind assimilative of modern scientific ideas.
- B. a critical mind having insight into future.
- C. a mind well-versed in cultural heritage.
- D. a mind with firm principles of life.

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

India's family-planning program relies primarily on female sterilization, _____ (1) accounts for over 75% of overall modern contraceptive use in the country. Until _____ (2) adverse SC verdict in 2016, policy push on this included sterilization camps where women got cash incentives for "the operation".

_____ (3) contrast male sterilization is at negligible levels. _____ (4) being safer, quicker, and easier it remains severely inhibited by social taboos and myths. Lately _____ (5) family planning initiatives are being revamped to increase male involvement – because shared responsibility in contraceptive use is healthier than the idea that it is a woman's responsibility to avoid getting pregnant.

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

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| A. which | B. who |
| C. whom | D. by |

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

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| A. a | B. an |
| C. the | D. then |

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

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| A. With | B. By |
| C. On | D. To |

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

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| A. Despite | B. In spite |
| C. Despite of | D. Instead of |

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

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| A. moreover | B. though |
| C. however | D. the |

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

Once a rich merchant presented a beautiful cat to the Emperor of China. Eventually, the emperor became fond of the animal and took it with him wherever he went. Everywhere, people kept asking the emperor, what was the cat's name and everyone was surprised, when told, that it had no name. As time progressed, the emperor realized that the cat should have a name thus he decided to find a suitable name for his pet. He called his ministers, the seven wisest men in his empire, and commanded them to find a suitable name within seven days. The ministers were warned that if they do not succeed in finding a

name by the end of seven days, they will be punished. Also, the minister whose suggestion is accepted will receive hundred gold pieces.

The ministers did a lot of research on names that would suit the emperor's favorite pet. At the end of this period, they were summoned to the palace again and asked for their suggestions. The youngest of the group thought he had found the perfect name 'Tiger', he announced proudly, "Your majesty, as all know tigers are powerful animals, it will be the best name for your pet cat. 'Good name', said the emperor, after a moment of reflection. "The tiger is not only a noble and powerful beast but it is also known as the cat's cousin," added the emperor.

"Noble, perhaps", said the second minister, "but it is not as powerful as the dragon. Can a tiger soar into the sky? No, but a dragon can! I think Dragon would be a more suitable name for the cat." As the emperor was contemplating the name Dragon, the third minister said, "Clouds can go higher than dragons. A cloud is more powerful than a dragon. Let's call it Cloud". "Let's not be hasty," advised the fourth wise man.

"Clouds may fly high but they are pushed around by winds. Winds are more powerful than clouds. 'Wind' would be the most appropriate name for a great emperor's pet."

The emperor was still not satisfied with the suggestions. "Wind?" said the emperor, doubtfully. "Isn't there anything better?" The fifth wise man took his opportunity to give his suggestion. "Brick wall!", he exclaimed. "Why should I name my cat Brick wall?", asked the emperor with astonishment as it was the most unusual name he had heard till now. "A brick wall can stop the wind, however powerful," explained the fifth minister. "A brick wall is more powerful than the wind! "Oh, I see", said the emperor, "Well, Brick wall is not a bad name. But isn't it a bit long?" "I have a shorter name," said the sixth minister. "RAT".

Everyone started laughing at the suggestion. "So you suggest that I must call my cat RAT ?" The sixth minister replied, "yes, Your Majesty, RAT! A rat can eat through a brick wall, which makes it more powerful than the wall, more powerful than the wind, more powerful than all the suggestions given to you." "I get your point," interrupted the emperor, "but can you call a cat, RAT?"

Indeed you can't pipe up the seventh wise man who was the eldest among all seven. "A cat is a cat. How can one call a cat Rat? Also if a rat is more powerful than the others, the cat is even more so because it is mightier than the rat." The emperor was impressed with the seventh minister's suggestion and decided to accept it. So the royal pet remained nameless in a way because from then on it was simply called Cat. But the minister who suggested this name was rewarded as promised. Why did people get surprised wherever the emperor went?

- A. because the emperor had a nameless cat
- B. because the emperor took his cat wherever he went
- C. because the emperor's cat was crazy
- D. because the emperor got a cat as a present

32. What made the emperor realise that he should give a name to his pet cat?
- A. all cats had a name except his pet cat B. everyone laughed at his cat for being nameless
- C. everyone asked his cat's name wherever he took it D. the cat requested that it should be named
33. Why did the emperor not want to name his cat Brick wall?
- A. he did not like brick walls B. brick walls are rough and hard but cat are not
- C. brick wall is very long name D. he already had a pet called Brick wall
34. What command did the Emperor give to his seven wise ministers?
- I. To find a name for his pet cat.
II. To find the name in a span of 7 days.
III. To find his pet cat.
- A. Only I B. I and II
C. Only II D. Only III
35. Why was the cat named CAT at last?
- I. The seventh minister proved that a cat is greater than all other names that were suggested.
II. The emperor was impressed with the seventh minister's suggestion.
III. It was a unique name and the emperor had never heard anything like that.
- A. I and II B. Only I
C. Only II D. All of these
36. What would be an appropriate name for the passage?
- A. the emperor B. the cat
C. the wise minister D. a cat named Cat
37. Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?
- I. Dragons can blow the clouds away.
II. Winds can blow the clouds away.
III. Brick walls can stop the winds.
- A. I and II B. II and III
C. Only I D. Only II
38. According to the second minister, why was the name Dragon better than the name Tiger?
- A. because the second minister liked dragons more B. because dragons are more ferocious than tigers

than tigers

- C. because a dragon's tail is always longer than the tiger's
- D. because dragons can soar high in the sky while tigers cannot

39. What reason did the first minister give for his suggestion?

- A. tigers are powerful creatures
- B. tigers are the most dangerous of all creatures
- C. tigers resemble cats
- D. tigers sound royal and majestic

40. Why did everyone start laughing at the sixth minister's suggestion?

- A. he suggested that the cat be named Cat
- B. everyone found the suggested name funny
- C. (A) and (B)
- D. he suggested that the cat was better off without a name

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

The Law Commission's consultation paper on (1) _____ of family laws is a progressive document that avoids the advocacy of a uniform civil code merely for the sake of uniformity. Instead, it adopts an approach that would (2) _____ movement towards establishing a body of civil law that promotes equality within the law governing each community. In other words, it advocates the removal of (3) _____ provisions in the law relating to aspects such as marriage, divorce, succession and adoption in all religions — and the adoption of certain universal principles that would address gender bias and other forms of existing discrimination. A simple way of moving towards a common marriage law is to make 18 the marriageable age for all communities and genders. When the age of majority and the age of voting, among other indicators of adulthood, stand at 18, there is no reason for (4) _____ treatment on this score. The Commission rightly points out that the present age of 21 for men merely(5) _____ the stereotype that the wife should be younger.

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

- A. uncertain
- B. forfeit
- C. impair
- D. reform

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

- A. facilitate
- B. impede
- C. obstruct
- D. sedate

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

- A. progressive
- B. subtle
- C. compliant
- D. discriminatory

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

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| A. coequal | B. differential |
| C. unvarying | D. homogenous |

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

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| A. negates | B. discards |
| C. affirms | D. declares |

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

The Treaty of Trianon was signed by the two opposite sides involved in World War - I, after the Allies won it. It was a peace agreement that declared the war to have officially ended. The treaty was dictated by the Allies rather than negotiated and the Hungarians had no option but to accept its terms. The Hungarian delegation signed the treaty while **picketing** on 4 June 1920 at the Grand Trianon Palace in Versailles, France. The treaty was registered in the *League of Nations Treaty Series* on 24 August 1921, the organization established to ensure that a war of this scale would never ever happen again. It was joined by 63 nations in its tenure, including all the major countries involved in the war.

As per the treaty, Hungary lost 72% of its land area, along with 64% of its population living on it. The treaty limited Hungary's army to 35,000 officers and men, while the Austro-Hungarian Navy ceased to exist. The modern boundaries of Hungary are the same as those defined by the Treaty of Trianon, with some minor modifications up to 1924 and the notable exception of three villages that were transferred to Czechoslovakia in 1947.

League of Nations failed terribly and World War - II saw the Super Powers come down again to the battlefield. The Allied forces fought against The Axis Powers, which included Germany, Japan, Italy, and of course Hungary. Reluctant the United States of America, which did not want to join world war-II after the great depression which had followed "the war to end all wars", joined the Allied powers when Japan attacked its Naval base, and as a closure, the USA at the end of the war dropped two atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, cities of Japan. The end of World war - II saw the emergence of the "United Nations", a counterpart of the League of Nations, following the "Paris peace treaty". As per the passage, what can be concluded about the 'League of Nations'?

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| A. An Organization formed to decide the punishments of the Axis powers. | B. An organization formed to ensure world Peace. |
| C. An organization made to celebrate victory of Allied powers over the Axis. | D. An organization consisting of just the nations which won the first world war. |

47. "War to end all wars" was the name of which war?

- A. World war - I B. World war - II
C. Cold war D. Hundred years war
48. Which treaty officially declared World War - II to be over?
A. The Treaty of Trianon B. Treaty of reciprocal assistance
C. The Paris peace treaty D. The Peace of Westphalia
49. Which of the following is closed to the word “picketing”?
A. Pick-pocketing B. Demurring
C. Packaging D. Fracking
50. Why did the United States of America join World War II, even though it was reluctant to do the same in the beginning?
A. Germany was threatening to be a superpower. B. To invade Iraq and overthrow Iraqi Ba'athist government.
C. Japan attacked their naval Base. D. Test their nuclear bombs.
51. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

The _____ (1) of laws of attraction are known to many. Of late, many people have begun to _____ (2) cosmic energy and spirituality, but are still unable to benefit fully as the _____ (3) is not easy. It requires _____ (4) of old belief systems and refilling of new energy and beliefs. Our lives move on our existing belief systems and these very belief systems _____ (5) various blocks in the flow of money in our lives.

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

- A. examples B. principles
C. philosophies D. ideas

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

- A. understand B. learn
C. predict D. observe

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

- A. work B. consequence
C. practice D. objective

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

- A. befouling B. cleansing

C. thinking

D. examining

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

A. cause

B. change

C. diminish

D. adjust

56. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'.** Electronic institutions identifies a set of norms which the agents should adhere to when they participate in a particular competition.

A. identifies a set of norms that

B. identify a set of norms that

C. identify a set of norms which

D. No Improvement

57. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** The signature crown of Empress Earth was designed by Pesha Creations worth \$3,000.

A. Pesha Creations designs the signature crown of Empress Earth worth \$3,000. B. The signature crown of Empress Earth is designed by Pesha Creations worth \$3,000.

C. Pesha Creations designed the signature crown of Empress Earth worth \$3,000. D. Pesha Creations has designed the signature crown of Empress Earth worth \$3,000.

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

He said, "How lovely the scene is!"

A. He exclaimed that the scene is very lovely. B. He exclaimed that how the scene was lovely.

C. He exclaimed that the scene was very lovely. D. He exclaimed that the scene is indeed lovely.

59. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** The Department has _____ a complaint against Mr. Bakshi.

A. expressed

B. registered

C. informed

D. noted

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

Soldiers who fight on horseback

A. infantry

B. artillery

C. cavalry

D. armored

61. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'.** My mother was anxious about my father's health and I was so.

- A. so was I B. I too was
C. was I too D. No improvement

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

During the staff meeting, there was a lot of ruckuses since many didn't _____ with the authorities.

- A. move up in the world B. put their foot down
C. see eye to eye D. put their best foot forward

63. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The actor has called out Bollywood for not recognising its flaws as an industry.

- A. The actor has been called out by Bollywood for not recognising its flaws as an industry. B. Bollywood has been called out by the actor for not recognising its flaws as an industry.
C. Bollywood is been called out by the actor for not recognising its flaws as an industry. D. Bollywood has called out by the actor for not recognising its flaws as an industry.

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

I've got a lot of work to do, but I can't seem to get down to it.

- A. yet I can't seems to B. but I can't seeming to
C. and I can't seems to D. No Improvement

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

"I came home last night", said Rajesh.

- A. Rajesh told that he had come home last night. B. Rajesh said that he came home last night.
C. Rajesh said that he had come home the previous night. D. Rajesh says that he came home the previous night.

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

When your in doubt about your best friend's loyalty you can't help being disappointed.

- A. when your in doubt B. about your best friend's
C. loyalty you can't help D. No Error

67. Select the most appropriate 'one word' for the expressions given below.

Branch of physics dealing with very low temperature

- A. cryogenics B. thermodynamics

C. mechanics

D. optics

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

We will not allow them to run away.

A. They will not be allowed to run away.

B. They would not be allowed to run away.

C. They are not allowed to run away.

D. They were not allowed to run away.

69. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. He _____ from the crowd because of his height.

A. stood out

B. stood by

C. stood off

D. stood up

70. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. REBATE

A. deduction

B. bonus

C. increase

D. remission

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

I had to stop all my work to complete this project.

A. All my work had to be stopped to complete this project by me.

B. For completing this project all other work must be stopped.

C. For completing this project I had to stop all my work.

D. To complete this project all other work had been stopped by me.

72. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. It will also assess the preparation for the upcoming SCO Council of Heads of States in Dushanbe.

Q. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will visit Tajikistan.

R. The meeting will discuss the achievements of the organization.

S. During his two-day visit, the EAM will take part in the meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers.

A. SQRP

B. SRQP

C. QSRP

D. PQRS

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

The board read accepted the suggestions of the tribunal.

- A. No Improvement
- C. prompt accepted the

- B. voluntarily accepted the
- D. readily accepted the

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

She drives a red truck that was originally own by her grandfather.

- A. She drives a
- C. own by her

- B. that was
- D. No error

75. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Today, fans queues for the concert tickets since early morning.

- A. has queued up
- C. have been queueing up

- B. have had queued
- D. No improvement

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

"I will unlock the secrets of their success," he said.

- A. He said that he shall unlock the secrets of their success.
- C. He said that he would unlock the secrets of their success.

- B. He said that he should unlock the secrets of their success.
- D. He said that he will unlock the secrets of their success.

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

The judge said, "She must deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by next week."

- A. The judge asked she to deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by next week.
- C. The judge said that she would have to deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by the following week.

- B. The judge said that she must deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by next week.
- D. The judge said that she had to deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by next week.

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

The speaker said, "Let your dreams be bigger than your fears and your actions be louder than your words."

- A. The speaker said that your dreams should be bigger than your fears and your actions could be louder than your words.

- B. The speaker said that your dreams could be bigger than your fears and your actions should be louder than your words.

- C. The speaker said that your dreams should be bigger than your fears and your actions should be louder than your words.
- D. The speaker said that your dreams will be bigger than your fears and your actions will be louder than your words.

79. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- A. perseverance
- C. reference
- B. possession
- D. restaurant

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

The tiger caught a fox.

- A. A fox has been caught by the tiger.
- C. A fox is caught by the tiger.
- B. A fox was caught by the tiger.
- D. A fox had been caught by the tiger.

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

As with people, some monkeys are lazy, like those who sleep all day in the zoo, and some were industrious.

- A. who sleep all day in the
- C. zoo, and some were industrious
- B. monkeys are lazy, like those
- D. as with people, some

82. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. They took the scenery route on the way home.

- A. They took
- C. the way home
- B. scenery route
- D. No error

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

He said, "What a lovely voice she has!"

- A. He exclaimed that she had a very lovely voice.
- C. He exclaimed that she did not have a lovely voice.
- B. He exclaimed that she has a very lovely voice.
- D. He praised her lovely voice.

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

I saw a beautiful and gorgeous girl a couple of times since may.

- A. i saw a beautiful
- C. since may
- B. a couple of times
- D. and gorgeous girl

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

sentence.

People avoid crowded buses.

- A. People avoid the buses that are crowded. B. Crowded buses have been avoided by people.
C. People are avoided by crowded buses. D. Crowded buses are avoided by people.

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

Experts who scientifically study insects

- A. gerontologists B. pathologists
C. entomologists D. ornithologists

87. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. We searched all the backup tapes, trying to find the missing files, but we knew we were grasping at straws.

- A. yet we knew we was B. and we knew we will
C. but we know we were D. No improvement

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

- A. It was tossed high on the waves.
B. A violent storm rocked the sea.
C. The helpless people aboard the ship plunged into the sea.
D. Fierce winds struck a sailing ship.
- A. BDCA B. DABC
C. DCBA D. BDAC

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

She said, "You can leave the books here."

- A. She said that they can leave the books there. B. She said that they could leave the books there.
C. She said that they can leave the books here. D. She said that they could leave the books here.

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

We had to wait a rather long time before our office bus arrived.

- A. We had to wait
- B. a rather long time
- C. before our office bus arrived
- D. No error

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

She said she liked my hair, but it turned out to be _____ when she asked how long I'd been dyeing it.

- A. a feather in one's cap
- B. crocodile tears
- C. close shave
- D. a left-handed compliment

92. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha recently shared a photo in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra.

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| A. A photo is recently shared by the actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra. | B. A photo was recently shared by the actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra. |
| C. A photo recently shared by the actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra. | D. A photo has been recently shared by the actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra. |

93. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given phrase.

- A nig-nog
- A. watchful
- B. very old
- C. a fool
- D. rich

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

- The medical operation of cutting the tubes through which a man's sperm move
- A. dichotomy
 - B. tubectomy
 - C. vasectomy
 - D. lithotomy

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

P) In 2008, SpaceX's Falcon 1 became the first privately developed liquid-fuel launch vehicle to orbit the Earth.

Q) Founded in 2002, SpaceX's mission is to enable humans to become a spacefaring civilization and a

multi-planet species by building a self-sustaining city on Mars.

R) Elon Musk leads Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX), where he oversees the development and manufacturing of advanced rockets and spacecraft for missions to and beyond Earth orbit.

S) Following that milestone, NASA awarded SpaceX with contracts to carry cargo and crew to the International Space Station (ISS).

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

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

One who possesses many talents

- A. exceptional
- B. gifted
- C. nubile
- D. versatile

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

We must now deal with these problems.

- A. These problems must now be dealt with by us.
- B. These problems must now be dealing with by us.
- C. These problems must now deal with by us.
- D. These problems are to be deal with by us.

98. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The artwork was acquired from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata by the officials.

- A. The officials acquire the artwork from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata.
- B. The officials had acquired the artwork from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata.
- C. The officials were acquiring the artwork from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata.
- D. The officials acquired the artwork from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata.

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

The servant will execute all orders promptly.

- A. All orders will have to be executed promptly by the servant.
- B. All orders would be executed promptly by the servant.

- C. All orders should be executed promptly by the servant.
D. All orders will be executed promptly by the servant.

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

- A. pursue
B. ignore
C. create
D. fail

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

Chinmaya said to Sahil, "Did you want to talk with me?"

- A. Chinmaya asked Sahil if he had wanted to talk with him.
B. Chimmaya asked Sahil if he wanted to talk with him.
C. Chinmaya wanted to know that if Sahil wanted to talk with him.
D. Chinmaya told Sahil had he wanted to talk with him.

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

They acted on the story so well that everyone had tears in their eyes when it got over.

- A. acted upon the story so well
B. acted out the story so well
C. acted up the story so well
D. No Improvement

103. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. You may try but she is too _____ to fall for your trick.**

- A. brilliance
B. intelligent
C. lazy
D. charismatic

104. **Given below are six sentences A-F, of which A and F are static and B-E have been jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order of the jumbled sentences.** A. The NIA special court, pronounced judgment in a Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) case.

- B. It is an incident in Kolkata on Saturday, September 5, 2020.
C. Two smugglers have been sentenced to four years of imprisonment.
D. Also a fine of Rs. 3,000 was imposed on them.
E. Earlier in 2017, fake currency notes were recovered from the possession of accused persons.

F. The face values of these fake currency notes were Rs 2,00,000 and Rs 1,90,000.

- A. DCBE
- B. EBDC
- C. CEBD
- D. BCDE

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

P. Examples of such diseases include cholera, common cold, chicken pox and tuberculosis.

Q. Microbial diseases that can spread from an infected person to a healthy person through air, water, food or physical contact are called communicable diseases.

R. They can also get transmitted by direct contact with an infected person or carried by an animal.

S. Pathogens enter our body through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the food we eat.

- A. PQRS
- B. SRQP
- C. PQSR
- D. RPQS

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

In exactly the same words as were used originally

- A. verbatim
- B. offbeat
- C. divergent
- D. contrary

107. Given below are six sentences A-F, of which A and F are static and B-E have been jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order of the jumbled sentences.

A. The precursors of the short story were some other genres.

B. And later with the rise of the realistic novel, the short story evolved in a parallel tradition.

C. Then they were transmitted from one generation to another in that very oral form.

D. In the beginning they were present in various ancient communities across the world in oral form.

E. Namely, they are legends, mythic tales, folk tales, fairy tales, fables, and anecdotes.

F. Much later, printing technologies and periodical evolution contributed to short story publications.

- A. EDCB
- B. DCBE

C. CDBE

D. BDCE

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

I said to him, "Where have you lost the new pen?"

A. I asked him whose he has lost the new pen.

B. I asked him where he had lost the new pen.

C. I asked him where had he lost the new pen.

D. I asked him where did he lose the new pen.

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

Sania asked me if I could see her the next day.

A. Sania asked me, "Can she see me tomorrow?"

B. "Can you see her tomorrow?", Sania asked me.

C. Sania said to me, "Can you see me tomorrow?"

D. Sania said me, "Can you see me tomorrow?"

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

People interact more and more with technology, rather real people.

A. than

B. rather with

C. rather than

D. No improvement

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

A) Yes, first get us some fresh juice and some sandwiches.

B) May I take your order?

C) Not now, maybe a little later.

D) Sure. Would you like some coffee too?

A. CDBA

B. ABCD

C. BADC

D. BCDA

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

Character build should be an integral part of every aspect of schooling as it equips one to find long-term solutions to life's challenges.

A. Character build should be

B. one to find long-term

- C. every aspect of schooling D. No error

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

I do not agree _____ my colleagues in this matter.

- A. to B. of
C. with D. on

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

To slap with one's hand on a flat object

- A. to spank B. to clobber
C. to whip D. to flog

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

There is a fine line between being frugal and being a miser.

- A. there is a fine line B. between being frugal
C. and being a miser D. No Error

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

Too willing to obey other people

- A. subjugate B. subservient
C. sublimate D. subaltern

117. Given below are six sentences A-F, of which A and F are static and B-E have been jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order of the jumbled sentences. A. The Taj Mahal is now a UN World Heritage site.

B. It was built in 1632 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.

C. Built-in white marble on the banks of the river Yamuna, the monument raises the most tourist revenue in India.

D. The mausoleum is a symbol of love and a celebration of Mughal Architecture in India.

E. He made it in the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaj Mahal.

F. There is a record of at least 6.9 million visitors in 2018.

- A. CEBD B. DEBC
C. BEDC D. EBCD

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

If I were you I would surely follow your father's advice and complete the degree.

- A. If I was you B. Since I was you
C. Had me been you D. No improvement

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

"Call the witness", said the magistrate.

- A. The magistrate requested to call the witness. B. The magistrate begged for calling the witness.
C. The magistrate ordered to call the witness. D. The magistrate prayed to call the witness.

120. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- A. abundance B. acclaim
C. absense D. advertisement

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

Spain last week and Germany this week – he _____, doesn't he!

- A. gets in B. gets around
C. gets down to D. gets off

122. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has praised a sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik on Odisha's Puri beach.

- A. A sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has been praised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.
B. A sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik have been praised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.
C. A sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik had been praised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.
D. A sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik is being praised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.

Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach. Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.

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

P) It's a common symptom in people who have lung cancer.

Q) Dyspnea is the medical word for difficulty breathing.

R) Dyspnea happens when you have trouble moving air in and out of your lungs.

S) You can also have dyspnea if your lungs aren't getting enough oxygen.

A. RSPQ B. SPQR

C. QPRS D. PQRS

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

I peeked out the window to see who was their.

A. was their B. I peeked

C. to see D. No error

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

The police arrested 200 students on the University campus.

A. 200 students had been arrested on the University campus by the police. B. 200 students has been arrested by the police on the University campus.

C. 200 students were arrested by the police on the University campus. D. 200 students are arrested on the University campus by the police.

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

This is not caused by evil, _____ by simple ignorance.

A. but B. yet
C. for D. with

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

BRISTLE

- A. thorn
- B. tranquil
- C. friction
- D. sleek

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

The Chief Guest said, "It gives me great pleasure to be here this morning."

- A. The Chief Guest said that that gave me great pleasure to be there that morning.
- B. The Chief Guest said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that morning.
- C. The Chief Guest said that it gives him great pleasure to be here that morning.
- D. The Chief Guest said that it gives him great pleasure to be there that morning.

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

The country is now faced on the prospect of war.

- A. face with the
- B. faced with the
- C. face of the
- D. No improvement

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

He said to her, "Don't read so fast."

- A. He told her not read so fast.
- B. He advise her don't read so fast.
- C. He requested her not to read so fastly.
- D. He ordered her not to read so fast.

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

That summer, elections were held at many a places without any untoward incident.

- A. That summer
- B. many a places
- C. without any untoward
- D. No error

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

My mother said to me, "Do it at once".

- A. My mother said to me that you should do it at once.
- B. My mother ordered me to do that at once.
- C. My mother forbid me to do it once.
- D. My mother asks me to do it at once.

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

John said to James, "Have you come here just to see me, or are there some other reasons?"

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| A. John asked James if he had come there just to see him or there were some other reasons. | B. John asked James if he had come there just to see him or there are some other reasons. |
| C. John asked James if he has come there just see him or there were some other reasons. | D. John asked James that he had come here just to see him or there are some other reasons. |

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

P) Although there are genetic, behavioral, metabolic, and hormonal influences on body weight, obesity occurs when you take in more calories than you burn through exercise and normal daily activities.

Q) Obesity is a complex disease involving an excessive amount of body fat.

R) It is a medical problem that increases your risk of other diseases and health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and certain cancers.

S) Your body stores these excess calories as fat.

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| A. SPRQ | B. PQRS |
| C. PRQS | D. QRPS |

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

A. The officers are looking to reunite the dog with its owner.

B. Eventually, the police caught the Chihuahua.

C. A police officer on a motorcycle chased the dog.

D. A Chihuahua ran across California's San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

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| A. ABCD | B. DCBA |
| C. CDAB | D. DBCA |

136. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Do crows like to eat grain?

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| A. Is liking of grain eating done by crows? | B. Is eating grain liked by crows? |
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C. Are grain eating liked by crows ? D. Is grain eaten by crows and liked ?

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

My sister will write an application.

- A. An application would be wrote by my sister. B. An application will be wrote by my sister.
C. An application will be written by my sister. D. An application would written by my sister.

138. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. It is not yet clear whether the private investor have decided to proceed ahead with a formal bid for the budget airline.

- A. have decided to proceed B. has decided to proceed ahead
C. has decided to proceed D. No Improvement

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

"Have you done this sort of work before?" said his new employer.

- A. His new employer asked him whether he has done that sort of work before. B. His new employer asked him had he done that sort of work before.
C. His new employer asked him whether he had done that sort of work before. D. His new employer asked him whether he had done this sort of work before.

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

Radha said to Krishna, "Please play on the flute."

- A. Radha forbid Krishna to play on the flute. B. Radha requested Krishna to play on the flute.
C. Radha said pleased to Krishna to play on the flute. D. Radha told to Krishna about playing on the flute.

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

The smart lady could get along a lot and was never in time.

- A. get around a lot and B. get down a lot and
C. get at a lot and D. No Improvement

142. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. They are also found inside the bodies of animals including humans.

Q. Microorganisms may be single-celled like bacteria, some algae and protozoa, or multicellular, such as many algae and fungi.

R. Some microorganisms grow on other organisms while others exist freely.

S. They live in all types of environment, ranging from ice cold climate to hot springs; and deserts to marshy lands.

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| A. PQRS | B. SPQR |
| C. QSPR | D. PSRQ |

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

To lift or haul something heavy with great effort

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| A. heave | B. shrimp |
| C. wimp | D. runt |

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

He said to me, "Can you study hard to pass the examination?"

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| A. He asked me if I can study hard to passed the examination. | B. He asked me if I can study hard to pass the examination. |
| C. He asked me if I could study hard to pass the examination. | D. He asked me if I could study hard to have been passed the examination. |

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

Scarcely had I sat down to eat then the phone rang.

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| A. to eat than the | B. to eat while the |
| C. to eat when the | D. No Improvement |

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

She was overwhelmed with goodness on finding the letter.

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| A. overwhelmed on goodness | B. overwhelmed of goodness |
| C. overwhelmed in goodness | D. No Improvement |

147. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. LABYRINTH

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| A. maze | B. path |
| C. skyscraper | D. impasse |

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

He says, "Mohan will write a letter."

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| A. He says that Mohan will write a letter. | B. He says that Mohan would write a letter. |
| C. He said that Mohan will write a letter. | D. He says that Mohan will have written a letter. |

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

"Wow! What a handsome man he is!" the girls said.

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| A. The girls exclaimed that he was a very handsome man. | B. The girls exclaimed what a handsome man he was. |
| C. The girls said what a handsome man he was. | D. The girls called him a handsom man. |

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

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| Phobia of dogs | |
| A. orophobia | B. cynophobia |
| C. vatrachophobia | D. phemophobia |

151. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The larger version of the Statue of Liberty was given by France to the United States as a gift.

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| A. The larger version of the Statue of Liberty has been given by France to the United States as a gift. | B. France is given the larger version of the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift. |
| C. France gave the larger version of the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift. | D. France gives the larger version of the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift. |

152. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Criticism was direct on the manufacturers of the product.

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| A. was direct at | B. directed at |
| C. was directed against | D. No Improvement |

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

Ahmad will put on a note for your approval and necessary decision.

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| A. Ahmad will put on a | B. note for your |
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C. approval and

D. necessary decision

154. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** Sewage treatment plant (STP) plays a vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage.

A. A vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage was played by Sewage treatment plan (STP).

B. A vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage were played by Sewage treatment plan (STP).

C. A vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage is played by Sewage treatment plan (STP).

D. A vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage is being played by Sewage treatment plan (STP).

155. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** INCURSION

A. hurt

B. retreat

C. aggression

D. cut

156. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.**

Foot the bill

A. to get good discount on a total bill

B. to pay for something

C. to manipulate the bill

D. to avoid paying for little expenses

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

A. The other day we entered the city's only Jewish cemetery.

B. But then, it should not be a surprise.

C. We were astonished to discover how tiny it was.

D. Although Jewish people have lived in India for generations, they are one of the nation's tiniest minorities.

A. BCAD

B. ACBD

C. DCBA

D. ADBC

158. **In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.** The Government has decided to stop the export of diamonds because of the recently pass resolution.

A. to stop

B. recently pass resolution

- C. of diamonds
- D. No Error

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

She said to the girl, "Did you do this?"

- A. She asked the girl that she did that.
- B. She asked the girl if she did that.
- C. She asked the girl if she had done that.
- D. She told the girl that she had done that.

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

Eight people, _____ two children, were injured in the explosion.

- A. except
- B. against
- C. including
- D. without

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

The index contain entries for only those table rows that satisfy the predicate.

- A. for only those
- B. The index contain
- C. that satisfy the
- D. No error

162. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Long-term use of electronic devices can trigger a variety of eye problems.

- A. A variety of eye problems could be triggered by long-term use of electronic devices.
- B. A variety of eye problems will be triggered by long-term use of electronic devices.
- C. A variety of eye problems could trigger by long-term use of electronic devices.
- D. A variety of eye problems can be triggered by long-term use of electronic devices.

163. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. High prices are deterring much young people by buying houses.

- A. many young people from
- B. much young people from
- C. many young people by
- D. No Improvement

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

India, a country of more than 1 billion population, is emerged as the economic superpower of the world.

- A. India, a country of more than 1 billion
- B. population, is emerged as the
- C. economic superpower of the world
- D. No Error

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

Naren said, "Why are you still waiting here, Binod?"

- A. Naren asked Binod why he was still waiting there.
- B. Naren asked Binod that why he was still waiting there.
- C. Naren asked Binod why he is still waiting there.
- D. Naren asked Binod that why you were still waiting there.

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

P) For a water-air surface the critical angle is 48.5°.

Q) The phenomenon occurs if the angle of incidence is greater than a certain limiting angle, called the critical angle.

R) Total internal reflection is complete reflection of a ray of light within a medium such as water or glass from the surrounding surfaces back into the medium.

S) It takes place at the boundary between two transparent media when a ray of light in a medium of higher index of refraction approaches the other medium at an angle of incidence greater than the critical angle.

- A. PQRS
- B. PSQR
- C. SPRQ
- D. RQSP

167. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Ronak had filed a defamation suit against Krish for his libellous remarks.

- A. A defamation suit by Krish had been filed against Ronak for his libellous remarks.
- B. A defamation suit against Krish had been filed by Ronak for his libellous remarks.
- C. A defamation suit against Krish had filed by Ronak for his libellous remarks.
- D. A defamation suit against Krish was filed by Ronak for his libellous remarks.

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

This will explains the decision taken to impose a blockade on the country in the midst of a crisis.

- A. this will explains the decision taken
- B. to impose a blockade
- C. on the country in the midst of a crisis.
- D. No Error

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

To pay off old scores

- A. to take revenge
- B. to pay your debt
- C. to be punished
- D. to meet an old friend

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

One of my friend has gone to Canada.

- A. one of my friend
- B. has gone
- C. to Canada
- D. No Error

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

P. Pathogens stick to their bodies and when they sit on uncovered food they may transfer the pathogens.

Q. There are some insects and animals which act as carriers of disease-causing microbes.

R. The flies sit on the garbage and animal excreta.

S. Housefly is one such carrier.

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

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

AGGRAVATE

- A. abbreviate
- B. alleviate
- C. advocate
- D. appreciate

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

He performed his symphony for the first time last week.

- A. His symphony was performed for the first time last week.
- B. His symphony will be performed for the first time last week.
- C. His symphony had performed for the first time last week.
- D. His symphony had been performed for the first time last week.

174. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The debate about equality is highly affected for

chauvinism from both genders.

- A. high and affected for
- B. highly affected by
- C. high affected by
- D. No improvement

175. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the sentence.

After the public meeting, the crowd **went haywire**.

- A. were in jubilation
- B. protested
- C. became out of control
- D. left the venue

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

A symbol that serves as an emblem of a group of people

- A. obelisk
- B. minaret
- C. mast
- D. totem

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

Priyamani plays the role of Suchitra with a very convincing air.

- A. The role of Suchitra is played by Priyamani with a very convincing air.
- B. The role of Suchitra has been played by Priyamani with a very convincing air.
- C. The role of Suchitra played by Priyamani with a very convincing air.
- D. The role of Suchitra was played by Priyamani with a very convincing air.

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

Another baffling change that I notice in him nowadays is that he avoids to speak to me.

- A. Another baffling change
- B. that I notice in him now a days
- C. is that he avoids to speak to me
- D. No error

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

He said, "Babies, drink milk."

- A. He said that babies drink milk.
- B. He told that babies should drink milk.
- C. He advised the babies to drink milk.
- D. He said that babies drank milk.

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

The investor said, "Alas! it seems that the days of double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment are a thing of the past."

- A. The investor told sorrowfully that it seems the days of double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment were a thing of the past.
- B. The investor exclaimed sorrowfully that it seems the days of double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment are a thing of the past
- C. The investor exclaimed sorrowfully that it seemed the days of double-digit growth in online banking and double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment were a thing of the past.
- D. The investor said that that it seemed the days of the days of double-digit growth in online banking and double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment are a thing of the past

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

We have lost one of our finest writers, and one of the kindest and generous of women.

- A. and more generous of women
- B. and most generous of women
- C. and more generous between women
- D. No Improvement

182. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. She left muddy footprints on the clean floor.

- A. she left muddy
- B. the clean floor
- C. footprints on
- D. No Error

183. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. I'll do another course after I will finish these one.

- A. will finish this
- B. finish this
- C. finish these
- D. No Improvement

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

The captain said to his men, "Stand at ease."

- A. The captain urged his men to stand at ease.
- B. The captain wanted his men to stand at ease.
- C. The captain told his men that they should stand.
- D. The captain commanded his men to stand at ease

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

We should meet all our needs.

- A. Our needs should be met.
- B. All our needs are to be met by us.
- C. All our needs should be met by us.
- D. All of us should meet our needs.

186. Given below are six sentences A-F, of which A and F are static and B-E have been jumbled. Pick the option that gives the correct order of the jumbled sentences. A. It was a Thursday, but it felt like a Monday to John.

- B. He dismissed the old cliché of dreading Monday mornings.
 - C. And John loved Mondays and thrived at work.
 - D. He also refused to engage in empty conversations about the “Too short” weekend.
 - E. Because he got impatient on the weekends, and it was monotonous too.
 - F. Rather John liked his work and was unashamed to wait for the Monday.
- A. BCDE
 - B. CBDE
 - C. BDEC
 - D. EBCD

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

My brother, along with his friends, are going on a tour.

- A. My brother
- B. along with his friends
- C. are going on a tour
- D. No error

188. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the sentence.

The man **changed colours** when I questioned him on the allocation of funds.

- A. got numb
- B. turned happy
- C. turned sad
- D. turned pale

189. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- A. ferocious
- B. incremental
- C. alignment
- D. amenable

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

P) Pharmacovigilance is the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or any other drug-related problem.

Q) The goals of PV are to bolster patient safety concerning medicine use by providing a system to collect, assess, and distribute drug safety data.

R) PV activities involve monitoring approved drugs and investigational medicinal products (IMPs) to identify previously unknown adverse effects.

S) It also recognizes changes in the frequency or severity of known adverse effects.

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

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

To make light of

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| A. to bring light into life | B. to treat as unimportant |
| C. to make candles | D. to light a fire |

192. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. He said that the emergency services were working at full stretch today to cope up with the accident.

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| A. that day to cope | B. today to cope |
| C. that day to cope up | D. No Improvement |

193. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. A young girl and her little brother was seriously hurted when a car hit them.

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| A. was seriously hurt | B. were seriously hurt |
| C. were seriously hurted | D. No Improvement |

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

"Away!" He said to his colleagues, "Do not disturb me when I am working on an important file."

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| A. He asked his colleagues to go away and not to disturb me when I am working on an important file. | B. He asked his colleagues to go away and not to disturb me when he is working on an important file. |
| C. He asked his colleagues to not to disturb me when I am working on an important file and to go away. | D. He asked his colleagues to go away and not to disturb him when he was working on an important file. |

195. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. He stated farther that he feel honoured to be given such an exceptional opportunity.

- A. farther that he felt
- B. further that he feels
- C. further that he felt
- D. No Improvement

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

P. They are such hardy organisms that they can live under extreme conditions.

Q. They have been found living in boiling mud pots, extremely cold icy waters and in space too.

R. Bacteria have lived on the earth for much longer than human beings.

S. There is probably no environment in which bacteria cannot survive.

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

197. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. The atmospheric nitrogen cannot be taken directly by plants.

Q. Once nitrogen is converted into these usable compounds, it can be utilized by plants from the soil through their root system.

R. Certain bacteria and blue-green algae present in the soil fix nitrogen from the atmosphere and convert it into compounds of nitrogen.

S. It is then used for the synthesis of plant proteins and other compounds.

- A. SPQR
- B. PRQS
- C. SQPR
- D. SRPQ

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

P) The firm helps a small number of daring founders build legendary companies.

Q) Sequoia is a venture capital-focused on energy, financial, enterprise, healthcare, internet, and mobile startups.

R) It spurs them to push the boundaries of what's possible.

S) It was founded by Don Valentine in November 1972 and is based in Menlo Park, California.

- A. PQRS
- B. QSPR
- C. RSPQ
- D. QPSR

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

My son said to me, "I will not disappoint you."

- A. My son tells me that he will not disappoint me.
- B. My son tells me that he will not be disappointing me.
- C. My son told me that he would not disappoint me.
- D. My son had told me that he would not be disappointing me.

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

No sooner teacher had come than children left.

- A. come than
- B. no sooner teacher had
- C. children left
- D. No Error

Solutions

1. D

Sol. In the question, “want to work” means what was the ultimate motive of Mani to work for Rajendra. Question is not asking about the conditions laid down by Mani before doing the work. Ultimate motive is pretty clear in the end of the passage when they (husband and wife) questioned him (Mani) by saying “**what is the meaning of this**” and he replied with a “**smile**” that he **wanted to show the consequences of lying to somebody**.

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

2. C

Sol. **Sentence I is wrong** since there is **no mention of Rajendra and his wife fighting with each other** in the given paragraph.

Sentence II is wrong since the status of **feast being cancelled is not explicitly mentioned** in the given paragraph.

Sentence III is correct since question is asking about reason for shouting. Now, if you look at the sentence “**What is the meaning of this, Mani?**” his master angrily demanded.”

This sentence shows that “master” i.e. Rajendra asked the **question angrily**. This **unwarranted event of fake death** happened right in the middle of the feast **when all the relatives were present**. Hence, the **tone of the question and where it was asked** (i.e. in the feast among the relatives) confirms that they were embarrassed by Mani.

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

3. C

Sol. Question is asking about the immediate reaction. The words like “**what!**”, “**hurried**” shows that he was upset and headed to home in quickest way possible.

Option B is wrong since there is **no evidence** that he doubted **Mani's honesty**. In fact, he ran home in shock believing him (since Mani promised him to tell truth) that Manda is no more.

Option C is wrong since Rajendra thinking about his wife “partner in all his schemes” is not an immediate reaction.

Option D is wrong since no sentence or word shows that his urge to prepare for funeral arrangements. In fact, it was relatives who were geared up for it and that too for Rajendra not for Manda.

4. C

Sol. **Last three lines of 2nd paragraph** shows the motive of Rajendra going out on the day of feast i.e. in the morning. Relatives were invited for the feast **but Rajendra in the morning** decided to **give them gifts** as well. This was done **deliberately by him to brag about his prosperity**. The phrase “just to show off” confirms his motive.

Thus, **option C is best** among all given options.

5. B

Sol. **Sobbing** is a verb that means to cry noisily, taking sudden and short breaths. It is mentioned in the third paragraph.

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

6. C

Sol. In the paragraph, when Rajendra accepted Mani's conditions, there is a **clear description** of Rajendra being a **habitual liar**. This trait of Rajendra is clear from phrase: “**lied happily every day of the year**” mentioned in the paragraph. Also, further it is mentioned that **for him Mani's condition were odd**. So, from Rajendra point of view it is difficult to stop lying.

You must be wondering **why option A is not correct**. See there is **no direct connection of honesty and condition** being accepted in the paragraph.

Hence, the **best possible option is Option D**.

7. B

Sol. It is evident from the third paragraph that Rajendra and Manda had an “excellent harvest” due to efforts put in by Mani. They decided to celebrate this occasion by organising a big feast among their friends and relatives.

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

8. C

Sol. Rajendra being a wealthy is evident from the paragraph since he was a **landlord and amassed lot of wealth by false means** (deceit and ill treatment of labourers). Despite having lot of money, he chose cart while heading to the market.

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

9. B

Sol. It is clear from the paragraph that Manda started “**wailing**” and “**weeping loudly**” as soon he heard Mani. Also, she believed him to that extent that she along with the relatives **started preparing for the last rites** of Rajendra. This implies both I and II are correct.

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

10. B

Sol. First two lines of the paragraph explicitly mentions the nature of Rajendra. He was a **cheater**. He **ill-treated** his labourers.

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

11. C

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

- **Institutes**: an organization having a particular purpose.

- **Methods**: procedure/technique.

- **Library**: a room where books are kept.

- If we read further, we will find a line ‘**end up on the bookshelf**’.

- As we know, ‘books’ are stacked on the bookshelf, which means, the author is talking about the books.

- So, it is clearly defined that the correct usage is ‘**books**’.

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

12. B

- Sol.
 - **This/that:** "This" and "that" are a singular form used to indicate people, objects and situations.
 - "This" is used when the person or object is near to us and "that" is used when the person or object is farther from us.
 - **Who:** Who is used for people.
 - **These:** It is a plural form used to indicate people, objects and situations; it is used for the person or object near to us.
 - In the passage, the author says, '**many coaching books**'. But we can't point out them accurately and exactly, so we can say that they are 'distant'.
 - So, to indicate the meaning of 'distant', we use- '**that**'.

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

13. D

- Sol.
 - In the next line it is written "**from start to finish**" where the author has stressed that the present book will keep you absorbed in reading from the start to the end, rather than those books which you leave half-read.
 - The word "half" will fit the blank. Wholly, completely and thoroughly mean entirely; fully.

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

14. A

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

- **Settles:** accept or agree to/reach a decision about.
- **Deviates:** depart from an established course.

- **Repels:** resist mixing with.
 - **Engages:** to stay occupied/engrossed in something.
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- In the previous line, the author mentions the point that we leave some books half-read.
 - In the next line, he has mentioned the phrase “**from start to finish**”.
 - We do any task either from the start to the end or we stay engaged/occupied with it only till it serves the purpose that we are looking for.
 - So as per the context of the passage and meaning of the options, **option A** has the appropriate word for the blank.

15. B

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

- **Distinguishable/dissimilar:** clear enough to be recognized or identified.
 - **Variable:** not consistent or having a fixed pattern.
 - **Relatable:** able to be related to something else.
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- If we are reading something from start to finish, and if we find it bold, direct and real that simply means, it is solving most of our confusions, issues and dilemma as **we can relate** to whatever it is written or advised in the book.

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

16. C

Sol.

- With the members of our family and colleagues, we always try to take positive and polite approach while talking, so **argument** is not suitable as it conveys the negative meaning.
- **Discussion** is mainly a part of communication.

- **Agree** is also not appropriate, as we only agree with someone when we initiate the communication and get to know if their ideas actually match up with ours.
- So, **communicate** is fit to use here.

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

17. B

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

- **Discard/reject**: a thing rejected as no longer useful or desirable.
 - **Chase**: pursue in order to catch or catch up with.
 - **Choose**: to select one and the most appropriate from many
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- In the passage, the author stresses that if you can relate with the ideas of a book, then you should choose it and read it thoroughly.
 - So as per the context of the author, **option B** is the correct choice.

18. C

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

- **Discouraged**: having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened.
 - **Convinced**: completely certain about something.
 - **Inspired**: to be motivated/encouraged.
 - **Persuaded**: induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.
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- As per the passage, if the ‘book is enjoyable to read’, then we readily adopt its lesson and try to apply whatever positive is written in it in order to change ourselves for the better.

- Also, **we adopt new habits only if we are inspired by someone or something.**

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

19. B

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

- **Immense:** extremely large or great.
- **Limited:** restricted in size, amount, or extent.
- **Minimal:** of a minimum amount.
- **Countless:** too many to be counted, very many.
- In the given sentence the author has mentioned, “over my career” which implies that **he has read many books in his lifetime.**

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

20. A

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

- **Few:** hardly any. (with countable nouns) Eg: Since I am new to Delhi, I have few friends here.
- **The few:** not many but all that available/refers to the particular ones (with countable nouns) eg: I solved the few ques that are given in the test.
- **Little:** hardly any (with uncountable nouns) Eg: We have to go to the market, as there is little sugar left.
- **The little:** (with uncountable nouns) refers to the particular ones eg: The plants found in the desert are called xerophytes.

- At the start and the end of the passage, author has mentioned about the countless number of books that he has read over his career.
- Also, throughout the passage author talked about one particular book, that according to him, is very relatable, direct and real.
- This simply means that though he has read so many books, **he found few** (the book, about which the author talks about thoroughly in the passage) quite relatable.
- So as per the context 'few' suits here the best.

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

21. C

Sol. The whole passage talks about the involvement of machines into our lives, be it daily tasks performed by us or the tasks which are carried by human in factories. The **future will be of automation as most of our tasks will be carried by machines through automation**.

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

22. B

Sol. The passage talks about the changing reality when machines will be taking the place of human in most work areas. Human work will move out of the factory and the machines will replace them. This raises a concern towards the more adaptive role of a man in the coming future. The **future men must be most capable of dealing with the changing reality** as given in the following lines of the passage, "it requires not men who take orders in unblinking fashion, aware that the price of bread is mechanical submission to authority, but men who can make critical Judgments, who can weave their way through novel environments, who are quick to spot new relationships in the rapidly changing reality".

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

23. D

Sol. Near-instantaneous communication will be a feature of the new era machines as they will be **much synchronized doing an activity in a billionth of a second**.

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

24. C

Sol. The author uses the words lightly lettered for some kind of men. "Lettered" means educated or learned. The author says that the future technology does not require men who are learned to do whatever they are told. It requires men who can make critical Judgments, who are quick to spot new relationships in the rapidly changing reality.

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

25. B

Sol. The type of society which the author has mentioned makes a plea for a critical mind having insight into future as given in the following line of the passage, "It requires men who, in CP. Snow's compelling terms, "have the future in their bones".

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

26. A

Sol.

- Who and whom are used as pronouns and whom is used as an objective case while **which is a determiner and basically used to refer non-living things.**
- Here in this, '**which**' is the most appropriate option.

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

27. B

Sol.

- '**A and an**' are used as indefinite articles while '**the**' is used as the definite article.
- Here in the question, there is no definite reference to the case hence the use of a/an is valid.
- A is used before words starting with a consonant sound and an is used before words with a vowel sound, so **an will be used here.**

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

28. B

Sol.

- We use the preposition **In/by before contrast** i.e. in contrast to someone or by contrast with something.

- E.g. :-
 - i. In Contrast to his predecessor, Bush has little appetite for foreign travel.
 - ii. The technology sector is doing so badly, old economy stocks, by contrast, are performing well again.
- **Contrast** means an **obvious difference between two or more things**.
- Thus, '**by**' is the most suited one.

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

29. A

- Sol. ◦ '**Despite**' and '**in spite of**' have the same meaning i.e. **without being affected by**.
 - E.g. :- He remains a great leader despite age and infirmity.

- As the preposition 'of' is not given after the blank, we will go for 'despite'.
- Other options are irrelevant.

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

30. C

- Sol. ◦ '**However**' is used to introduce a statement that contrasts with or seems to contradict something that has been said previously.
 - While 'though' can be used to contrast ideas but though is a conjunction and its use here will be wrong.

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

31. A

- Sol. The Emperor of China used to take his CAT everywhere he used to go. People used to ask the name of

the CAT. However, **the emperor had not kept any name for his pet**. The people used to get surprised to know that the pet is nameless.

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

32. C

Sol. Wherever the emperor went, **people used to ask the name of his pet**. The emperor had no answer to this as he had not kept any name of the CAT. As time progressed, the king realized that he should name his CAT.

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

33. C

Sol. The emperor wanted **a short name for his pet** but the name "**Brick Wall**" was very long. So, the emperor did not want this name for his cat.

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

34. B

Sol. From the line of the passage, "**He called his ministers, the seven wisest men in his empire, and commanded them to find a suitable name within seven days**", it can be derived that only statements I and II are correct.

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

35. A

Sol. The name suggested by the sixth minister was "RAT". His logic behind this name was that it can eat through a brick wall, which makes it more powerful than the wall, more powerful than the wind, more powerful than all the previous suggestions given to the emperor. On this, **the seventh minister said that if the RAT is more powerful than all the previous suggestions, then the CAT is even more because it is mightier than the rat**. The emperor was impressed with the seventh minister's suggestion and decided to accept it. Therefore, statements I and II are correct.

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

36. D

Sol. The passage is all about the emperor's cat and how it was named. After all the suggestions from the ministers, the cat was named CAT. So, the most suitable title of the passage from the options is "**A cat named Cat**".

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

37. B

Sol. The first statement "Dragons can blow the clouds away" is incorrect. The correct statement given in the passage is "Clouds can go higher than dragons. A cloud is more powerful than a dragon."

As per the lines of the passage, "**Clouds may fly high but they are pushed around by winds. Winds are more powerful than clouds**", it is clear that statement II conveys the same meaning. So, it is correct.

The third statement is also correct as per the line "**A brick wall can stop the wind**" of the passage.

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

38. D

Sol. The second minister said that **a dragon is more powerful than a tiger because a tiger cannot soar into the sky but a dragon can**, so, the name dragon is better than tiger.

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

39. A

Sol. The first minister said that **the tigers are powerful animals**, so, it would be the best name for the cat.

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

40. B

Sol. When the emperor did not like the name "Brick Wall" due to its length, **the sixth minister suggested "RAT" as the short name**. Everyone started laughing at this because **it was quite funny to name a "CAT" a "RAT"**.

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

41. D

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

Forfeit = lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing

Impair = lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing

Reform = make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it

Uncertain = not knowing what to do or believe, or not able to decide about something

- The whole passage is talking about the changes required in family laws in India.
- Thus, the word "**reform**" fits in the context.

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

42. A

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

Facilitate = make (an action or process) easy or easier

Impede = delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them; hinder

Obstruct = to stop something from happening

Sedate = quite.

- The given sentence is talking about an easier approach that can bring positive changes in our society.
- Thus, the word "**facilitates**" fits in the context better than the rest of the words.

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

43. D

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

Progressive = using modern method and ideas

Subtle = delicate and precise

Compliant = working or done in agreement with particular rules

Discriminatory = unfair

- The tone of the passage is totally positive (the use of the word 'advocates').
- The word "removal" is used before the blank.
- So the blank requires a word that can be attached with the phrase **removal of** and makes a positive statement.
- Only the word "**discriminatory**" can do this.

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

44. B

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

Coequal = having the same rank or importance

Differential = of, showing, or depending on a difference; varying according to circumstances or relevant factors

Unvarying = not changing; constant or uniform

Homogenous = of the same kind; alike

- The passage is all about having uniformity of the law in society.
- But the sentence starts with "no reason". Thus, we need a word that can make this phrase fit into the context.
- The word "**differential**" can do this.

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

45. C

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

Negates = make ineffective

Discards = get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable

Affirms = offer (someone) emotional support or encouragement or support some argument

Declares = to announce something clearly, firmly, publicly, or officially

- The sentence talks about stereotypes around our society and the author gives an example of a law that supports the argument.
- Only "**affirms**" follows the context.

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

46. B

Sol. The passage mentions that 'The league of nations' consisted of all the nations which were involved in the world war; therefore, option D is wrong. The punishment was decided by the 'Treaty of Trianon', wherein the losing members never got a chance to negotiate the terms. Option C is contextually wrong. Further, as mentioned in the passage, **the league was made to ensure that no such calamity ever happens again.**

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

47. A

Sol. Observing its occurrence in the passage, it reads "**US was reluctant to join WW-II due to the great depression which had followed "the war to end all wars"**". As World war two was still going on, it can't be WW II. The cold war was between 1947–1991, which again does not fit the contextual time frame. Hundred years war was from 1337 to 1453, which again does not fit. **WW-I had led to "The great depression" in the 1930s, following World War - I.**

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

48. C

Sol. "Treaty of reciprocal assistance" was signed in Rio wherein the nations joining it accepted that if they attacked any one nation, it would be implying that it has attacked them all. "The Peace of Westphalia" officially ended the Thirty-Year War, fought in the 17th century. Hence, it can be eliminated too. "The treaty of Trianon" officially ended WW-I. Further, as mentioned in the passage, **the "Paris peace treaty" was signed after WW-II.**

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

49. B

Sol. Fracking is hydraulic fracturing. It is a technique in which a mixture of water and sand is forced down an oil well (or similar) in order to create fractures in the oil-bearing rock and thus release more oil. Packaging refers to the packing of certain goods or items. Pick-pocketing means doing pretty thievery. "**Picketing**" is an activity in which a worker or group of workers protest outside a building to prevent other workers from going inside. "**Demurring**" means to express disagreement or refuse to do something. They are close in meaning.

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

50. C

Sol. It is clear from these lines, "Reluctant the United States of America, which did not want to join world war-II after the great depression which had followed "the war to end all wars", joined the Allied powers when Japan attacked its Naval base, and as a closure, the USA at the end of the war dropped two atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, cities of Japan" that the only reason why the USA joined the WW II was **Japan attacking their naval Base.**

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

51. B

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

Principle = defined as a fundamental law or truth from which other laws are derived.

Philosophy = to the study of proper behaviour and the search for wisdom on a subject.

Idea = a thought or suggestion to a possible course of action and an example is something that is taken to show the character of the whole thing.

- The blank must contain something which is a definite truth because it is known and accepted by many people.

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

52. A

Sol. • "To understand" means to view or interpret something in a particular way.

- Learning cosmic energy and spirituality requires a lot of detailed study about it that only specialized people can do.
- They can't be predicted or observed either because they are pre-defined concepts.
- Cosmic energy and spirituality are something that can be understood.

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

53. C

Sol. • Practice means the actual application or use of an idea.

- The word in the blank must state **the application of the concept** which is very well stated as a principle.
- Work and objective can be eliminated because they relate to something which is still in progress or hasn't been concluded yet.
- Consequence or a result is something which should not be used with the adjective 'easy', rather 'bad', 'good' adjectives are better suited with the word consequence.

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

54. B

Sol. • Cleansing means to make something thoroughly clean or to free something.

- Befouling means making something dirty.

- Thinking and examining are related to considering things carefully.
- In order to refill one with new energy and beliefs, one has to get rid of the old belief system. Thus, the word "**vacating**" (leave something) is the best word for the blank.

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

55. A

Sol. • A cause defines a thing that gives rise to an action or condition.

- Change and adjust refer to settle or bring something to a satisfactory state.
- Diminish means to decrease.
- Here, the effects of belief systems in our lives are discussed.

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

56. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence violates the subject-verb agreement.
- According to subject-verb agreement, subjects and verbs must agree with one another in number (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.
- In the given sentence, **the subject (electronic institutions) is plural**. Hence, a plural verb should be used to maintain the subject-verb agreement.
- Therefore, 'identifies' should be replaced with '**identify**'.
- Also, '**which**' introduces non-defining clauses. Non-defining clauses (also called non-essential or non-restrictive clauses) don't limit the meaning of the sentence. You might lose interesting details if you remove them, but the meaning of the sentence wouldn't change.
- For example, my bike, which has a broken seat, is in the garage.

- However, in the given sentence, **a defining clause is used**. As the name suggests, defining clauses give essential information to define or identify the person or thing we are talking about.
- 'That' is used in defining clauses.
- For example, my bike that has a broken seat is in the garage.
- Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**identify a set of norms that**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be - **Electronic institutions identify a set of norms that the agents should adhere to when they participate in a particular competition.**

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

57. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form**. It is in the **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb (IInd form) + object...

Passive: Object + was/were + verb (IIId form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **Pesha Creations designed the signature crown of Empress Earth worth \$3,000.**

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

58. C

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech.

- The given sentence is an exclamatory sentence as confirmed by the use of the expression "**how lovely**".
- Such an expression is used to show that the degree of a certain event is noticeable due to its excessiveness.

- 'Said to' will be changed to 'exclaimed' in indirect speech.
- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and conjunction, 'that' will be used.
- So, to depict the same meaning, we convert the reported to "**the scene was very lovely**".
- Present tense will be changed to past tense.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **He exclaimed that the scene was very lovely.**

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

59. B

Sol. Let's understand the meanings of the given words:

Register = to put information, especially your name, into an official list or record

Express = convey (a thought or feeling) in words or by gestures and conduct.

Inform = give (someone) facts or information; tell.

Note = notice or pay particular attention to (something).

- For the noun "complaints", we use the verb "**register**".

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

60. C

Sol. **Cavalry** = soldiers who fight on horseback

Infantry = soldiers marching or fighting on foot

Artillery = very large guns that are moved on wheels or metal tracks

Armored = covered with a special material that protects against weapons

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

61. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- In conversational English, some small sentences start with “neither, nor and so” especially to inform that the second situation is exactly the same as the first one.
- In such sentences, **the verb is put before the subject** which is called inversion.

See some examples:

He went there. So did I.

He did not go there. Neither did I.

- So, as per this structure of inversion, the underlined part should be replaced with "**so was I**".

The correct sentence will be: **My mother was anxious about my father's health and so was I.**

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

62. C

Sol. The blank needs to be filled with an idiom and the most appropriate choice will be "**see eye to eye**" which means if two people see eye to eye, they agree with each other.

E.g. :- Though they work as a team, they often don't see eye to eye on most issues.

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

63. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active form**. It is in the **present perfect tense**.

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: **Bollywood has been called out by the actor for not recognizing its flaws as an industry.**

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

64. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct and there is no error.

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

65. C

Sol. This is a simple sentence. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in direct narration are removed in indirect narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb "said" changes to "told" in indirect speech if they are followed by an object. If not, they would remain same in indirect speech.
- The reporting verb (said) is in the V2 form; thus change the tense of the reported speech from **the simple past to the past perfect tense**.
- The first-person pronoun "I" will change according to the **subject "Rajesh" (to "he")**.
- "**Last night**" will change to "**previous night**".

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **Rajesh said that he had come home the previous night.**

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

66. A

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

- Here the use of the phrase 'when your in' is incorrect.
- 'Your' indicates belonging to or associated with the person or people that the speaker is addressing which is not the case with the sentence.
- The sentence talks about one specific person.
- The correct choice should be using 'you are'.
- Thus, **replace 'your in' with "you are in"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**When you are in doubt about your best friend's loyalty you can't help being disappointed.**'

67. A

Sol. **Cryogenics** = the branch of physics dealing with very low temperatures.

Thermodynamics = the branch of physical science that deals with the relations between heat and other forms of energy.

Mechanics = the branch of applied mathematics dealing with motion and forces producing motion.

Optics = the scientific study of sight and the behaviour of light, or the properties of transmission and deflection of other forms of radiation.

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

68. A

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

Let us understand the structures for active/passive voices for such sentences.

Active: **Subject + will/shall + not + verb (1st form) + object.**

Passive: **Object+ will/shall + not + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice: **They will not be allowed to run away (by us).**

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

69. A

Sol. Stand out = one that is prominent or conspicuous especially because of excellence.

Stand by = one to be relied on especially in emergencies.

Stand off = move or keep away.

Stand up = stiffened to stay upright without folding over.

- The person is **noticed by everyone** because of his height.
- Thus, the correct phrase is "**stood out**".

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

70. B

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

Rebate = an amount of money that is returned to you, especially by the government.

e.g. They use less power and most states will give you a tax rebate for the purchase.

Deduction = the action of deducting or subtracting something.

Bonus = a sum of money added to a person's wages as a reward for good performance.

e.g. Staff members were given a bonus for finishing the project on schedule.

Increase = to become or make greater in size, amount, or degree.

Remission = the cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty.

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

71. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active voice**.

The structure for such sentences are:-

Active Voice :- Subject + has/have/had + to + V1 + object.

Passive Voice :- Object + has/have/had + to + be + V3 + by + subject.

So, with the help of these structures, we can convert the given sentence in the passive voice as:- **All my work had to be stopped to complete this project by me.**

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

72. A

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Visit of External Affairs Minister**. Thus, **Q** will be the first sequence.

• **S** will be the next in the sequence as it gives detail of the “visit” introduced in sentence Q.

• **R** will be the next as it talks about what will be discussed in the meeting. And the noun “meeting” is briefly mentioned in sentence S. So, it’s better to put Sentence R after sentence S.

• **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it adds more details to what will be done at the “meeting”. The word “also” confirms adding more detail to what is mentioned in previous sentence R.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **QSRP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will visit Tajikistan. During his two day visit, the EAM will take part in the meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers. The meeting will discuss the achievements of the organization. It will also assess the preparation for the upcoming SCO Council of Heads of States in Dushanbe.**

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

73. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Voluntarily** = in a voluntary way (= done, made, or given willingly).
 - **Prompt** = to make something happen.
 - **Readily** = quickly, immediately, willingly, or without any problem.
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- The given sentence needs an adverb. The verb 'accept' will be modified by the adverb 'readily'.
 - An **adverb** is a word that describes or gives more information about a verb, adjective, adverb, or phrase.
 - E.g. :- In the phrase "she smiled cheerfully", the word "cheerfully" is an adverb.
 - Thus, '**readily accepted the**' is the most suited one.

The correct sentence will be :- **The board readily accepted the suggestions of the tribunal.**

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

74. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the verb 'own' in the sentence.

- The use of the auxiliary 'was' suggests that the verb following it should be in the **third form**.
- The second part of the sentence is in the **simple past** as it shows a past context (owning a red truck).

- Thus, replace "own" with "**owned**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **She drives a red truck that was originally owned by her grandfather.**

75. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The phrase 'since early morning' tells us that the sentence is in the perfect continuous tense.
- In this state, we either use "**has/have been**" for the present tense and "**had been**" for the past tense.
- The verb is kept in the -ing form (continuous).
- Since the subject 'fans' is plural, we will use the plural auxiliary '**have**'.
- Replace the underlined part with "**have been queueing up**".

The correct sentence will be: **Today, fans have been queueing up for the concert tickets since early morning.**

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

76. C

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

- The spoken sentence is a simple sentence.
- Since the reporting verb is in the V2 form, we'll change "**will**" to "**would**".
- Now, as per the pronoun rules, we do not change third-person pronouns in indirect speech and they remain the same.
- The first-person pronoun "**I**" will change according to the subject "**he**".

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **He said that he would unlock the secrets of their success.**

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

77. C

Sol. This is **an assertive sentence**. The given sentence is in **Direct Speech**.

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

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- Reporting verb (**said**) is in past tense, so accordingly Reported speech must change its tense to past.
- But here Main Verb (**deposit**) is with the Modal Verb (**must**).
- MUST as a modal verb shows necessity. But there is a future reference also. Here “next week” shows the future reference.
- **MUST** as a modal verb is **changed to WOULD HAVE TO** only when reported speech has future reference.
- Future reference is shown by WOULD and necessity is shown by HAVE TO.
- **So, “must deposit” changes to “would have to deposit”.**
- Words like ‘next week’ will be changed to ‘the following week’.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The judge said that she would have to deposit Rs 20 lakh fine by next week.**

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

78. 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.
- Imperative sentences beginning with **let** are different from other imperative sentences. Sentences beginning with **let** express ideas such as a *suggestion, proposal, request, wish, determination, desire etc.*
- 'Let' should be changed to '**should**' (a suggestion) and 'that' should be used to connect both parts of the sentence.
- Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **The speaker said that your dreams should be bigger than your fears and your actions should be louder than your words.**

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

79. D

Sol. **Option D** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling should be "**restaurant**" It means 'a place where people pay to sit and eat meals that are cooked and served on the premises.'

Other words with their meanings are :-

Perseverance = continued effort and determination.

Possession = the fact that you have or own something.

Reference = a mention of something.

80. B

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object.**

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (IIIRD form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A fox was caught by the tiger.**

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

81. C

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

- Here the use of the auxiliary verb 'were' is incorrect.
- In the given sentence, we are **discussing the nature of monkeys** and the first part of the sentence is also in the present tense.
- But, the latter should also be in the present as it is used when an action is happening right now, or **when it happens regularly**.
- Thus, **replace 'were' with "are"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: **'As with people, some monkeys are lazy, like those who sleep all day in the zoo, and some are industrious.**

82. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the word "scenery".

- The word "**scenery**" is a **noun**.
- It means the general appearance of the natural environment, especially when it is beautiful.

- We do not need a noun here.
- For the **noun 'route'**, we need **an adjective** to describe it.
- Thus, replace "scenery" with "**scenic**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **They took the scenic route on the way home.**

83. A

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

- The reporting verb "said" is changed to "**exclaimed**".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and "**that**" is used instead.
- The reporting verb 'said' is in V2 form, thus change the tense of the reported speech from the **present perfect tense to the past perfect tense**.
- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and a full stop is used.
- If the reported verb has the word "what a", it changes to "**very**" in indirect voice.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **He exclaimed that she had a very lovely voice.**

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

84. A

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

- Here the use of the verb 'saw' is incorrect.
- The sentence is given in simple past tense.
- But "since" is a time denoting word and it cannot be used in indefinite or continuous sentences.

- So, here, usage of the past tense is incorrect and in its place, present perfect tense should be used.
- The **present perfect tense** refers to an action or state that either **occurred at an indefinite time** in the past (e.g., we have talked before) or **began in the past** and **continued to the present time** (e.g., he has grown impatient over the last hour).
- This tense is formed by **have/has + the past participle**.
- Thus, **replace 'saw' with "have seen"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**I have seen a beautiful and gorgeous girl a couple of times since may.**'

85. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb ("s" or "es" with singular noun) + object.**

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Crowded buses are avoided by people.**

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

86. C

Sol. **Gerontologists** = A person who studies the social, cultural, psychological, cognitive, and biological aspects of ageing.

Pathologists = a scientist who studies the causes and effects of diseases, especially one who examines laboratory samples of body tissue for diagnostic or forensic purposes.

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

Ornithologists = a person who studies or is an expert on birds.

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

87. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct.

- The idiom "grasping at straws" means trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work.
- In the above sentence, the people were trying hard to find something, but they didn't succeed.

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

88. D

Sol. • The opening sentence is the one that introduces us to the subject or gives us insight into what the story is all about.

Thus, from the given options, we can say that sentence **B** fulfills the criteria of being the first sentence in sequence.

- Now, we are left with **two options, A and D**.
- The second sentence (**D**) is the same in both of them.
- Let us find the third sentence.
- Sentence **A** tells us about the strength of the winds that accompanied the storm and hence it will be our third sentence.

The correct sequence will be: **BDAC**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A violent storm rocked the sea. Fierce winds struck a sailing ship. It was tossed high on the waves. The helpless people aboard the ship plunged into the sea.**

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

89. B

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

- The given sentence is of direct narration in assertive form.
- The reporting verb "said" will not be changed in indirect speech because there is no object given after the reporting verb.
- Inverted commas ("..") will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be used in the indirect speech.
- The verb "can leave" of the reporting speech will be changed to "could leave" in indirect speech.
- "Here" is the adverb that will be changed to "there" and the pronoun "you" (second-person pronoun) will be changed to "they".

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **She said that they could leave the books there.**

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

90. D

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct.

The adverb “rather” can be used in either of the following ways:

“A/An + rather + adjective + Noun”

e.g. A rather long route; a rather smart approach

“Rather + a/an + adjective + Noun”

e.g. Rather a difficult method; rather an uncomfortable situation.

Some aspirants might argue that “Wait” should be followed by the preposition “for”. Please note that “wait” can be used with or without the preposition “for”. However, when we use the direct object after “wait”, we must use “for”.

See example: He waited for us all day long.

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

91. D

Sol. The blank needs to be filled with an idiom and the most appropriate choice will be “**a left-handed compliment**” which means an insult in the guise of an expression of praise. In the context of the sentence, all the other options are wrong as the person was being mocked in the guise of a compliment.

Meanings of other idioms are :-

A feather in one's cap = a symbol of honor and achievement.

Crocodile tears = tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere.

Close shave = a narrow escape from danger or disaster.

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

92. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active form**. It is in the **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb (IInd form) + object...

Passive: Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A photo was recently shared by the actor and fitness enthusiast Preeksha in which she was seen doing Yog Nidra.**

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

93. C

Sol. The phrase **nig-nog** is used for a foolish person or a very silly fellow.

E.g. :- Doctor says, " Stay in bed, nig- nog!"

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

94. C

Sol. **Vasectomy** = a surgical procedure for male sterilization or permanent contraception.

Dichotomy = a difference between two completely opposite ideas or things.

Tubectomy = a surgical procedure done on women as a permanent method of contraception.

Lithotomy = surgical removal of a stone from the bladder, kidney, or urinary tract.

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

95. B

Sol. ◦ The first sentence should be **R** as it introduces the subject i.e. 'Elon Musk'.

◦ The second sentence will be **Q** which tells about the mission of SpaceX mentioned in **R**.

◦ The third sentence should be **P** as it tells about one of the milestones SpaceX has reached.

◦ The use of "that milestone" is for the one mentioned in **P**.

◦ This makes them a mandatory pair.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Elon Musk leads Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX), where he oversees the development and manufacturing of advanced rockets and spacecraft for missions to and beyond Earth orbit. Founded in 2002, SpaceX's mission is to enable humans to become a spacefaring civilization and a multi-planet species by building a self-sustaining city on Mars. In 2008, SpaceX's Falcon 1 became the first privately developed liquid-fuel launch vehicle to orbit the Earth. Following that milestone, NASA awarded SpaceX with contracts to carry cargo and crew to the International Space Station (ISS).**

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

96. D

Sol. **Versatile** = (of people) able to do many different things or to adjust to new conditions, or (of things) able to be used for many different purposes

Exceptional = unusual; not typical.

Nubile = (of a girl or young woman) sexually mature; old enough for marriage.

Gifted = having special ability in a particular subject or activity

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

97. A

Sol. The given sentence is of active voice and it uses **a modal verb**.

The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

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

Passive: **Object + modal verb + be + verb (3rd form) + by + subject**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **These problems must now be dealt with by us**.

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

98. D

Sol. The given sentence is in passive form. It is in the **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (3rd form) + by + subject**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **The officials acquired the artwork from the collection of a prominent collector from Kolkata.**

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

99. D

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active voice**. It is in the **simple future tense**.

Let us understand the structures for active/passive voices for such sentences.

Active: Subject + will/shall + verb (Ist form) + object...

Passive: Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice: **All orders will be executed promptly by the servant.**

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

100. A

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

Abstain = restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.

e.g. I am trying to abstain from sweets for my new diet.

Pursue = continue or proceed along a path or route.

e.g. She wishes to pursue a medical career.

Ignore = refuse to take notice of or acknowledge.

Create = bring something into existence.

Fail = be unsuccessful in achieving one's goal.

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

101. A

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech.

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

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- '**Said**' will be changed to '**asked**'.
- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then '**if**' will be used before the reported speech.
- The tense of the reported speech is in simple past and it will be changed to the past perfect tense in the indirect narration i.e. '**did you want**' will be changed to '**he had wanted**'.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and full stop will be used.
- The second person pronoun will be changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**he**'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **Chinmaya asked Sahil if he had wanted to talk with him.**

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

102. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

Let us understand the meaning of the given phrasal verbs :-

- **Act on** = to do something because you have been advised or told to do it.
- **Act upon** = to do something because you have been advised or told to do it.
- **Act up** = if a person, especially a child, acts up, they behave badly.

- **Act out** = to behave badly because you are unhappy or upset, often in ways that you are not aware of.
 - Here, someone performed on something.
 - Thus, '**and most generous of women**' is the most appropriate one.

The correct sentence should be :- **They acted up the story so well that everyone had tears in their eyes when it got over.**

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

103. B

Sol. • We need an adjective in the blank to show the quality of a person.

- "Intelligent" means having or showing intelligence, especially of a high level.
- A trick is a cunning act or scheme intended to deceive or outwit someone but if someone is 'intelligent' then they will not fall for any trick.
- "Brilliance" is a noun.
- Being "lazy" and "charismatic" will not help one to outwit someone.
- Thus, "**intelligent**" is the best word for the blank.

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

104. D

Sol. • **B** will be the first in the sequence as the pronoun 'it' is used for the incident mentioned in A.

- **C** and **D** make a pair as the punishments of the convicted are mentioned in them.

- **D** will come later because it has 'also' that refers to added information.
- **E** and **F** form a complementary pair as "these" used in F is used for notes recovered from the possession of accused persons.
- So, the correct option must contain **C** and **D** in a pair and end with **E**.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **BCDE**

After the rearrangement of the sentences, the passage will be: **The NIA special court, pronounced judgment in a Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) case. It is an incident in Kolkata on Saturday, September 5, 2020. Two smugglers have been sentenced to four years of imprisonment. Also a fine of Rs. 3,000 was imposed on them. Earlier in 2017, fake currency notes were recovered from the possession of accused persons. The face values of these fake currency notes were Rs 2,00,000 and Rs 1,90,000.**

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

105. B

- Sol.
- The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Pathogens**. Thus, **S** will be the first sequence.
 - **R** will be the next in the sequence as it adds more detail to their transmission.
 - **Q** will be the next as it carry forward the context of having "direct contact with a infected person" as mentioned in sentence R.
 - **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it gives the example of communicable disease which is illustrated in sentence Q.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Pathogens enter our body through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the food we eat. They can also get transmitted by direct contact with an infected person or carried by an animal. Microbial diseases that can spread from an infected person to a healthy person through air, water, food or physical contact are called communicable**

diseases. Examples of such diseases include cholera, common cold, chicken pox and tuberculosis.

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

106. A

Sol. **Verbatim** = in exactly the same words as were used originally.

Offbeat = unconventional; unusual.

Divergent = tending to be different or develop in different directions.

Contrary = opposite in nature, direction, or meaning.

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

107. A

Sol. • **E** will come first as it has the names of the genres mentioned in **A**.

- **D** will be followed by **C** and **B** will come after **C** because in this order (**DCB**) they make a sequence “in the beginning- then- later”.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **EDCB**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The precursors of the short story were some other genres. Namely, they are legends, mythic tales, folk tales, fairy tales, fables, and anecdotes. In the beginning they were present in various ancient communities across the world in oral form. Then they were transmitted from one generation to another in that very oral form. And later with the rise of the realistic novel, the short story evolved in a parallel tradition. Much later, printing technologies and periodical evolution contributed to short story publications.**

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

108. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **interrogative form** of direct speech.

We will change it to indirect speech accordingly.

- In the given sentence, "**said to**" will change to "**asked**".
- The question word "**where**" will **work as a conjunction** in indirect speech.
- Since the tense of the reported verb is **present perfect**, it will change to **past perfect** in indirect speech.
- The reported verb will be made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of subject + verb.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and full stop will be used.
- The second person pronoun will be changed according to the object of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' **will be changed to 'he'**.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **I asked him where he had lost the new pen.**

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

109. C

Sol. The given sentence is indirect speech of a question sentence.

This sentence is in interrogative form and we will change it into reverse form.

- We know that **said to** is changed to **asked** while converting in indirect narration.
- The second person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech and first person pronoun is changed according to the subject of the reporting speech.
- Also, **tomorrow** is changed to **the next day** in the indirect narration.

The sentence in direct speech will be : **Sania said to me, “Can you see me tomorrow?”**

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

110. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's understand the use of "rather" in different forms.
- '**Rather**' is an adverb of degree like 'fairly', 'quite', etc. that can be used with nouns, adverbs, adjectives, and superlatives. For example, the picture was rather funny. The day is rather hot.
- When we want to correct what we have just said or make it more precise, we often use the expression 'or rather'.

e.g. You should keep quiet or rather leave the room.

- To talk about preferences there are two structures: '**rather than**' and '**would rather**'.

e.g. I would prefer to stay at home rather than go out in such scorching heat.

e.g. He decided to order food online rather than cook at home.

e.g. Can we come over on Saturday rather than Friday?

- The expression '**would rather**' is followed by the bare infinitive (the infinitive without 'to').

e.g. I would rather pay a visit to him than call him.

- Thus, the underlined part should be replaced by "**rather than**".

The correct sentence will be: **Nowadays people interact more and more with technology, rather than real people.**

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

111. C

- Sol.
- Sentence **B** will be the first sentence as a conversation is going on and the first question is May I take your order?
 - Sentence **A** will follow sentence B as it explains the answer to the asked question.
 - Sentence **D** will follow sentence A as it shows the reaction and another question i.e. would you like some coffee too?
 - Sentence **C** will follow sentence D as it explains the answer and the order.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **BADC**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **May I take your order? Yes, first get us some fresh juice and some sandwiches. Sure. Would you like some coffee too? Not now, maybe a little later.**

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

112. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the word 'build'.

- The word 'build' is both a noun and a verb.

As a **verb**, it means **to make something by putting pieces, materials, etc. together**.

While as a **noun**, it means **the shape and size of somebody's body**.

- It doesn't make any sense in the sentence.
- Thus, replace it with the gerund 'building' which is the **process of creating or developing something** (Here, it is talking about the process of creating a character of a person).
- Thus, replace 'build' with "**building**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Character building should be an integral part of every aspect of schooling as it equips one to find long-term solutions to life's challenges.**

113. C

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

- When used for a person, **the verb "agree"** takes the preposition **"with"** after it.
 - See example: "*He left the project as he did not agree with his manager.*"

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

114. A

Sol. **Spank** = to strike with the open hand

Flog = to beat with or as if with a rod or whip

Whip = to strike with a slender lithe implement (such as a lash or rod) especially as a punishment

Clobber = to pound mercilessly; to hit with force

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

115. D

Sol. The sentence is grammatically and contextually correct.

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

116. B

Sol. **Subservient** = prepared to obey others unquestioningly.

Sublimate = to refine or purify.

Subaltern = an army officer whose rank is lower than a captain.

Subjugate = make someone or something subordinate to.

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

117. C

- Sol.
- **B** must come after **A** as it has the pronoun 'it' referring to "Taj Mahal" in A, and should be followed by **E** as it has the pronoun 'he' for 'Shah Jahan'.
 - **C** and **F** must come in a pair as the former speaks about the 'tourist revenue' and the latter one gives the data about it.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **BEDC**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The Taj Mahal is now a UN World Heritage site. It was built in 1632 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. He made it in the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaj Mahal. The mausoleum is a symbol of love and a celebration of Mughal Architecture in India. Built-in white marble on the banks of the river Yamuna, the monument raises the most tourist revenue in India. There is a record of at least 6.9 million visitors in 2018.**

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

118. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct.

- The sentence talks about an imaginary situation so the correct verb here would be 'were' and not 'was'. This is an example of subjunctive mood.
 - See the example: If I were rich, I would buy a car.
- "I were" is called the subjunctive mood, and is used when you're talking about something that isn't true or when you wish something was true. So, the given sentence needs no improvement.

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

119. C

Sol. The given sentence is an imperative sentence. An imperative sentence is a type of sentence that gives instructions or advice, and expresses a command, an order, a direction, or a request.

To convert such sentences into indirect narration, the below rules are followed:

- The reporting verb 'said' will be changed to '**ordered**' as the magistrate ordered someone to call the witness.
- Inverted commas will be removed and 'to' will be used to join the reporting verb with the main verb of the reported speech (to call the witness). The rest of the sentence will remain the same.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **The magistrate ordered to call the witness.**

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

120. C

Sol. **Option C** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling should be "**absence**". It means 'the state of being away from a place or person.'

Other words with their meanings are :-

Abundance = the situation in which there is more than enough of something.

Acclaim = public approval and praise.

Advertisement = a picture, short film, song, etc. that tries to persuade people to buy a product or service, or a piece of text that tells people about a job, etc.

121. B

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

Let us understand the meaning of the given options :-

- **Get around** = to travel to a lot of places.
- **Get in** = to succeed in entering a place, especially by using force or a trick.
- **Get down to** = to start to direct your efforts and attention towards something.

- **Get off** = to leave a place, usually in order to start a journey.

- In the given sentence, someone went to Spain and Germany.
- Thus, '**get around**' is the most suited one.

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

122. A

Sol. The given sentence is in the active form. It is in the **present perfect tense**.

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: **A sand art made by renowned artist Sudarsan Pattnaik has been praised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Odisha's Puri beach.**

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

123. C

- Sol.
- The first sentence should be **Q** as it introduces the subject i.e. 'dyspnea'.
 - The second sentence should be **P** since it tells where it is found as a common symptom.
 - The sentences **R** and **S** form a mandatory pair because they tell about the relation of air and oxygen with dyspnea.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **QPRS**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Dyspnea is the medical word for difficulty breathing. It's a common symptom in people who have lung cancer. Dyspnea happens when you have trouble**

moving air in and out of your lungs. You can also have dyspnea if your lungs aren't getting enough oxygen.

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

124. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the pronoun 'their'.

- "Their" is a possessive pronoun (dependent).

It is followed by a noun.

e.g. The children picked up their books and walked to the door.

- Here, we do not need one.
- We need an adverb to show a place.

e.g. Put the chair **there**.

- Thus, replace "their" with "**there**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **I peeked out the window to see who was there.**

125. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice and its tense is **simple past**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object.**

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (IIIRD form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **200**

students were arrested by the police on the University campus.

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

126. A

Sol. The given blank needs to be filled with **conjunction**.

Let us understand the meaning of the given prepositions :-

- **But** = used to introduce an added statement, usually something that is different from what you have said before.
 - **Yet** = still; until the present time.
 - **For** = intended to be given to.
 - **With** = used to say that people or things are in a place together or are doing something together.
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- Here, 'but' is the most suited conjunction according to the meaning in the sentence.
 - E.g. :- The play's good, but not that good - I've seen better.

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

127. A

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

Bristle = a short, stiff hair on an animal's skin or a man's face.

e.g. The bristles on my chin hurt the baby's face.

Tranquil = free from disturbance; calm.

Friction = the resistance that one surface or object encounters when moving over another.

Sleek = smooth and glossy.

Thorn = a stiff, sharp-pointed woody projection on the stem or other part of a plant.
e.g. Roses will always have thorns but with care they can be avoided.

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

128. B

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

Rules for changing the direct speech of such statements into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- **Said** will remain same as it has no following indirect object.
- Simple present tense changes to simple past tense.
- Words like "**this**" and "**here**" will change to **that** and **there** respectively.
- Pronoun changes according to the subject of reporting speech. Here 1st person pronoun will change to 3rd person pronoun according to the subject.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **The Chief Guest said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that morning.**

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

129. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- After the auxiliary 'is', we will use the V3 form of the verb.

- Thus, "**faced**" will be used in the underlined part.
- Also, the phrase "**faced with/by something**" means one has to deal with that thing.

e.g. You're faced with a very difficult choice there.

- Thus, replace "on" with "**with**".
- Replace the underlined part with "**faced with the**".

The correct sentence will be: **The country is now faced with the prospect of war.**

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

130. D

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in **present tense**. It is an imperative sentence.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- The reported speech here is **advice** i.e., **someone advised someone to do something**.
- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**advised**' in indirect speech.
- Conjunction 'to' should be used to connect the reported speech to reporting speech i.e. '**don't read**' will be changed to '**not to read**'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- "**He ordered her not to read so fast.**"

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

131. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the part 'many a places'.

- The correct phrase is either "**many + plural noun**" or "**many + a/an + singular noun**" to refer to a large number of things or people.

e.g. **Many a man** has tried but few men have succeeded.

e.g. the **many advantages of an education**

- Thus, replace '**places**' with '**place**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **That summer, elections were held at many a place without any untoward incident.**

132. B

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in the present tense. It is an imperative sentence.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- The reported speech here is an order, i.e., someone ordered another to do something at once.
- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**ordered**' in indirect speech.
- Conjunction '**to**' should be used to connect the reported speech to reporting speech i.e. 'do' will be changed to '**to do**'.
- Pronoun '**it**' will be changed to '**that**'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be:- "**My mother ordered me to do that at once.**"

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

133. A

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech.

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

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- 'Said' will be changed to 'asked'.
- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then 'if' will be used before the reported speech.
- The tense of the reported speech is in present perfect & simple present and it will be changed to the past perfect tense & simple past in the indirect narration i.e. '**have you come**' & '**are there**' will be changed to '**he had come**' & '**there were**'.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and full stop will be used.
- The second person pronoun will be changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**he**' and '**me**' will be changed to '**him**'.
- '**here**' will be changed to '**there**' and vice-a-versa.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **John asked James if he had come there just to see him or there were some other reasons.**

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

134. D

Sol.

- The first sentence should be **Q** as it introduces the subject i.e 'obesity'.
- The second sentence should be **R** as it defines what is obesity.
- The sentences **P** and **S** form a mandatory pair because they tell about the effect of calories intake on obesity.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QRPS**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Obesity is a complex disease involving an excessive amount of body fat. It is a medical problem that increases your risk of other diseases and health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and certain cancers. Although there are genetic, behavioral, metabolic and hormonal influences on body weight, obesity occurs when you take in more calories than you burn through exercise and normal daily activities. Your body stores**

these excess calories as fat.

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

135. B

- Sol. • The opening sentence starts with the introduction of the subject. Sentence **D** gives the introduction of the subject which is chihuahua (a dog breed).
- The next sentence will be **C** which gives the introduction of another subject in relation to the first subject.
- Sentence **B** will come after sentence C as it talks about the end of the episode given in sentence C.
- Sentence **A** gives the motive or the intention of the second subject and hence it will come after sentence B.

The correct sequence will be: **DCBA**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A Chihuahua ran across California's San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. A police officer on a motorcycle chased the dog. Eventually, the police caught the Chihuahua. The officers are looking to reunite the dog with its owner.**

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

136. B

- Sol. The given sentence is in the **simple present tense**. It is in the **active voice**. Also, it is an **interrogative sentence**.

The structures for active/passive voices in this tense and type of sentence are:

Active: Do/does + subject + verb (1st form) + object....(?)

Passive: Is/are/am + object + V3 + by + subject....(?)

Also, we cannot use a passive infinitive here for it will make the sentence confusing with several verbs (**is**

grass to **be eaten liked**....). In such cases, we can use a gerund in the place of the infinitive.

Thus, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **Is eating grain liked by crows?**

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

137. C

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active voice**. It is in the **simple future tense**.

Let us understand the structures for active/passive voices for such sentences.

Active: Subject + will/shall + verb (Ist form) + object...

Passive: Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice: **An application will be written by my sister.**

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

138. C

Sol. The underlined segment is erroneous.

- The given sentence violates the subject-verb agreement.
- According to subject-verb agreement, subjects and verbs must agree with one another in number (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.
- In the given sentence, the **subject** (private investor) is singular. Hence, a **singular verb** should be used to maintain the subject-verb agreement.
- Therefore, 'has' should be used instead of 'have'.
- Moreover, '**has/have**' is always **followed by third form** of the verb.
- For example, I have eaten an apple.

- Hence, 'decided' should be used instead of 'decide'.
- '**Proceed**' means '**to begin a course of action**'. 'Ahead' is redundant after 'proceed' and hence, 'proceed' is never followed by 'ahead'.
- For example, he proceeded with his reading.
- Therefore, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**has decided to proceed**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence would be - **It is not yet clear whether the private investor has decided to proceed with a formal bid for the budget airline.**

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

139. C

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

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "**asked**" since it is an interrogative sentence.
- The question word is an auxiliary, thus, "**if**" or "**whether**" will be used to join the reporting verb with the speech.
- Since the reporting verb (said) is in V2 form, we will change the tense of the speech from **the present perfect to the past perfect tense**.
- "**This**" will change to "**that**".
- The second-person pronoun "**you**" will change according to the object (who is an 'employer' here).

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **His new employer asked him whether he had done that sort of work before.**

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

140. B

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in present tense. It is an imperative sentence.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- The reported speech here, is a request i.e., **Radha implored Krishna to play flute.**
- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**requested**' in indirect speech.
- Conjunction 'to' should be used to connect the reported speech to reporting speech i.e. 'play' will be changed to '**to play**'.
- Exclamation words like 'please' should be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- "**Radha requested Krishna to play on the flute.**"

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

141. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct.

Let's understand the meaning of the word given in options:-

- **Get along** = if two or more people get along, they like each other and are friendly to each other.
 - **Get around** = walk or travel to a lot of places.
 - **Get down** = to start to direct your efforts and attention towards something.
 - **Get at** = to criticize a person repeatedly.
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- As per the sentence, the smart lady can visit a lot of places.

- Thus, "**get around a lot and**" is the most suited one.

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

142. C

- Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Microorganisms**. Thus, **Q** will be the first sequence.
- **S** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions habitat of microorganisms and also has "they" which is a pronoun referring to "Microorganisms" used in sentence Q.
 - **P** will be the next as it adds more details to the habitat of microorganisms which is quite clear with the usage of word "also" in sentence P.
 - **R** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it ends the discussion of microorganisms with a contrast (since "while" is used) that others exist freely.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **QSPR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Microorganisms may be single-celled like bacteria, some algae and protozoa, or multicellular, such as many algae and fungi. They live in all types of environment, ranging from ice cold climate to hot springs; and deserts to marshy lands. They are also found inside the bodies of animals including humans. Some microorganisms grow on other organisms while others exist freely.**

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

143. A

- Sol. **Heave** = to lift or haul something heavy with great effort.

Shrimp = a small free-swimming crustacean with an elongated body, typically marine and often of commercial importance as food.

Wimp = a weak and cowardly or unadventurous person.

Runt = a small pig or another animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

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

144. C

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

To convert interrogative sentences into indirect speech, follow the following rules along with the above-mentioned rules:-

- The reporting verb '**said to**' is changed to '**asked**'.
- If the reporting speech is having the reporting verb (**can**) at its start, then **if** is used in place of that.
- The **present tense (can)** is changed to the **past tense (could)**.
- The pronoun '**you**' is changed to '**I**'.
- A full stop is placed at the end of the sentence instead of a mark of interrogation.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **He asked me if I could study hard to pass the examination.**

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

145. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Scarcely is an adverb which is used to say that something happened immediately after something else happened.
- Hardly, Scarcely, Barely are used to emphasize that one event quickly followed another. They all are **followed by 'when'**.

- When a sentence starts with a negative adverb like scarcely, we use inversion (meaning ‘putting the verb before the subject’).
 - E.g. :- Scarcely had he left when his friends came.
- Thus, '**to eat when the**' is the most appropriate one.

The correct sentence should be :- **Scarcely had I sat down to eat when the phone rang.**

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

146. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct.

The verb "**overwhelm**" is generally followed by the preposition "**with**".

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

147. A

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

Labyrinth = refers to a complicated irregular network of passages or paths in which it is difficult to find one's way.

e.g. The cockpit was a labyrinth of instruments and controls.

Maze = a network of paths and hedges designed as a puzzle through which one has to find a way.

e.g. They finally reached the end of the maze where they all gasped.

Path = a way across a piece of land that is made by or used by people walking

Skyscraper = a very tall building of many storeys.

Impasse = a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock.

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

148. A

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

- If the reporting verb is in the present or future tense, no changes are made to the verb/tense of the reported speech.
- In the given sentence, the verb "**says**" is in the present tense, so, we'll not make any changes in the tense of the reported verb in indirect speech.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **He says that Mohan will write a letter.**

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

149. A

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

- The reporting verb "**said**" is changed to "**exclaimed**".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and "that" is used to join the reporting verb with the reported speech.
- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and a full stop is used.
- If the reported verb has words like "what a" or "how", then we use the word "**very**" in place of them in the indirect speech.
- Since the reporting verb "**said**" is in the V2 form, the speech will change from the **simple present tense** to the **simple past tense**.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **The girls exclaimed that he was a very handsome man.**

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

150. B

Sol. **Orophobia** = the fear of mountains.

Cynophobia = the fear of dogs.

Vatrachophobia = relating to the fear of toads and frogs

Phemophobia = the fear of voice.

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

151. C

Sol. The given sentence is in passive form. It is in the **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object.**

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (IIId form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **France gave the larger version of the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift.**

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

152. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence is in the reported speech. Also, 'to be' form is always followed by the **third form of the verb** in the reported speech.
- For example, the homework was completed by the student.

- Hence, '**directed**' should be used instead of 'direct'.
- Criticism is the expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistakes.
- Therefore, the given sentence implies that the disapproval was for the manufacturers of the product.
- The phrase '**direct against something/someone**' means **to aim a critical remark or a weapon at someone or something**'.
- For example, I'm not the one who sabotaged your presentation, so don't direct your anger against me!
- Hence, 'on' should be replaced with '**against**' to make the phrasal verb correct.
- Therefore, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**was directed against**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be - **Criticism was directed against the manufacturers of the product.**

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

153. A

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

- Here the use of the phrasal verb 'put on' is incorrect.
- '**Put on**' is a phrasal verb which means '**to move something you wear onto your body**'.
 - E.g. :- Put your shoes on.
- But in the given sentence, Ahmed will place a note for approval.
- So, we need a phrasal verb that can convey the same meaning and for that, we can use 'put up'.
- '**Put up**' is also a phrasal verb which means to fix a picture or notice onto an upright structure such as a wall.
 - E.g. :- John was in the garden putting a fence up.

- o Thus, **replace 'put on' with "put up"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**Ahmad will put up a note for your approval and necessary decision.**'

154. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb ("s" or "es" with singular noun) + object.**

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A vital role in the process of removing the contaminants from sewage is played by Sewage treatment plan (STP).**

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

155. C

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

Incursion = an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.

e.g. There were incursions from the border every summer.

Hurt = to cause pain or injury to someone.

Retreat = to withdraw from enemy forces as a result of their superior power or after a defeat.

Cut = to make an opening, incision, or wound in (something) with a sharp-edged tool or object.

Aggression = the action of attacking without provocation.

e.g. The leaders of the national movement prepared to resist further aggression by force.

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

156. B

Sol. The idiom '**foot the bill**' means to pay for something.

E.g. :- The couple was left to foot the bill after their claim was declined by their travel insurers.

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

157. B

Sol. • Let us solve it through the process of elimination.

- Sentences **D**, **B**, and **C** cannot make the choice for the first sentence due to the presence of words like - **But**, **although** etc.
- Hence, the opening sentence should be **A** where a visit to a Jewish cemetery is mentioned.
- **A** is followed by **C** in which the reaction is registered on seeing the tiniest cemetery.
- **B** shows the contrast and the concluding sentence, **D** tells us the reason.

The correct sequence will be: **ACBD**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The other day we entered the city's only Jewish cemetery. We were astonished to discover how tiny it was. But then, it should not be a surprise. Although Jewish people have lived in India for generations, they are one of the nation's tiniest minorities.**

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

158. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the word 'pass'.

- The word 'pass' is used both as a noun and a verb.
- But here, neither is required.
- For the noun 'resolution', we need an adjective to qualify it.

- Thus, replace "pass" with "**passed**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The Government has decided to stop the export of diamonds because of the recently passed resolution.**

159. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **interrogative form**.

Rules for changing the direct speech of such statements into indirect speech are given below:

- **Said to** will be changed to '**asked**' because there is an object in the reporting speech.
- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then '**if**' will be used before the reported speech.
- Inverted commas will be removed.
- The tense of reported speech is in the **simple past tense**, so in the indirect narration, it will be changed to the **past perfect tense**.
- **This** will be changed to **that** is in indirect narration.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **She asked the girl if she had done that.**

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

160. C

Sol. The given blank needs to be filled with a preposition.

Let us understand the meaning of the given prepositions :-

- **Except** = not including, but not.
- **Against** = disagreeing with a plan or activity.

- **Including** = used for saying that a person or thing is part of a particular group or amount.
 - **Without** = not having or doing something, or lacking something.
- Here, 'including' is the most suited preposition according to the meaning in the sentence.

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

161. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the verb "contain" in the sentence.

- The noun "index" is a singular subject.
- Thus, according to the subject-verb agreement, use a singular verb with it.
- Replace "**contain**" (a plural verb) with "**contains**" (a singular verb) to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The index contains entries for only those table rows that satisfy the predicate.**

162. D

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 variety of eye problems can be triggered by long-term use of electronic devices.**

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

163. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- We use '**much**' for non-countable nouns.
- For example, I don't have much time, and you don't have much money.
- '**Many**' precedes countable nouns.
- For example, we have many friends, in many countries.
- '**People**' is a **plural noun** always preceded by **many** (and never by "much").
- For example, there are too many people.
- Also, the verb '**deter**' is always followed by the preposition '**from**'.
- For example, only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election.
- Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**many young people from**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be - **High prices are deterring many young people from buying houses.**

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

164. B

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

- Here the use of the noun 'population' is incorrect.
- 'Population' means the total number of persons, animals, or other living things living in a country, city, etc.
 - E.g. :- A population of over 2 billion people.
- And when it also refers to the people living in a place.
 - E.g. :- The population is completely terrorized by the secret police.

- We always **use a plural countable noun** after numerical adjectives.
 - E.g. :- Two hundred books, five thousand rupees, etc.
- Moreover, the usage of the present perfect tense is correct here as it describes that something has happened in the past but it has a relationship with the present i.e. **India has emerged as a new economic superpower.**
- Thus, **replace 'population' with "people"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**India, a country of more than 1 billion people, is emerged as the economic superpower of the world.**'

165. A

Sol. The given sentence is in interrogative form. We will convert it to indirect narration accordingly.

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "**asked**" in the given sentence.
- The question word "why" will join the reporting verb with the reported speech.
- Since the reporting verb 'said' is in the V2 form, the **present continuous tense** will change to the **past continuous tense**.
- The reported verb will be made assertive; i.e. kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The word "**here**" will change to "**there**" in indirect speech.
- The sign of interrogation (?) will be removed and a full stop will be used.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **Naren asked Binod why he was still waiting there.**

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

166. D

Sol. ◦ The first sentence should be **R** as it introduces the subject i.e. total internal reflection.

- The second sentence should be **Q** as it tells when TIR occurs and it also introduces the term ‘critical angle’.
- The third sentence should be **S** as it mentions how TIR occurs.
- The sentence **P** then aptly concludes the passage by mentioning the critical angle of the water-air surface.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **RQSP**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Total internal reflection is a complete reflection of a ray of light within a medium such as water or glass from the surrounding surfaces back into the medium. The phenomenon occurs if the angle of incidence is greater than a certain limiting angle, called the critical angle. It takes place at the boundary between two transparent media when a ray of light in a medium of higher index of refraction approaches the other medium at an angle of incidence greater than the critical angle. For a water-air surface, the critical angle is 48.5°.**

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

167. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active form**. It is in the **past perfect tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object...

Passive: Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **A defamation suit against Krish had been filed by Ronak for his libellous remarks.**

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

168. A

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

- Here the use of the verb 'explains' is incorrect.
- The given sentence is in the **simple future tense**.
- It is used when an **action is promised/thought to occur in the future**.
 - E.g. :- This year, Jen will read War and Peace.
- Its structure is : **subject + shall/will + verb's base form + object**.
- Thus, **replace 'explains' with "explain"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**This will explain the decision taken to impose a blockade on the country in the midst of a crisis.**'

169. A

Sol. The idiom '**to pay off old scores**' means to take revenge, to settle old matters by revenge.

E.g. :- Amy went out with her roommate's boyfriend, but she was paying off and old score.

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

170. A

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

- Here the use of the noun 'friend' is incorrect.
- "**One of**" is always followed by a **plural noun** as it indicates **one from a group of many**.
- And the **helping verb** will always be in the **singular form**, as the helping verb agrees with "one of" and not with the plural noun in the sentence.
 - E.g. :- One of the students was selected to visit NASA.
- Thus, **replace 'friend' with "friends"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**One of my friends has gone to Canada.**'

171. D

- Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Carriers of disease**. Thus, **Q** will be the first sequence.
- **S** will be the next in the sequence as it gives an example of such carrier.
- **R** will be the next as it adds more detail to "how a fly acts like a carrier" mentioned in sentence **S**.
- **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it elaborates what is mentioned in sentence **R**. Also, "their" which a pronoun refer to "flies" mentioned in sentence **R**.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **There are some insects and animals which act as carriers of disease causing microbes. Housefly is one such carrier. The flies sit on the garbage and animal excreta. Pathogens stick to their bodies and when they sit on uncovered food they may transfer the pathogens.**

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

172. B

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

Aggravate = to make a problem worse.

e.g. Attempts to restrict parking in the city centre have further aggravated the problem of traffic congestion.

Abbreviate = to shorten (a word, phrase, or text).

Alleviate = to make something bad such as pain or problems less severe.

e.g. The drugs did nothing to alleviate her pain/suffering.

Advocate = to publicly recommend or support.

Appreciate = to praise someone; recognize the full worth of.

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

173. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object**.

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (IIIRD form) + by + subject**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **His symphony was performed for the first time last week**.

Sometimes we skip the use of by as introducing the object twice makes the sentence superfluous.

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

174. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence is in the passive voice.
- In most cases, the word "affected" takes the preposition "by" after it.
- 'For' is the incorrect preposition here and needs to be replaced with 'by'.
- Also, the **verb 'affected'** will be qualified by the **adverb 'highly'**.
- Replace the underlined part with "**highly affected by**".

The correct sentence will be: **The debate about equality is highly affected by chauvinism from both genders.**

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

175. C

Sol. The idiom "**go haywire**" means to stop working correctly or become out of control.

E.g. :- Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

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

176. D

Sol. **Obelisk** = a tapering stone pillar, typically having a square or rectangular cross section, set up as a monument or landmark

Minaret = a slender tower, typically part of a mosque, with a balcony from which a muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

Mast = a tall upright post, spar, or other structure on a ship or boat, in sailing vessels generally carrying a sail or sails

Totem = a symbol that serves as an emblem of a group of people

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

177. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb ("s" or "es" with singular noun) + object...

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

So, based on the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The role of Suchitra is played by Priyamani with a very convincing air.**

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

178. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the infinitive "to speak" in the given sentence.

- If we want to use a verb with another action, we must use a gerund or infinitive.
- With some specific verbs like explain, consider, avoid, etc, we use a gerund.

E.g. Paul avoids **using** chemicals on the vegetables he grows.

- Thus, replace 'to speak' (an infinitive) with a gerund '**speaking**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Another baffling change that I notice in him nowadays is that he avoids speaking to me.**

179. C

Sol. • The given sentence is an imperative sentence.

- Please do not confuse it to be a universal fact as it may look like.
- If it were a universal truth, there would be no comma after "babies".
- Here, some person is just advising some babies to drink milk which makes the sentence an imperative one.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **He advised the babies to drink milk.**

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

180. C

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

To convert exclamatory sentences into indirect speech, follow the following rules along with the above-mentioned rules:

- The reporting verb 'said' should be changed into '**exclaimed sorrowfully**' since the sentence describes the grief of the investor (use of **ALAS**).
- Use the conjunction 'that' to connect the two parts of the sentence.
- The present tense (seems and are) is changed to the **past tense (seemed and were)**.
- A full stop is placed at the end of the sentence instead of an exclamatory mark.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **The investor exclaimed sorrowfully that it seemed the days of double-digit growth in online banking and bill payment were a thing of the past.**

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

181. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence mentions that we have the finest writers.
- The adjective '**kindest**' is in its superlative degree and to make the sentence coherent, we use parallelism.
- So, 'generous' also should be written in the superlative degree and that will be 'most generous'.
- Thus, '**and most generous of women**' is the most appropriate one.

The correct sentence is :- **We have lost one of our finest writers, and one of the kindest and most generous of women.**

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

182. D

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct and needs no correction.

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

183. B

Sol. The underlined segment is erroneous.

- When 'after' refers to a future time, we use the present simple, not the future with shall or will.
 - For example, I will go on a vacation after I win the competition.
- Also, these refers to plural subjects. For example, 'these cookies'.
- However, in the given sentence, '**these**' is followed by a singular subject i.e. 'one'.
- **This** is used with singular or uncountable nouns (for example, this egg or this music).
- Hence, 'this' should be used instead of 'these'.
- Therefore, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**finish this**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence would be - **I'll do another course after I finish this one.**

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

184. D

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech.

The given sentence is an imperative sentence of direct speech and we will change it accordingly.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**commanded**'.
- Imperative sentences do not normally have an expressed subject. This is because the subject '**you**' is usually understood.

- The given sentence shows a command to the soldiers or men.
- In order to change an imperative sentence into indirect speech, we use a **to-infinitive** i.e. '**to stand**'.
- Imperative sentences begin with a verb in the simple present tense.

The sentence in indirect speech will be : **The captain commanded his men to stand at ease.**

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

185. C

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 (Ist form) + object...

Passive: Object + modal verb + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **All our needs should be met by us.**

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

186. B

- Sol.
- **C** is undoubtedly the following part of **A**, as the 'and' shows a continuation of A. It also has the reason for what is said in A.
 - **D** and **E** form a mandatory pair as they tell why John didn't like the weekends.

The correct sequence will be: **CBDE**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **It was a Thursday, but it felt like a Monday to John. And John loved Mondays and thrived at work. He dismissed the old cliché of dreading Monday mornings. He also refused to engage in empty conversations about the “Too short”**

weekend. Because he got impatient on the weekends, and it was monotonous too. Rather John liked his work and was unashamed to wait for the Monday.

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

187. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the verb 'are'.

- If nouns or pronouns are joined by "with", "together with", "along with", "as well as", "in addition to", "besides", etc, 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 along with his friends is coming today.

- Thus, replace "are" with "is" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **My brother, along with his friends, is going on a tour.**

188. D

Sol. The idiom "**change colour**" means to become pale or to get frightened or nervous.

E.g. :- She changed color when the teacher caught her copying.

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

189. C

Sol. **Option C** has the incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling should be "**alignment**". It means arranging things in a straight line or in correct relative positions.

Other words with their meanings are :-

Ferocious = savagely fierce, cruel, or violent.

Incremental = relating to or denoting an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

Amenable = open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.

190. D

- Sol.
 - The first sentence should be **P** as it introduces the subject i.e. pharmacovigilance.
 - The second sentence should be **Q** since it tells about the goals of pharmacovigilance.
 - The sentences **R** and **S** form a mandatory pair because they tell about different PV activities.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **PQRS**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **"Pharmacovigilance is the science and activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of adverse effects or any other drug-related problem. The goals of PV are to bolster patient safety concerning medicine use by providing a system to collect, assess, and distribute drug safety data. PV activities involve monitoring approved drugs and investigational medicinal products (IMPs) to identify previously unknown adverse effects. It also recognizes changes in the frequency or severity of known adverse effects."**

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

191. B

- Sol. The idiom "**make light of something**" means to treat something as not being important and not serious.

E.g. :- They've both had knee injuries, but the two friends make light of their weaknesses.

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

192. A

- Sol. The underlined segment is erroneous.

- The given sentence is in the reported speech.
- 'Today' changes to '**that day**' in the reported speech.

- For example, he said that it was hot that day.
- Also, '**cope**' is generally followed by the preposition '**with**'.
- Cope with something means to deal successfully with a difficult situation.
- For example, the roads are barely adequate to cope with the present traffic.
- Hence, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**that day to cope**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence would be - **He said that the emergency services were working at full stretch that day to cope with the accident.**

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

193. B

Sol.

The underlined segment is grammatically incorrect.

- The given sentence violates the subject-verb agreement.
- According to subject-verb agreement, subjects and verbs must agree with one another in number (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular; if a subject is plural, its verb must also be plural.
- Two or more singular (or plural) subjects joined by 'and' act as a plural compound subject and take a plural verb.

For example, the ranger and the camper see the bear.

- In the given sentence, two subjects (a young girl and her little brother) are joined by the conjunction 'and'. Hence, **a plural verb (were)** should be used instead of 'was'.

- The word 'hurt' is an irregular verb, that's why 'hurt' in the present tense, past tense, and past participle does not change.
- Therefore, the underlined segment should be replaced with '**were seriously hurt**' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: **A young girl and her little brother were seriously hurt when a car hit them.**

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

194. D

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.
- For negative commands, inverted commas are removed and **not + to + verb (first form)** is used.

For example, "**do not go**" changes to "**not to go**".

- Also, the first person of the reported speech is changed according to the subject (he) of reporting speech.
- The pronoun '**me**' is changed to '**him**' and '**I**' is changed to '**he**'.
- '**And**' is used to connect both the parts of the given question.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be: **He asked his colleagues to go away and not to disturb him when he was working on an important file.**

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

195. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Farther refers to a greater physical distance, a distance that has been measured.

For example, the red car was driven farther than the blue car.

- 'Further' describes something that is beyond or additional. 'Further' can also refer to something that is greater in degree or amount.
- For example, the assistant asked some further questions.
- Hence, '**further**' should be used instead of 'farther'.
- The given sentence is in **the past tense**. However, present tense (feel) is used which is incorrect.
- Hence, '**felt**' should be used to make the tense correct.

The correct sentence will be: **He stated further that he felt honoured to be given such an exceptional opportunity.**

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

196. A

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

- **P** will be the next in the sequence as it sets the context of "bacteria living on extreme conditions". Also, a word "they" in sentence P confirms connection between the sentence P and R.
- **Q** will be the next as it adds more detail by giving examples of the context set by the sentence P.
- **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes "possibly no environment" after clearing listing out all possible examples of their habitat on earth in previous sentences.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Bacteria have lived on the earth for much longer than human beings. They are such hardy organisms that they can live under extreme conditions. They have been found living in boiling mud pots, extremely cold icy waters and in space too. There is probably no environment in which bacteria cannot survive.**

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

197. B

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

- **R** will be the next in the sequence since sentence P has mentioned the inability of plants to take atmospheric nitrogen. Then, sentence R follows sentence P by mentioning who (i.e. bacteria and blue-green algae) actually helps the plants.
- **Q** will be the next as it shows “compounds of nitrogen” being utilized by plants once those compounds are formed as mentioned in sentence R.
- **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by finally listing out the usage of “compounds” once they are taken up by plants. Also, “it” is referring to “compounds” mentioned in sentence Q.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: **PRQS**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The atmospheric nitrogen cannot be taken directly by plants and animals. Certain bacteria and blue-green algae present in the soil fix nitrogen from the atmosphere and convert it into compounds of nitrogen. Once nitrogen is converted into these usable compounds, it can be utilised by plants from the soil through their root system. It is then used for the synthesis of plant proteins and other compounds.**

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

198. B

Sol. ◦ The first sentence should be **Q** as it introduces the subject i.e. ‘Sequoia’.

- The second sentence should be **S** as it tells about the founding year and the founder of Sequoia.
- The sentences **P** and **R** form a mandatory pair since they tell how Sequoia helps the budding entrepreneurs.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QSPR**.

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Sequoia is a venture capital-focused on energy, financial, enterprise, healthcare, internet, and mobile startups. It was founded by Don Valentine in November 1972 and is based on Menlo Park, California. The firm helps a small number of daring founders build legendary companies. It spurs them to push the boundaries of what's possible.**

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

199. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. We will follow the below rules to convert the direct speech into the indirect speech:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration will be removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction will be used.
- The reporting verb "said" will change to "**told**" in the indirect speech as it is followed by an object (me).
- The modal "will" will change to "**would**" in the indirect speech.
- The first-person pronoun "I" will change according to the subject (my son) to "**he**" and the second-person pronoun "you" will change according to the object (me) to "**me**".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **My son told me that he would not disappoint me.**

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

200. B

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

- Here the use of the phrase 'teacher had' is incorrect.
- **No sooner** is used to show that **one thing happened immediately after another thing**. It follows the **inversion rule**.
- It is often used with the past indefinite or past perfect, and usually followed by than.
- Its structure is :- **No sooner + did + Subject + verb (1st form) ++ than + or No sooner + had + Subject + verb (IIIrd form) ++ than +**
 - E.g. :- No sooner did I arrive at the station than the train came.
- Thus, **replace 'teacher had'** with "had teacher" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: '**No sooner had teacher come than children left.**'