



SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II

English : Mock Test 15

Mock Test Questions & Solutions

Mock Test Solutions in English

Questions

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

GET a cheap room in the center of town and sleep for hours. The next morning, with Mr. Shah's son and nephew, I visit the two temples in Kathmandu that are most sacred to Hindus and Buddhists. At Pashupatinath, there is an atmosphere of 'febrile confusion'. Priests, hawkers, devotees, tourists, cows, monkeys, pigeons, and dogs roam through the grounds. We offer a few flowers. There are so many worshippers that some people trying to get the priest's attention are elbowed aside by others pushing their way to the front. A princess of the Nepalese royal house appears; everyone bows and makes way. By the main gate, a party of saffron-clad Westerners struggles for permission to enter. The policeman is not convinced that they are 'the Hindus' (only Hindus are allowed to enter the temple). A fight breaks out between two monkeys. One chases the other, who jumps onto a shivalinga, then runs screaming around the temples and down to the river, the holy Bagmati that flows below. A corpse is being cremated on its banks; washerwomen are at their work and children bathe. From a balcony a basket of flowers and leaves, old offerings now wilted, is dropped into the river. A small shrine half protrudes from the stone platform on the river bank. When it emerges fully, the goddess inside will escape, and the evil period of the Kaliyug will end on earth. At the Baudhnath stupa, the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu, there is, in contrast, a sense of stillness. Its immense white dome is ringed by a road. Small shops stand on its outer edge: many of these are owned by Tibetan immigrants; felt bags, Tibetan prints, and silver jewellery can be bought here. There are no crowds: this is a haven of quietness in the busy streets around.

If I were propelled by the enthusiasm of traveling by myself, I would go by bus and train to Patna, then sail up the Ganges past Benaras to Allahabad, then up the Yamuna, past Agra to Delhi. But I am too exhausted and homesick, I tell myself: move directly towards home. I enter a Nepal Airlines office and buy a ticket for tomorrow's flight. I look at the flute seller standing in a corner of the square near the hotel. In his hand is a pole with an attachment at the top from which fifty or sixty bansuris protrude in all directions, like the quills of a porcupine. They are of bamboo. The sound rises clearly above the noise of the traffic and the hawkers' cries. He plays slowly, meditatively, without excessive display. He does not shout out his stock. Occasionally he makes a sale, but in a curiously offhanded way as if this were incidental to his enterprise.

- According to the passage, Pashupatinath shrine reflects the ambience of _____.
A. calmness B. tranquillity
C. chaos D. clamour

2. The author visited two shrines in Kathmandu namely:
A. Shivalinga and Bagmati B. Bagmati and Pashupatinath
C. Baudhnath stupa and Shivalinga D. Pashupatinath and Baudhnath stupa

3. As per the passage, which of the following situation/situations best describe the phrase 'elbowed aside'?
A. people push each other to reach closer to the priest and deity B. people gathered to welcome the royal princess of Nepal
C. priests, tourists, monkeys, pigeons and dogs roaming here and there in perplexity. D. all of the above

4. What idea do you get about the cultural practices of the shrine that the author visited at first?
A. All the people irrespective of the religion are allowed to enter into the temple's premises. B. There are the special entry gates available for the Westerners in order to boost the tourism.
C. Authorities who look after this shrine are very rigid about maintaining the sanctity of the temple D. Only Nepalese are allowed as they don't want the shrine to be treated as a tourist spot.

5. According to the passage "old offerings now wilted are dropped into the river" reflects which trait of the people?
A. insensitivity B. thoughtfulness
C. Attentiveness D. religious

6. Which word in Passage is the antonym for- 'hidden'
A. dormant B. emerges
C. latent D. wilted

7. In the context of the passage, choose the wrong statement.
A. The Bamati river is considered sacred and pious by the Hindus B. Pashupatinath shrine was the haven of quietness
C. Only Hindus are allowed to enter the pashupatinath shrine D. Bansuri was played slowly and meditatively by the flute seller

8. Author decided to go back home because _____.
A. He was propelled by the enthusiasm B. He was unaware of sailing
C. He was exhausted and homesick D. All of the above

India is known for its _____ (1) and culture all over the world. There is diversity in the literary ideas, _____ (2), conventions, and literature all over India. Another important _____ (3) that shows the beautiful diversity of India is the _____ (4) social and cultural beliefs that people _____ (5). People have different social habits in terms of their dresses, food _____ (6), manners, dance forms, and customs and celebrate different _____ (7) in different parts of the country. Cultural diversity can be seen in the _____ (8) of religious beliefs, festivals, and modes of life. North, South, East, and West parts of the country have _____ (9) their own cultural niches. The years of foreign rule and religious movements have gifted the ancient land of India, a rich culture of festivals, _____ (10) and social habits.

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

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| A. consequence | B. drama |
| C. civilization | D. province |

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

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| A. philosophies | B. territory |
| C. departments | D. terminology |

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

- C. solution D. aspect

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4
A. similar B. different
C. adjoining D. adjacent

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5
A. carry B. rely
C. cancel D. nullify

16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6
A. addiction B. inability
C. habits D. dependence

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7
A. festivals B. place
C. things D. substance

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8
A. cause B. source
C. dispute D. form

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9
A. appoint B. carved
C. label D. classify

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10
A. support B. focus
C. customs D. involvement

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

The strongest haunts of life are in the deep sea, which is meant the floor of the deepest part of the ocean and the layers of dark water near the floor. Life is found six miles below the surface, where the water pressure is more than 6000 pounds to the square inch. It is very cold there, i.e. always about zero. It is also absolutely dark except for the fitful gleams of some fishes which, like fireflies, give out light of their own. It is too deep and dark for any plants to grow because plants need light, but no depth it seems is too great for animal life.

As there are no plants at this depth the animals must feed upon one another. The struggle to live is keen. The stomachs of some of the fishes stretch amazingly, so they may swallow objects larger than themselves. When a whale or a tortoise meets death in the ocean and sinks to the bottom there is a great feasting by millions of living things till the monster is devoured.

The sea swarms with strange and curious animals prowling about in the dark, some with long feelers and some with long limbs like stilts. Then there are the cuttle fishes and true fishes stealing along. Certain kinds here are blind. They depend upon great feelers to get about and capture food.

In the blackness of the deep sea, many animals produce their own lights. This light may attract other fishes which are looking out for food. But some deep-sea fishes have very large eyes so as to see in the clear light that they themselves make. Some of these animals have been brought up by dredgers at night, and it is said that on these occasions "they gave off-flashes of light, beside which the twenty torches used for working light were pale." Some of these animals were carried into the laboratory where the lights were turned out. These creatures threw out brilliant jets of fire which changed from red to orange. Some shed green lights. What does the author mean to say by the line "It is too deep and dark for any plants to grow"?

- A. The sea is very deep and dark and so any plant can grow. B. The sea is very deep and dark and in the absence of light, no plant can grow.
- C. Plants can grow at too deep and dark sea. D. Plants cannot grow deep and 'dark sea.
22. What does the author mean to say by the line "but no depth, it seems, is too great for animal life."?
- A. Animals cannot live at great depths. B. No animal lives at great depths.
- C. Animals can easily live at any great depth. D. Great animals are not at great depths.
23. Which of the following statements best summarizes Para II ?
- A. There is a keen struggle for life at deep sea. B. Fishes have amazingly larger stomach.
- C. Whale and tortoise died in the ocean. D. Animals eat each other for want of plants.
24. Why cuttle fishes mainly depend upon their feelers?
- A. prowl about B. steal along
- C. capture food D. move about
25. Last paragraph talks about which of the following given option?
- A. light-producing animals B. laboratory light experiment
- C. catching fish by torches D. fish attracting fish
26. **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

The second strategy proposed _____ (1) the committee was institutional reform of police processes, including investigation of crimes, professionalization and _____ (2) of court systems with induction of technology _____ (3) limiting appeal procedures to the _____ (4) required. It is here the committee _____ (5) to bring in a bigger and responsible role to victims of crime in the whole proceedings.

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

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| A. of | B. by |
| C. for | D. from |

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

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| A. rationalizing | B. rationalisation |
| C. rationally | D. rational |

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

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| A. but | B. because |
| C. and | D. nor |

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

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| A. minimum | B. bottom |
| C. lower | D. negligible |

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

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| A. bought | B. brought |
| C. caught | D. sought |

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

In 1992, the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington DC, and more than 1,700 researchers, issued the World Scientists' Warning to Humanity. It cautioned that humans were inflicting "harsh and often irreversible damage" on the environment and that current practices were endangering humanity's future. More than 21,000 scientists have so far endorsed a widely publicized and equally stark second warning, issued in 2017.

In June 2019, part of the Scientists' Warning movement called attention to a factor that had been largely ignored: microbes. In a Consensus Statement published in *Nature Reviews Microbiology*, 33 leading

microbiologists from around the world “put humanity on notice” that the impact of climate change will depend heavily on the response of microorganisms.

The ubiquity and diversity of bacteria, archaea, viruses, fungi, and protozoa have been appreciated only in recent decades. Researchers recognize the colossal number (around 10³⁰ total bacteria and archaea) and range of microorganisms, and that they are essential to the food web and the cycling of carbon and other elements. Microorganisms can speed the release of greenhouse gases from thawing permafrost, and climate change increase the spread of infectious diseases that threaten public health and food security.

The Consensus Statement provides for the first time a consolidated global view of the reciprocal effects of microorganisms and climate change. It emphasizes the potential of harnessing microbes to mitigate global warming, for example through their role in biofuel production from constructed wetlands. The group calls for long-term monitoring of microbial activities that are relevant for greenhouse-gas fluxes; this will require dedicated funding and international collaboration.

Microbiologists have been poorly represented in advisory and executive committees that decide on global environmental and public health policies. Their expertise and advice must be included to help prioritize future actions to mitigate climate change. The statement authors call for microbiology to be integrated into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. (Only one, on good health, explicitly lists microorganisms in its targets and indicators.) As the most abundant organisms on the planet, it's time that microbes were given more prominence.

What is the best suitable title for the passage?

- A. Harness microbes for humanity's future.
 - B. Global warming
 - C. Microbes: Next generation fuel.
 - D. Microbes: The most abundant organisms on planet.
32. Microbes can cause increase
- A. in reduction of greenhouse gases.
 - B. in emission of greenhouse gases.
 - C. in creation of food web.
 - D. adverse effect on climate change.
33. According to the passage, what threatens public food and health security?
- A. Climate change due to microbial activities.
 - B. Greenhouse gases already present in the environment.
 - C. Increasing Microorganisms.
 - D. Climate change increases the spread of infectious

diseases.

SARS-CoV, the virus that caused the SARS _____ (1) in 2003 and probably also had its ecological reservoir in bats, jumped from an animal reservoir (civet cats, a farmed wild animal) to humans and then _____ (2) between humans. In a similar way, it is thought that SARS-CoV-2 jumped the species barrier and initially _____ (3) humans from another animal host. Since there is usually very limited

close contact between humans and bats, it is more likely that _____ (4) of SARS-CoV-2 to humans happened through an intermediate host, that is another animal species more likely to be handled by humans. This intermediate animal host could be a domestic animal, a wild animal, or a domesticated wild animal and, as of yet, has not been _____ (5).

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

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| A. opening | B. origin |
| C. outbreak | D. exploded |

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

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| A. spreaded | B. spreads |
| C. spreading | D. spread |

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

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| A. attracted | B. infected |
| C. contaminate | D. effected |

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

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| A. transmission | B. communication |
| C. disseminate | D. radiation |

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

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| A. clarified | B. identified |
| C. classified | D. referred |

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

Evolution is a change in the heritable characteristics of biological populations over successive generations. Evolutionary processes give rise to biodiversity at every level of biological organisation, including the levels of species, individual organisms, and molecules.

All life on Earth shares a common ancestor known as the last universal common ancestor (LUCA), which lived approximately 3.5–3.8 billion years ago, although a study in 2015 found "remains of biotic life" from 4.1 billion years ago in ancient rocks in Western Australia. In July 2016, scientists reported identifying a set of 355 genes from the LUCA of all organisms living on Earth.

Repeated formation of new species (speciation), change within species (anagenesis), and loss of species (extinction) throughout the evolutionary history of life on Earth are demonstrated by shared sets of morphological and biochemical traits, including shared DNA sequences. These shared traits are more

similar among species that share a more recent common ancestor and can be used to reconstruct a biological "tree of life" based on evolutionary relationships (phylogenetics), using both existing species and fossils. The fossil record includes a progression from early biogenic graphite, to microbial mat fossils, to fossilized multicellular organisms. Existing patterns of biodiversity have been shaped both by speciation and by extinction. More than 99 percent of all species that ever lived on Earth are estimated to be extinct. Estimates of Earth's current species range from 10 to 14 million, of which about 1.9 million are estimated to have been named and 1.6 million documented in a central database to date. More recently, in May 2016, scientists reported that 1 trillion species are estimated to be on Earth currently with only one-thousandth of one percent described. How is extinction demonstrated?

- A. Through paintings
C. By identifying species through their blood group

47. What is the total number of species which have been named and/or documented in a central database?
A. 1.6 million
C. 1.9 million

48. How do the fossil records progress?
A. Mat fossils, biogenic graphite, fossilized multicellular organisms
C. Biogenic graphite, mat fossil, fossilized multicellular organisms

49. What is meant by speciation?
A. The extinction of species
C. The fossilization of species

50. What percentage of all species that ever lived on earth is still present?
A. More than 99%
C. Less than 1%

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

CARDINAL

A. unimportant
C. cordial

B. slaves
D. paramount

52. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.** P. And he

was then granted a wish by Dionysus, the god of wine.

Q. Despite Dionysus' efforts to prevent it, Midas pleaded that this was a fantastic wish, and so, it was bestowed.

R. There once was a king named Midas who did a good deed for a Satyr.

S. For his wish, Midas asked that whatever he touched would turn to gold.

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| A. QPRS | B. RPSQ |
| C. RSQP | D. SQPR |

53. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The letters in the description refers to both figures.

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| A. refer to | B. is referring to |
| C. was referred to | D. No improvement |

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

P. To find for these growing new millions is desperate task.

Q. Every year, we add more than a crore of person to our population.

R. Despite stupendous efforts by our government, the population is growing unabated and this can drag us to the doors of starvation very soon.

S. The chief cause of our chronic food shortage is the population explosion.

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| A. QRSP | B. SQPR |
| C. QPRS | D. PSQR |

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

“How cruel the boss is!” said the clerk.

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| A. The clerk said that the boss was very cruel. | B. The clerk said that the boss is very cruel. |
| C. The clerk exclaimed that the boss was very cruel. | D. The clerk exclaimed that the boss is very cruel. |

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

Rohan said to her, “Please carry the umbrella and the rain coat for your own safety.”

- A. Rohan requested her to carry the umbrella and the rain coat for her own safety.

B. Rohan requested her to carrying the umbrella and the rain coat for her own safety.

C. Rohan requested her carried the umbrella and the rain coat for her own safety.

D. Rohan request her to carry the umbrella and the rain coat for her own safe.

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

I'm taking my children to the zoo tomorrow", she said, "to see the baby white tiger".

A. She said that she will take the children to the zoo to see the baby white tiger tomorrow.

B. She said that she would take the children to the zoo the next day to see the baby white tiger.

C. She said that she was taking her children to the zoo the next day to see the baby white tiger.

D. She said that she was taking the children to the zoo that day to see the baby white tiger.

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

P. India to take up the issue with the island nation and secure the body at the earliest.

Q. Terming the sinking of the boats and the resultant death of the fisherman a 'murderous attack'.

R. Rameswaram fishermen, at a meeting on the island on Monday.

S. Condemned the SL navy for the attack and urged the State and Central governments in.

A. QPRS

B. QRSP

C. PRQS

D. RQSP

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

The rag trade is extreme competitive, and one needs plenty contacts in order to survive.

A. The rag trade is

B. extreme competitive

C. and one needs plenty

D. of contacts in order

In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Her voice was so loudly that we could hear her song from two blocks away.

A. so loudly that we

B. Her voice was

C. hear her song

D. No error

Mako from scratch

- A. the universe was created out of nothing
- C. to build something out of nothing

- B. to do something from the beginning
- D. one scratch if neglected will destroy the structure eventually

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

Daman says, "Priya is working in Ahmedabad."

- A. Daman said that priya was working in Ahmedabad.
- C. Daman said that priya works in Ahmedabad.

- B. Daman says that priya was working in Ahmedabad.
- D. Daman says that priya is working in Ahmedabad.

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

My progress satisfied my teachers.

- A. My teachers will be satisfied with my progress.
- C. My teachers had been satisfied with my progress.

- B. My teachers were satisfied for my progress.
- D. My teachers were satisfied with my progress.

64. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The opposition parties were protesting in the parliament because the bill was pass without little amends.

- A. passed without any amendments
- C. passed without any amends

- B. pass without any amendments
- D. No improvement

65. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. As a part of the recent cleanliness campaign, all the public amenities was clean of the locally residents of the colony.

- A. were cleaned by the local
- C. were clean by the locally

- B. was cleaned by the local
- D. No improvement

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

The boss said to the personal secretary, "Bring me a cup of coffee and some snacks as soon as possible."

- A. The boss questioned the personal secretary to bring him a cup of coffee and some snacks as soon as possible.
- C. The boss ordered the personal secretary to brought him a cup of coffee and some snacks as

- B. The boss ordered the personal secretary to bring him a cup of coffee and some snacks as soon as possible.
- D. The boss asked the personal secretary not to bring him a cup of coffee and some snacks as soon

soon as possible.

as possible.

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

I said to her, "Have you learned your lesson?"

- A. I asked to her whether she had learned her lesson.
B. I asked her that she had learned her lesson.
C. I asked her whether she had learned her lesson. D. I asked her whether she has learned her lesson.

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

She would take a vacation next week if she gets time off work.

- A. She would take B. a vacation next
C. week if she D. gets time off work

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

Sword of Damocles

- A. life full of quarrels B. imminent danger
C. in a state of suspense and anxiety D. remain faithful to the cause

70. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The ship drowned in the ocean during storm.

- A. got drown B. was drowning
C. sank D. No improvement

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

The elderly manager of the bank together with his staff have resigned.

- A. together with his staff B. of the bank
C. The elderly manager D. have resigned

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

They would still launch their surviving nuclear missiles.

- A. They would be still launching their surviving nuclear missiles. B. Their surviving nuclear missiles would be launched by them.
C. Their surviving nuclear missiles would be still D. There surviving nuclear missile will be still launch

launched by them.

by them.

Rather than go with Amit, he decided to stay at home and study.

- A. Rather than go
- B. with Amit, he
- C. decided to stay at home and study
- D. No error

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

He asked me, "Have you finished reading the magazine?"

- A. He asked me whether I had finished reading the magazine.
- B. He asked me if had I finished reading the magazine.
- C. He asked me if I have finished reading the magazine.
- D. He asked me whether I finished reading the magazine.

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

The queen asked, "Is my secretary coming to the meeting?"

- A. The queen asked if my secretary was coming to the meeting.
- B. The queen asked if her secretary was coming to the meeting.
- C. The queen asked if her secretary is coming to the meeting.
- D. The queen asked that if her secretary was coming to the meeting.

81. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. A number of ships, vehicles etc. travelling together under escort

- A. retinue
- B. fleet
- C. posse
- D. convoy

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

The contractual workers of renowned multinational company is hell-bent at increasing his daily wages.

- A. are hell-bent on increasing their
- B. is hell-bent over increasing their
- C. are hell-bent on increasing its
- D. No improvement

83. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. All affords must be directed at realizing the potential of property taxes.

- A. All efforts must be
- B. Every affords must
- C. Every affords must be
- D. No improvement

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

P. These same technologies are enabling people's sense of entitlement more than ever before.

Q. The benefits of Internet and social media are unquestionably fantastic.

R. For the same reason, this is the best time to be alive.

S. But perhaps these have some unintended social side effects.

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| A. QRSP | B. QSRP |
| C. SRQP | D. PRSQ |

85. **Select the incorrectly spelt word.**

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| A. Numerous | B. Maintanance |
| C. Swimming | D. Wheeling |

86. **Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.** Lasting only for a very short while

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| A. transparent | B. temporal |
| C. temporary | D. temperate |

87. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The station master noticed that no one were their during the platform after the train had left.

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| A. no one was there on | B. no one were there on |
| C. no one was there during | D. No improvement |

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

He funded the research with an annual budget what grew to 500 million dollars.

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| A. He funded the | B. to 500 million dollars |
| C. research with an | D. annual budget what grew |

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

I suppose no place is more better than home on Christmas.

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| A. I suppose no place is mor | B. better than |
| C. home on Christmas | D. No error |

90. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.** LUSCIOUS

- A. piquant
- C. malicious

- B. hither
- D. acrid

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

The student said, "Let me come in."

- A. The student told that let he be allowed to come in.
- B. The student said that if he is allowed to come in.
- C. The student requested to let him come in.
- D. The student requested that he might be allowed to come in.

92. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Everyone in the company knows that the manager are enough richer to buy a penthouse.

- A. are rich enough
- C. is enough richer
- B. is rich enough
- D. No improvement

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

P. Payment for imports and exports is made through a system called foreign exchange.

Q. The value of the money of one country in relation to the money of other countries is agreed upon.

R. These rates of exchange vary from time to time. Sometimes a United States dollar is worth 12 pesos in Mexico. Another time it may be worth eight pesos.

S. For instance, an American dollar or a British pound sterling is worth certain amounts in the money of other countries.

- A. RSPQ
- C. PQSR
- B. QPRS
- D. RPQS

94. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Not knowing _____ way to the ghat, I asked a policeman.

- A. my
- C. myself
- B. mine
- D. me

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

My heart is like a cup of Lapsang Souchong tea, it is _____ and smoky.

- A. better
- C. waste

- B. bitter
- D. dupe

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

The teacher said, "Electrons are attracted towards protons."

- A. The teacher said that electrons were attracted towards protons.
- C. The teacher said that electrons are attracted towards protons.
- B. The teacher said that electrons attracts towards protons.
- D. The teacher said that electron is attracted towards protons.

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

The father says to the child, "The only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J."

- A. The father tells the child that the only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.
- C. The father tells the child that the only letter that didn't appeared on the periodic table is J.
- B. The father told the child that the only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.
- D. The father says that letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.

98. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. When the farmer asked why, the neighbor replied, "I sold you the well, not the water," and walked away.

Q. The next day, as the farmer came to draw water from his well, the neighbor refused to let him take any water.

R. The neighbor, however, was cunning.

S. One day, a farmer was looking for a water source for his farm, when he bought a well from his neighbor.

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

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

I have tell you once and again that you must not read such trash.

- A. I have tell you
- C. must not read such trash.
- B. No error
- D. that you

100. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Up a blind alley

- A. hiding something intentionally from another
- B. not warning a person who is in danger

person

C. one can enjoy thrills only if one takes risk

D. following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome

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

Have I to know that I would be walking in the East Village on a crisp, cold day, I would have held on dearly for a week further, thus affording myself the occasion to relish it's all-too-elegant propriety.

A. Have I to know that I would be walking in the East B. Village on a crisp, cold day, I would have held on C. dearly for a week further, thus affording myself the D. occasion to relish it's all-too-elegant propriety

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

Instrument used for measuring the growth of plants

A. credulous

B. crescograph

C. seismograph

D. cynosure

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

Boringly monotonous

A. odorous

B. ostensible

C. humdrum

D. relinquish

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

The _____ arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody.

A. specious

B. spurious

C. convincing

D. intemperate

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

P. The aim must be to ensure that our country does not experience either paucity or a-surfeit of trained manpower in any specific segment of our economy.

Q. When we set about the task of higher education, we should be absolutely clear in our perception of the goals of education in the specific context of our nation's development.

R. No doubt, one of the important aims of education would be to create the required range and nature of trained manpower assessed to be needed by different sectors of national growth.

S. The entire educational apparatus must be geared progressively to fulfil the requirements of different phases of our growth in every sector - primary, secondary and tertiary.

- A. SQPR
- B. QRSP
- C. SRQP
- D. PSQR

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

He said, "Aunty, please make me something nice today."

- A. He requested his Aunty to make him something nice today.
- B. He requested his Aunty to make me something nice that day.
- C. He requested his Aunty to make him something nice that day.
- D. He requests his Aunty to make him something nice that day.

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

Turn a blind eye

- A. not able to see the obvious truth
- B. hide the ugly truth from someone
- C. pretend not to notice
- D. stay away from bad habits

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

'Let's not go to the beach today. It's going to rain,' he said to me.

- A. He suggested that we shouldn't be going to the beach that day as it is going to rain.
- B. He is suggesting that they shouldn't go to the beach today as it was going to rain.
- C. He suggested that we shouldn't go to the beach that day as it was going to rain.
- D. He had suggested that they shouldn't go to the beach today as it was going to rain.

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

I will post these letters tomorrow.

- A. These letters would be posted tomorrow.
- B. These letters will be posted tomorrow.
- C. These letters are to be posted tomorrow.
- D. These letters have to be posted tomorrow.

110. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Still, people living in the rural areas is deprived of basically amenities on electricity, water and roads.

- A. are deprived of basically amenities like
- B. is deprived of basic amenities like

- C. are deprived of basic amenities like D. No improvement

In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Hardly the inspector had arrived there to investigate the crime when the house was set ablaze.

A. Hardly the inspector had arrived B. there to investigate the crime
C. No error D. when the house was set

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

Who is creating this?

A. Who is being created this? B. By whom has this been created?
C. By whom that is being created? D. By whom is this being created?

Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. QUIESCENT

A. ignorant B. operating
C. innocent D. improper

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

Vinod said to me, "Has your brother returned from Dubai?"

A. Vinod said to me if my brother has returned from Dubai. B. Vinod asked me if my brother had returned from Dubai.
C. Vinod enquire to me if my brother had returned from Dubai. D. Vinod asks me whether my brother had returned from Dubai.

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Faint-hearted

A. calm B. timid
C. lovable D. courageous

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. We were shocked to see her _____ the story of the murder with ghoulish relish.

A. distending B. attenuating
C. narrating D. elucidating

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

The captain said to the soldiers, "Follow my instructions properly while patrolling the dense forest."

A. The captain commanded the soldiers to follow his B. The captain commanded the soldiers to following

instructions properly while patrolling the dense forest.

C. The captain commanded the soldiers to allow his instructions properly while patrolling the dense forest.

his instructions properly while patrolling the dense forest.

D. The captain commanded the soldiers followed his instructions properly while patrolling the dense forest.

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

The Physics teacher said to us, "Force is measured in the SI unit of newtons."

A. The Physics teacher tells to us that Force is measured in the SI unit of newtons.

B. The Physics teacher told us that Force is measured in the SI unit of newtons.

C. The Physics teacher told us that Force was measured in the SI unit of newtons.

D. The Physics teacher tells us that Force is measured in the SI unit of newtons.

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

Keynesian economic theory differs _____ from Marxian.

A. variably

B. markedly

C. literally

D. usually

120. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The walls had not been decorated by us.

A. We have not decorated the walls.

B. We had not decorated the walls.

C. We have not been decorating the walls.

D. We did not decorat the walls.

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

In the last semester, George and Harriet's grades were not that good.

A. last semester

B. George and Harriet's grades

C. No error

D. not that good

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

She made a very remarkable observation.

A. A very remarkable observation made by her.

B. A very remarkable observation is make by her.

C. A very remarkable observation make by her.

D. A very remarkable observation was made by her.

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

They are migratory citizens from another country.

- A. immigrant
- B. itinerant
- C. emigrant
- D. No improvement

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

I burnt my hand yesterday while cooking.

- A. My hand was burning yesterday while cooking.
- B. My hand could be burnt yesterday while cooking.
- C. My hand was burnt yesterday while cooking.
- D. My hand will be burnt yesterday while cooking.

125. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The union government has announce a interim packaged for the automobile sector which is experiencing a lot of financial issues in this pandemic.

- A. announce an interim packaged
- B. announced a interim package
- C. announced an interim package
- D. No improvement

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

Excellent is not achieved by luck it is the result of a lot of hard work and practice.

- A. Excellent is not achieved by luck
- B. it is the result of a lot of
- C. hard work and practice
- D. No error

127. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. A thorn in the flesh

- A. a minor discomfort which is easily ignored.
- B. to fight despite being injured.
- C. a source of continual annoyance or trouble.
- D. a person within close family whom you secretly hate.

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

Aggressive or war-like behavior

- A. diatribe
- B. coerce
- C. belligerence
- D. fount

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

It was the most frightened film that he'd ever seen.

- A. It was the
- B. most frightened film

- C. I do not like being told by the people. D. People don't like telling me what to do.

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

- A. satisfying B. muddled
C. weighty D. spooky

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

Everyone looked up to him.

- A. He was looked up to by everyone. B. He was looked up by every.
C. He is looked up by everyone. D. He looks up by everyone.

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

We said to her, "Thank You for your concern and get well soon cards."

- A. We asked her for her concern and get well soon cards. B. We thanked her for her concern and get well soon cards.
C. We requested her for her concern and get well soon cards. D. We told her for her concern and get well soon cards.

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

The chief guest said to director, "Please allow students to compete in extracurricular activities outside the college."

- A. The chief guest request director to allow students to compete in extracurricular activities outside the college. B. The chief guest requested director allowed students to compete in extracurricular activities outside the college.
C. The chief guest requested director to allow students to compete in extracurricular activities outside the college. D. The chief guest requested director to allow students to compete in extracurricular activities inside the college.

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

My Principal told me, "Don't conduct any test tomorrow."

- A. My Principal told me not to conduct any test tomorrow. B. My Principal told me to not conduct any test the next day.
C. My Principal ordered me don't conduct any test the next day. D. My Principal ordered me not to conduct any test the next day.

140. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. Once upon a time, a farmer had a goose that laid one golden egg every day.

Q. The egg provided enough money for the farmer and his wife to support their daily needs.

R. The farmer and his wife continued to be happy for a long time.

S. But, one day, the farmer thought to himself, "Why should we take just one egg a day?

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

This state has so many amazed universities.

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

The law _____ behaviour detrimental to the public welfare.

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| A. proscribes | B. prescribes |
| C. describes | D. enforces |

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

These types of book are for adults who are looking for intense reading.

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

We won the cricket match.

- A. The cricket match was won by us B. The cricket match is won by us
C. The cricket match win by us D. The cricket match had been won by us

145. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Wet behind the ears

- A. to take a bath
- B. lacking experience or be immature
- C. to speak bad behind other's back
- D. not able to eavesdrop despite trying hard

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

In the tweet, the company says that the first three-stage cores has completed their testing.

- A. In the tweet, the company says that
- B. the first three-stage cores has completed
- C. their testing, and showed off a video of a
- D. No error

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

A person who wastes his money on luxury

- A. luxurious
- B. luxuriant
- C. extravagant
- D. stingy

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

India is evolving a new plan to control its population.

- A. A new plan is evolved by India to control its population.
- B. A new plan has been evolved by India to control its population.
- C. A new plan was being evolved to control its population by India.
- D. A new plan is being evolved by India to control its population.

149. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. Children with poor phonological skills progress more poorly.

Q. The consensus concerns the causal role of phonological skills in young children's reading progress.

R. Studies of the factors governing reading development in young children have achieved a remarkable degree of consensus over the past two decades.

S. Children who have good phonological skills, or good phonological awareness become good readers and good spellers.

- A. QSPR
- B. SPQR
- C. RQSP
- D. PQRS

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

- An error or misprint in printing or writing

 - A. axiom
 - B. erratum
 - C. jargon
 - D. agenda

151. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. A weak-minded person is frighten away by the initial difficulties and gives up the attempt in despair.

- A. A weak-minded person is frightened away by the initial difficulties B. gives up the attempt in despair
C. away by the initial difficulties D. No error

152. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Drag one's feet

- A. make something more complicated
 - B. expedite
 - C. be reluctant to act
 - D. stop working

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

You must wear earplugs too soften the gunshot.

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

Must we cut this tree?

- A. Must this tree cut?
B. Must this tree be cut?
C. Must this tree was cut?
D. Must this tree is cut?

155. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The dog is being fed by us.

- A. We fed the dog.
B. We have had been feeding the dog.
C. We are feeding the dog.
D. We had been feeding the dog.

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

Seema made a very remarkable innovation.

- B. A very remarkable innovation is made by Seema.

Seema.

- C. A very remarkable innovation has been made by D. A very remarkable innovation had been made by Seema.

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

The prisoner said, "Let me exercise my right to life please."

- A. The prisoner requests that he must be allowed to B. The prisoner requested that he allowed to exercise his right to life. exercise my right to life.
C. The prisoner requested that he should be allowed D. The prisoner requested that I be allowed to to exercise his right to life. exercise his right to life.

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

The students are decorating the stage for the annual day celebrations.

- A. The stage had been decorated by the students for B. The stage is being decorated by the students for the annual day celebrations. the annual day celebrations.
C. The stage was decorated by the students for the D. The stage has been decorated by the students for annual day celebrations. the annual day celebrations.

159. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Had he obtained leave?

- A. Had leave been obtained by him? B. Had leave obtained by him?
C. Had leave been obtained him? D. Had leave been obtained for him?

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

Don't touch this switch.

- A. This switch does not be touched. B. Let this switch not be touched.
C. This switch don't be touched. D. This switch cannot be touched.

161. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. Finally, as his stomach rumbled, he stumbled upon a farmer's wall.

Q. One day, a fox became very hungry as he went to search for some food.

R. At the top of the wall, he saw the biggest, juiciest grapes he'd ever seen.

S. He searched high and low, but couldn't find anything that he could eat.

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| A. PQRS | B. SQPR |
| C. QSPR | D. RSPQ |

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

India accuses Pakistan of training and arming militants and helping them infiltrate _____ the Line of Control that divides Kashmir.

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| A. across | B. from |
| C. with | D. by |

163. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. You will be well looked after.

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| A. They will look after you well. | B. They can look after you well. |
| C. They may look after you well. | D. They should look after you well. |

164. Select the correctly spelt word.

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| A. Acolade | B. Registry |
| C. Gaudeist | D. Frackture |

165. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

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| A. Warranty | B. Wardrobe |
| C. Wayward | D. Whimsicle |

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

He swore in the name of God that he was ignorant of the matter.

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| A. He said, "I'm ignorant by God!" | B. He declared, "God knows I was ignorant of the matter." |
| C. He said, "By God! I'm ignorant of the matter." | D. He said he was ignorant of God. |

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

The school has received vary grants from the education department.

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| A. The school has | B. received vary grants |
| C. from the | D. education department |

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

ENTRAIN

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| A. alight | B. debark |
| C. mount | D. disembark |

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

"What a stupid fellow you are!" she remarked.

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| A. She exclaimed that what a stupid follow he was. | B. She exclaimed that he was a very stupid fellow. |
| C. She exclaimed in disgust how he could be so stupid. | D. She asked him what a stupid fellow he was. |

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

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

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| A. He said that he shall unlock the secrets of their success. | B. He said that he could unlock the secrets of their success. |
| C. He said that he would unlock the secrets of their success. | D. He said that he will unlock the secrets of their success. |

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

A person's peculiar habit

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| A. posterity | B. temerity |
| C. distinction | D. idiosyncrasy |

172. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

Like smartphones, cameras tend to getting smaller and maybe even lighter as they evolve with each product release.

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| A. Like smartphones, | B. cameras tend to getting |
| C. and maybe even lighter | D. with each product |

173. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Mary's father won't let her adopt a puppy because he's allergic to dogs.

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| A. won't let her adopt an | B. No improvement |
| C. won't let she adopt a | D. won't let her adopts |

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

improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.

This book is adopted too the needs of beginners.

- A. adapted to
- B. adapted for
- C. adopted for
- D. No improvement

175. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. These days it has become a commonly practise to talk during equal rights for both men and women.

- A. commonly practice to talk about
- B. common practice to talk about
- C. common practise to talk about
- D. No improvement

176. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.

Q. A force exists between everybody in the universe.

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

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

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

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

He was sick of going to the office days after days.

- A. He was sick
- B. of going to
- C. the office
- D. days after days

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

Like a weak old woman

- A. antagonist
- B. anile
- C. aphelion
- D. apothegm

179. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. VIOLATION

- A. contravention
- B. deference

- C. vacillation
- D. infraction
- E. Dereliction

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

He said to me, "I shall go with you for this house party."

- A. He told me that he would go with me for this house party.
- B. He told me that he would go with me for that house party.
- C. He told me that he shall go with me for that house party.
- D. He told me that he will go with me for this house party.

181. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The anti-terror squad of the police department arrested the terrorists which was planning during bomb the crowded places during the festive season.

- A. which were planning to bomb
- B. that were planning to bomb
- C. that were planning in bomb
- D. No improvement

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

P. Focusing the mind is challenging.

Q. Through the process, one's ability to concentrate increases.

R. Concentration meditation involves focusing on a single point.

S. Hence, a beginner might meditate for only a few minutes.

- A. PQSR
- B. RPSQ
- C. SRQP
- D. RSQP

183. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The hijacker forced the pilots to take the plane in a different direction.

- A. No improvement
- B. the pilot taking the
- C. a pilots to take the
- D. an pilot to take the

184. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

Many a man has died of cancer.

- A. have died of
- B. have died from
- C. have been dying of
- D. No improvement

185. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.** P. It is by no means a biological evolution, but it is a cultural one. That brilliant sequence of cultural peaks can most appropriately be termed the ascent of man.

Q. Biological evolution has not fitted man to any specific environment. His imagination, his reason, his emotional subtlety, and his toughness, make it possible for him not to accept the environment but to change.

R. And that series of inventions by which man from age by age has reshaped his environment is a different kind of evolution.

S. Among the multitude of animals which scamper, burrow, swim around us, he is the only one who is not locked into his environment.

- A. QPRS
- B. SRQP
- C. QRSP
- D. SQRP

186. **Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.** P. Once, there was a boy who became bored when he watched over the village sheep grazing on the hillside.

Q. But, when they arrived, they didn't see any wolf.

R. When the villagers heard the cry, they came running up the hill to drive the wolf away.

S. To entertain himself, he cried out, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!"

- A. PSRQ
- B. RSPQ
- C. QPRS
- D. SQPR

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

I would love to availing a short holiday and go for an overnight trek.

- A. to avail myself of
- B. to avail of
- C. to availed
- D. No improvement

188. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The judge was shoot dead by a unidentification man while he was leaving his chamber in the evening.

- A. shot dead by an unidentification man B. shoot dead by a unidentified man
C. shot dead by an unidentified man D. No improvement

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

- A. Decisions should be taken. B. We must take decisions.
C. It is good to take decisions. D. We should take decisions.

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

P. In addition, the industry is engaged in the fabrication of non-aerospace products and systems that make use of aerospace technology.

Q. It also includes major flight-vehicle subsystems such as propulsion and avionics.

R. The aerospace industry is engaged in the research, development, and manufacture of flight vehicles.

S. The flight vehicles include unpowered gliders and sailplanes, airships, missiles, space launch vehicles, and spacecrafts.

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

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

Happiness is not just the state of bliss.

Q. Stress can be psychological as well as physiological.

R. It is the state of mind: devoid of any kind of stress.

S. It is, however, important to channelize the release of stress in appropriate ways.

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

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

P. The U.S. economic expansion will last at least another two years, according to a majority of economists polled by Reuters who also forecast growth will not accelerate the way the Trump administration has predicted.

Q. Growth has still not picked up as quickly as thought recently, leading forecasters to lower expectations again slightly in the poll of more than 100 economists taken August 7-10.

R. The recovery from the devastating 2007-2009 financial crisis has been unusually lengthy.

S. The latest growth stretch has already lasted 96 months, and if the poll predictions come true it would mark the longest economic expansion in more than 150 years.

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| A. PRQS | B. SQPR |
| C. PRSQ | D. PSRQ |

193. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. They have published the names of all the successful candidates.

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| A. The candidates who have succeeded their names | B. The names of all the successful candidates have been published by them. |
| C. The candidates who have succeeded their names | D. The names of all the successful candidates were published by them. |

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

“What did you eat for breakfast today?” the doctor asked the patient.

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| A. The doctor asked the patient whether he had eaten breakfast that day. | B. The doctor asked the patient what he had eaten for breakfast that day. |
| C. The doctor asked the patient whether he has eaten the breakfast that day. | D. The doctor asked the patient whether he was eaten breakfast that day. |

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

P. Epistemological idealists (such as Kant) might insist that the only things which can be directly known for certain are ideas.

Q. The approach to idealism by Western philosophers has been different to that of Eastern thinkers.

R. In much of Western thought (though not in such major Western thinkers as Plato and Hegel) the ideal

relates to direct knowledge of subjective mental ideas, or images.

S. It is then usually juxtaposed with realism in which the real is said to have absolute existence prior to and independent of our knowledge.

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| A. RQPS | B. PQSR |
| C. PRQS | D. QRSP |

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

Soldiers stand their _____ (1) with all they've got. The enemies and their _____ (2) ideas must not be allowed in. Scouts are also important in a war, but they play quite a _____ (3) role. In military operations, reconnaissance or scouting is the _____ (4) outside an area occupied by friendly forces to _____ (5) information about natural features and other activities in the area. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

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| A. land | B. earth |
| C. ground | D. country |

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

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| A. subversive | B. loyalist |
| C. directorial | D. manual |

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

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| A. positive | B. normal |
| C. similar | D. different |

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

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| A. exploration | B. learning |
| C. internal | D. grasping |

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

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| A. try | B. notice |
| C. gain | D. give |

Solutions

1. C

Sol. In the passage, the author mentioned that there is an atmosphere of 'febrile confusion' at Pashupatinath, as Priests, hawkers, devotees, tourists, cows, monkeys etc were roaming here and there, which reflects that the ambiance or surroundings were in total disarray and disorder.

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

2. D

Sol. If we read the entire passage we get to know that author has visited two main shrines of Kathmandu namely 'Pashupatinath' and 'Baudhnath stupa. The Bagmati river and Shivalinga are in the vicinity of the Pashupatinath temple.

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

3. A

Sol. '**Elbowed aside**' means to physically push someone's way. For eg: I was waiting in line, but a tall boy's jerk came along and elbowed me aside!

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

4. C

Sol. According to the passage, the policeman was not convinced that the saffron-clad Westerners were Hindus, Also only Hindus were allowed into the temple to maintain the sanctity of the temple. This shows the rigidness of the cultural practices followed there.

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

5. A

Sol. WILTED means to become saggy, to become dry or wither. People drop flowers and leaves into the holy river and also the old and withered leaves, flowers. Though the dropping of flowers and leaves reflects that they considered river Bagmati holy, but the throwing of such things into the river reflects that these people lack concern for the environment.

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

6. B

Sol. 'Hidden' means concealed, not visible. 'Emerges' means come into view, appear.

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

7. B

Sol. As per the passage, in the starting lines, the author describes the atmosphere of Pashupatinath as confusing and full of disorder. Also when we read further, an author found Baudhnath stupa, less crowded and in a state of quietness.

Hence, **option B** is a wrong statement and hence the right answer.

8. C

Sol. In the passage, the author said that if he got actually persuaded by the enthusiasm of self-traveling, he may have traveled by bus and train to various destinations but he didn't do so as he was exhausted and decided to go back home.

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

9. A

Sol. 'Casual' means uninterested. 'Offhanded' means unconcerned or uninterested.

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

10. D

Sol. According to the last paragraph of the passage, the flute seller played the flute slowly and meditatively.

Also, he was not at all shouting to sell out his wares and sells occasionally in an uninterested or incidental way thereby not making huge sales.

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

11. C

Sol. The blank needs a word that has the same connotation as 'culture'.

'**Civilization**' meaning 'the stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced' is the apt fit for the blank.

The meanings of other words are:

Consequence = a result or effect, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant.

Drama = a play for theatre, radio, or television.

Province = a principal administrative division of a country or empire.

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

12. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:-

Philosophies = theories or attitudes that act as a guiding principle for behaviour.

Territory = an area of land under the jurisdiction of a ruler or state.

Departments = a division of a large organization such as a government, university, or business, dealing with a specific area of activity.

Terminology = the body of terms used with a particular technical application in a subject of study, profession, etc.

Out of the given options, **option A** fits in the blank aptly.

13. D

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Provision = the action of providing or supplying something for use.

Demand = an insistent and peremptory request, made as of right.

Solution = a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation.

Aspect = a particular part or feature of something.

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

14. B

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Similar = having a resemblance in appearance, character, or quantity, without being identical.

Different = not the same as another or each other; unlike in nature, form, or quality.

Adjoining = (of a building, room, or piece of land) next to or joined with.

Adjacent = next to or adjoining something else.

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

15. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Carry = assume or accept (responsibility or blame).

Rely = depend on with full trust or confidence.

Cancel = decide or announce that (a planned event) will not take place.

Nullify = make legally null and void; invalidate.

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

16. C

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Addiction = the fact or condition of being addicted to a particular substance or activity.

Inability = the state of being unable to do something.

Habit = a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up.

Dependence = the state of relying on or being controlled by someone or something else.

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

17. A

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Festivals = a day or period of celebration, typically for religious reasons.

Place = a particular position, point, or area in space; a location.

Things = an object that one need not, cannot, or does not wish to give a specific name to.

Substance = a particular kind of matter with uniform properties.

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

18. D

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Cause = a person or thing that gives rise to an action, phenomenon, or condition.

Source = a place, person, or thing from which something originates or can be obtained.

Dispute = a disagreement or argument.

Form = a particular way in which a thing exists or appears.

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

19. B

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Appoint = assign a job or role to (someone).

Carved = cut (a hard material) in order to produce an object, design, or inscription.

Label = assign to a category, especially inaccurately or restrictively.

Classify = arrange (a group of people or things) in classes or categories according to shared qualities or characteristics.

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

20. C

Sol. The meanings of the words are:

Support = bear all or part of the weight of; hold up.

Focus = the centre of interest or activity.

Customs = a traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.

Involvement = the fact or condition of being involved with or participating in something.

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

21. B

Sol. As given the passage no plants can grow in the deep and dark environment because the water pressure is more than 6000 pounds to the square inch. It is very cold there which is always about zero. Also, the rays of the sun do not reach that depth, so the plants cannot grow over there.

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

22. C

Sol. Depth at a certain point can harm plants but not the animals living in there. So animals can easily live at any great depth. It has been evident by some of the creatures found in the deepest sea levels.

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

23. A

Sol. 2nd paragraph shows how animals live under water and struggle for their life at great depths. The stomachs of some of the fishes stretch amazingly, so they may swallow objects larger than themselves. When a whale or a tortoise meets death in the ocean and sinks to the bottom there is a great feasting by millions of living things till the monster is devoured.

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

24. C

Sol. It is given in the third paragraph of the passage that cuttle fishes and true fishes depend upon great feelers to get about and capture food.

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

25. A

Sol. Last paragraph talks about the animals produce their own lights. This light may attract other fishes wanted for food. But some deep-sea fishes have very large eyes so as to see in the clear light that they themselves make.

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

26. B

Sol. 'By' is used for identifying the agent performing an action.

In the above passage, "by" is used to show that it is the "committee" who is proposing the strategy.

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

27. B

Sol. Rationalization is the action of attempting to explain or justify behavior or an attitude with logical reasons, even if these are not appropriate.

It is the present participle tense of rationalizing and is suitable for the sentence.

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

28. C

Sol. "And" is a conjunction used to connect words of the same part of speech, clauses, or sentences, which are to be taken jointly.

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

29. A

Sol. Minimum means the least or smallest amount or quantity possible, attainable, or required.

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

30. D

Sol. Sought is the past tense of seek which means attempt to find (something).

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

31. A

Sol. In the passage, the author is mostly talking about the positive effects that microbes can cause in our lives in future. He also talks about the ways to harness the positives of microbes.

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

32. B

Sol. Microbes can speed the release of greenhouse gases from the thawing of permafrost.

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

33. D

Sol. According to the passage, climate change increases the spread of infectious diseases that threaten public health and food security.

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

34. C

Sol. 'Thawing' means (of something solid (like ice)) to go from a frozen to a liquid state. So, 'thawing' will be the antonym of 'solidifying'.

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

35. B

Sol. 'Colossal' means very large or great and 'Whacking' also means very large. So, 'colossal' will be the synonym of 'whacking'.

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

36. B

Sol. According to the passage, the consensus statement emphasizes the potential of harnessing microbes to mitigate global warming.

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

37. A

Sol. Consensus means 'a general opinion among a group of people' or 'agreement among a group of people'. Whereas Ubiquity means 'the fact that something or someone seems to be everywhere' and colossal means 'very large or great'. Prominence means 'the state of being important'.

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

38. C

Sol. According to 'the consensus statement' the impact of climate change will depend heavily on the response

of microorganisms.

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

39. A

Sol. More than 21,000 scientists have so far endorsed a widely publicized and equally stark second warning, issued in 2017.

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

40. D

Sol. In this passage, the author has described microbes and their benefits.

Hence, **option D**, i.e. Descriptive, is the correct answer.

41. C

Sol. • We know that a virus causes disease.

• So, "opening" doesn't fit in the blank.

• An "origin" is not caused and hence it gets eliminated.

• Moreover, we need a noun here and "exploded" is a verb and hence it gets eliminated too.

• "**Outbreak**", which means a sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease, is the perfect word for the blank.

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

42. D

Sol. • The given sentence mentions a past event, i.e. how SARS-COV spread in 2003.

• We know that the past tense of "spread" is "spread" itself and hence "spreaded" can be eliminated.

• Thus, "spread" is the correct word for the blank.

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

43. B

Sol. • We know that a virus infects a human.

- So, "attracted" is not the right word for the blank.
- "Contaminate" is a synonym of "infect" but we need the second form of the word here. Thus, "contaminate" gets eliminated.
- As a verb, "effected" means to achieve something and cause it to happen. This meaning doesn't fit in the blank and hence it also gets eliminated.
- Thus, "infected" is the best word for the blank.

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

44. A

- Sol.
- If we read the sentence carefully, we get to know that we are talking about the spread of virus between humans and animals.
 - Therefore, "communication" doesn't fit here contextually.
 - We need a noun here and "disseminate" is a verb and hence it gets eliminated.
 - "Radiation" which means the emission of energy as electromagnetic waves is inappropriate for the blank.
 - "**Transmission**", which means the action or process of transmitting something, or the state of being transmitted, is correct for the blank.

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

45. B

- Sol.
- The sentence indicates doubt about the intermediate animal that is a host for transmission of the virus.
 - It means to say that this intermediate animal has not been identified yet.

- Thus, the word "**identified**" is the correct word for the blank.

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

46. B

Sol. It has been mentioned in the passage that the loss of species (extinction) throughout the evolutionary history of life on Earth is demonstrated by shared sets of morphological and biochemical traits, including shared DNA sequences.

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

47. B

Sol. There are 1.9 million named species and 1.6 million further which have been documented in a central database. This makes a total of 3.5 million.

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

48. C

Sol. It has been given in the passage that the fossil record includes a progression from early biogenic graphite, to microbial mat fossils, to fossilized multicellular organisms.

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

49. D

Sol. The repeated formation of new species is called Speciation.

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

50. C

Sol. More than 99 percent of all species that ever lived on Earth are estimated to be extinct so that leaves earth with less than 1%.

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

51. D

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

Cardinal = of first rank, importance, or value; of the greatest importance; fundamental.

e.g. Finding food was a cardinal concern.

Slave = to a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to obey them.

Cordial = warm and friendly.

Paramount = more important than anything else; supreme.

e.g. There are many priorities, but reducing the budget deficit is of paramount importance.

Unimportant = not important

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

52. B

Sol. • The first sentence should be **R** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'Midas'.

• Sentence **P** then tells that Midas was granted a wish for doing a good deed for a Satyr.

• Sentence **S** mentions the wish that Midas asked for.

• Sentence **Q** then concludes the passage by mentioning that Midas' wish was bestowed despite Dionysus' efforts to prevent it.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **There once was a king named Midas who did a good deed for a Satyr. And he was then granted a wish by Dionysus, the god of wine. For his wish, Midas asked that whatever he touched would turn to gold. Despite Dionysus' efforts to prevent it, Midas pleaded that this was a fantastic wish, and so, it was bestowed.**

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

53. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- It is because the subject of the sentence is plural i.e. letters and the verb "refers" is singular.
- To make it correct, a plural verb (prefer) should be used.
- Among the options, only option A has a plural verb.

The correct sentence will be: **The letters in the description refer to both figures.**

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

54. B

- Sol.
- Sentence S should be the first sentence as it introduces the topic of population explosion which is the leading cause of food shortage.
 - We can see that only one option has the sequence which starts with S.
 - When we read the sentences in this sequence, we find that they form a correct paragraph.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **SQPR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **The chief cause of our chronic food shortage is the population explosion. Every year, we add more than a crore of person to our population. To find for these growing new millions is desperate task. Despite stupendous efforts by our government, the population is growing unabated and this can drag us to the doors of starvation very soon.**

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

55. C

- Sol.
- This is an imperative sentence direct speech. 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.

- **Said** changes to '**exclaimed**'.

- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and “that” is used instead.
- Reported speech (which has the verb and subject) is now written in the form of (subject + verb); reported speech is made assertive.
Present tense will change into past tense.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The clerk exclaimed that the boss was very cruel.**

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

56. A

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

* The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.

* In the imperative sentences, direct speech has structure: “V1+Object”. This is changed to “to + V1+Object” in indirect speech. Accordingly, “carry the umbrella and the rain coat” is converted to “to carry the umbrella and the rain coat”.

* “Said to” changes to “requested” in indirect speech as given sentence has word “please” that shows request.

* Also, pronoun (your) of the reported speech is changed to pronoun (her) since it is referring to object of the reporting verb (her).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **Rohan requested her to carry the umbrella and the rain coat for her own safety.**

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

57. C

Sol. • This is a simple sentence of direct speech and we will change it into indirect speech accordingly.
• Said will remain the same in the indirect speech as it is not followed by an object.

- Inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction that will be used.
- The tense of the reported verb is the present continuous and it will change to the past continuous in the indirect speech.
- Tomorrow will change to **the next day** and the first person pronoun will be changed according to the subject of the reporting speech.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **She said that she was taking her children to the zoo the next day to see the baby white tiger.**

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

58. B

Sol.

- If we go through each statement separately, it is clearly visible that the statement can't start with a noun i.e. **Rameswaram**.
- Whereas statement Q i.e. "Terming the sinking of the boats and the resultant death of the fisherman a 'murderous attack'" is a complaint statement given by Rameswaram, thus statement Q will be followed by (statement R).
- If we look at statements S & P, it implies that (S) will be followed by (P) as " central governments in India " makes proper sense.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QRSP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Terming the sinking of the boats and the resultant death of the fisherman a 'murderous attack'. Rameswaram fishermen, at a meeting on the island on Monday. Condemned the SL navy for the attack and urged the State and Central governments in India to take up the issue with the island nation and secure the body at the earliest.**

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

59. B

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- In place of the adjective "extreme", an adverb should be used to modify the adjective 'competitive'.
- Therefore, 'extreme' should be replaced with 'extremely' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: **The rag trade is extremely competitive, and one needs plenty of contacts in order to survive.**

60. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The use of 'loudly' is incorrect in the sentence.
- "Loudly" is an adverb, so it cannot be used with noun "voice".
- "Loud" is adjective and it is used with the noun "voice".

The correct sentence will be: **Her voice was so loud that we could hear her song from two blocks away.**

61. B

Sol. The idiom "**make from scratch**" means to do something from the beginning.

E.g. :- I didn't give my daughter any help making this cake. She did it all from scratch.

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

62. D

- Sol.
- If the reporting verb is in the present or future tense, no changes are made to the verb/tense of the reported speech.
 - However, the inverted commas (" ") are removed and "that" conjunction is used in indirect speech.
 - So, the indirect speech of the given sentence would be:- **Daman says that Priya is working in Ahmedabad.**

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

63. D

Sol. This is a sentence of simple past tense. The structures of active/passive voice for such sentences are:

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

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

The preposition "by" is not used in all sentences. Some verbs take the prepositions which are used particularly with them. Here, the verb "satisfy" will take the preposition "with" after it.

So, based on the above structure, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **My teachers were satisfied with my progress.**

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

64. A

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

- The underlined part needs correction in verb, determiner and noun.
- The given sentence is in passive voice because the object of the verb has been put as a subject here (the bill). So, passive voice structure “be+V3” should be used i.e. “was passed” is the correct verb structure.
- “Amends” is a verb, and it means to change something slightly in order to make it better but “without” is a preposition here. So we need an object of preposition and a verb cannot be used as an object of a preposition. Thus, the noun “amendments” should be used.
- “Little” as a determiner is used in the negative sense. “Without” is already showing the negative sense, so there is no need for it again. But we can use “any” as another determiner in place of “little” to refer to an amount for the noun “amendments”. Also, “any” as a determiner is preferred in negative and interrogative sentences.

For example: We did not eat **any** meat this weekend.

- Hence, “**passed without any amendments**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The opposition parties were protesting in the parliament because the bill was passed without any amendments.**

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

65. A

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

- * The underlined part needs correction in verb, preposition and adjective.
- * The given sentence is in passive voice because the object of the verb has been put as a subject here. So, passive voice structure “be+V3” should be used keeping in mind the plurality of the subject i.e. “public amenities”. Thus, “were cleaned” is the correct verb structure.
- * Also, preposition “by” is used before the actual doer (residents) in the passive structure.
- * “Residents” is a noun and it needs an adjective to qualify it. But here, “locally”, an adverb, is used to qualify a noun and this is wrong. Thus, correct adjective “local” should be used.
- * Hence, “**were cleaned by the local**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **As a part of the recent cleanliness campaign, all the public amenities were cleaned by the local residents of the colony.**

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

66. B

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

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.

- In the imperative sentences, direct speech has the structure: "V1+Object".

This is changed to "to + V1+Object" in indirect speech. Accordingly, "Bring me" is converted to "to bring him".

- The reporting verb "Said to" will change to "ordered" in indirect speech as the given sentence is a communication between a boss and his secretary.
- Also, the first person pronoun (me) of the reported speech is changed to the pronoun (him) according to the subject (boss).

Note: When there is no clarity on gender of subject in sentence then we assume it to be of Masculine. Hence, accordingly, pronouns are used.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The boss ordered the personal secretary to bring him a cup of coffee and some snacks as soon as possible.**

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

67. C

Sol. The given sentence of direct speech. The speech is an interrogative sentence. We will use the below rules to change it to indirect speech.

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "asked"
- Inverted commas (" ") will be removed.
- As the reported speech is in YES/NO question form, if/whether will be used before the reported speech.
- Here, the reported verb will be made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of subject + verb.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, the tense of the speech will change from the present perfect to the past perfect tense.

- The second person pronoun "you" and "your" will change according to the object (her) to "she" and "her" respectively.

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **I asked her whether she had learned her lesson.**

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

68. A

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

- The given sentence is an example of the first conditional sentence.
- First conditional sentences are used to express situations in which the outcome is likely to happen in the future.
- We use the simple present tense in the if-clause and simple future tense in the main clause—that is, the clause that expresses the likely outcome.
- Therefore, '**would**' must be replaced with '**will**' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence will be: **She will take a vacation next week if she gets time off work.**

69. B

Sol. If you have a '**sword of damocles**' hanging over you/your head, something bad seems very likely to happen to you. In other words, we can say that sword of Damocles means to have imminent danger in one's ways.

E.g. :- It's been hanging over my head like the sword of Damocles.

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

70. C

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- **Drowning** means suffocating inside water and dying.
- It is mainly used for living things like persons, animals etc.
- Clearly "drowned" cannot be used for ship as it is a non-living thing.
- **Sink** refers to the submerging of any object underwater. It is used for non-living things like ships, boats, etc.
- Thus, '**sank**' is the best-suited one.

The correct sentence is :- **The ship sank in the ocean during storm.**

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

71. D

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

- If nouns or pronouns are joined by "with, together with, along with, as well as, in addition to, besides, like, unlike, rather than, and not" the verb agrees to the first noun or pronoun.

See the below example:

- You as well as your sister were in the wrong.
 - He together with his friends is coming today.
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- Since the first noun is singular, the verb would also be singular.
 - Thus, replace '**have**' with '**has**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The elderly manager of the bank together with his staff has resigned.**

72. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active voice.

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

Active Voice : **Subject + would + verb's first form + object.**

Passive Voice : **Object + would + be + verb (IIIrd from) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice:- **Their surviving nuclear missiles would be still launched by them.**

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

73. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct and there is no need to improve it.

When a singular noun and a plural noun are joined by "either...or", the verb agrees to the closer noun or pronoun. In the given sentence, the closer noun to the verb is "bear" which is singular, and therefore, the correct verb would be singular which is already given in the sentence.

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

74. C

Sol. * The first sentence should be **R** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. a poor boy.

* The sentence **P** then tells what happened to the boy while selling newspapers on his route.

* The sentences **Q** and **S** form a mandatory pair as they talk about what the boy did when he was starving i.e. he stopped at a door for water. The girl instead gave him a glass of milk.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **There once was a poor boy who spent his days going door-to-door selling newspapers to pay for school. One day, as he was walking his route, he started feeling low and weak. The poor boy was starving, so he decided to ask for water when he**

came to the next door. He asked for a glass of water, but seeing his poor state, the girl came back with a glass of milk.

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

75. A

Sol. Soporific = causing sleep or making a person want to sleep.

Depressant = a drug that slows the rate of the body's functions.

Narcotic = a drug that produces numbness or stupor; often taken for pleasure or to reduce pain; extensive use can lead to addiction.

Antiseptic = preventing the growth of disease-causing microorganisms.

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

76. D

Sol. Elegiac = something that expresses sorrow or lamentation.

Empiricism = the belief based on experience or observation.

Ephemeral = transitory or short-lived.

Emeritus = someone who has been honourably discharged from service.

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

77. B

Sol. The given sentence is a simple sentence and is of direct speech. We will use the following rules to convert it into indirect speech.

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "told".
- The past of "cannot" is "could not".

- The pronoun "I" will change to "he" as the first person pronoun changes according to the subject of the reporting speech.
- The second person pronoun "you" will change according to the object (workmen) to "them".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The employer told the workmen that he could not pay them higher wages.**

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

78. A

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

- "Rather than" is followed by the **continuous form** of the main verb.
- Thus, **replace 'go' with 'going'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: "**Rather than going with Amit, he decided to stay at home and study.**"

79. A

Sol. The given sentence is in interrogative form. 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.

- Asked will remain the same.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- If the reported speech is in YES/NO question form then **whether** is used before reported speech.
- Tense of the given sentence changes from present perfect tense to past perfect tense.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'I'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **He asked me whether I had finished reading the magazine.**

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

80. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. The speech is an interrogative sentence. We will follow the below rules to change it to the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "asked".

- "If" will be used to join the reporting verb with the speech.

NOTE: "that" will not be used if we are using "if" as the conjunction.

- The tense of the speech will change from the present continuous tense to the past continuous.

- Also, the speech is made assertive, i.e. subject + verb.

- The first person pronoun "my" will change according to the subject (queen) to "her".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The queen asked if her secretary was coming to the meeting.**

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

81. D

Sol. Fleet = a group of ships sailing together, engaged in the same activity, or under the same ownership.

Retinue = a group of advisers, assistants, or others accompanying an important person.

Posse = a group of people who have come together for the same purpose.

Convoy = a group of vehicles or ships that travel together under protection.

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

82. A

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

- * The underlined part needs correction in helping verb, preposition and possessive adjective.
- * Helping verb must be plural because the subject “workers” is plural. Thus, “are” should be used.
- * Correct preposition “on” should be used with “hell-bent” because “hell-bent **on** doing something” means determined to do something.
- * Possessive adjective should be in accordance with “workers” because we have to show possession of “workers” over “wages”.
- * “Workers” is a plural and living entity thus, correct plural form “their” should be used as a possessive adjective.
- * Hence, “**are hell-bent on increasing their**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The contractual workers of renowned multinational company are hell-bent on increasing their daily wages.**

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

83. A

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect.

- The sentence requires a noun and not a verb.
- So, the use of “affords” is incorrect here as it is a verb and not a noun.
- It means to have enough money to pay for something.
- “Effort” is a noun that means a vigorous or determined attempt. It should be used in the sentence instead of “affords”.

- Thus, '**All efforts must be**' is the best-suited one.

The correct sentence is :- **All efforts must be directed at realizing the potential of property taxes.**

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

84. A

- Sol. • Sentence **P** states 'these same technologies' which means that the technologies in consideration need to be introduced before P.
- Moreover, it has a negative context; hence it needs to have a similar context before it or something which brings out a contrast.
- Sentence **Q** is the opening sentence since it introduces the central theme i.e. Internet and social media though with a positive context.
- The next sentence should be **R** as it seems to be in line with the previous sentence Q.
- Sentence **S** should be the next one as it adds contrast here. P becomes the last statement concluding the paragraph.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QRSP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **The benefits of Internet and social media are unquestionably fantastic. For the same reason, this is the best time to be alive. But perhaps these have some unintended social side effects. These same technologies are enabling people's sense of entitlement more than ever before.**

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

85. B

- Sol. **Option B** has the incorrectly spelt word. **Maintenance** is the correct spelling of the word. It means the process of preserving a condition or situation or the state of being preserved.

Other words along with their meanings are:-

Numerous = great in number.

Swimming = It is a sport or activity of propelling oneself through water, using limbs.

Wheeling = to push or pull a cart.

86. C

Sol. Temporary = lasting for only a limited period of time; not permanent.

Transparent = used for a material or article allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen.

Temporal = relating to practical matters or physical things, rather than spiritual ones.

Temperate = weather conditions which are neither very hot nor very cold.

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

87. A

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

- The underlined part needs correction in verb, adverb and preposition.
- “No one” takes the singular verb with it. Thus, “was” should be used.
- “Their” is a possessive adjective but here there is no noun to which it can qualify. We need an adverb of place “there” for the verb “was”. “There” is used to show the existence or availability.

For example: We went to see if my old school was still **there**.

For example: Ask for **their** number so we can call them back.

Note: “Their” and “There” may look the same while speaking but they carry different meanings.

- “During” as a preposition shows the time period. Here, we need a preposition that shows the position.

“On” is used to show the position when there is some contact between the surfaces.

For example: Put it down **on** the table.

- Hence, “**no one was there on**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The station master noticed no one was there on the platform after the train had left.**

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

88. D

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

- That is used in defining clauses.

For example, my bike that has a broken seat is in the garage.

In this sentence, you understand that the speaker has at least one other bike. Specifically, the bike he's talking about is distinguished from his other bikes by its broken seat. If you remove the clause “that has a broken seat,” you would lose the implication that he owns more than one bike, and even if you somehow knew about the other bikes, you wouldn't know which one was in the garage.

- Which introduces non-defining clauses.

Unlike 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. Here, the broken seat is simply a description of the bike in the garage. There's no implication that the speaker

owns more than one bike.

- But, 'what' is used to ask for information about people or things, which is incorrect here.

Thus, **replace 'what' with either 'which' or 'that'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **He funded the research with an annual budget which/that grew to 500 million dollars.**

89. A

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

- The use of "better" signifies that the sentence is of a comparative degree.
- So, the use of "more" is incorrect here as it is redundant to be used with "better". So, remove "more".
- The comparative degree of something is usually formed by adding "er" with an adjective.
 - For example, tall becomes taller, hard becomes harder, and similarly big becomes bigger.
- There are some adjectives that are rather long and take the modifier "more" with them. Such as "more important, more expensive etc."
- Due to this construction, the users sometimes get confused and add more with certain adjectives where it won't work.
- They combine the two constructions and say "more better", "more taller", "more richer", etc. Such usage is wrong.
- Thus, replace '**more better**' with '**better**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **"I suppose no place is better than home on Christmas."**

90. A

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

Luscious = extremely pleasing to the sense of taste.

e.g. She slipped into her luscious pale pink silk pajamas.

Piquant = agreeably stimulating to the taste.

e.g. More piquant details of their private life were revealed.

Hither = to or towards this place.

Malicious = having the nature of or resulting from malice.

Acrid = strong and sharp.

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

91. D

Sol. Rules for changing such sentences in indirect speech:-

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "requested" in the indirect speech.
- Inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be introduced.
- The word "let" is used to suggest, request, to propose or to allow something. In this sentence, "let" is replaced by "might be allowed" in indirect speech.
- The first-person pronoun (me) will change according to the subject (student) to 'he'.

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The student requested that he might be allowed to come in.**

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

92. B

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

- * The underlined part needs correction in helping verb, adverb and adjective.
- * Singular helping verb (acting like a linking verb) "is" should be used because the subject "manager" is in singular form.
- * Here, positive degree of adjective "rich" should be used because comparative degree "richer" is used when there is a comparison between two entities.
- * Also, adverb "enough" is used after the adjective it qualifies. Here, it is used to qualify the adjective "rich". So, "rich enough" is correct.

For example:

We have not **trained enough** for the tournament.

- * Hence, "**is rich enough**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Everyone in the company knows that the manager is rich enough to buy a penthouse.**

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

93. C

- Sol.
- The given passage is about how the value of money changes from one country to another country. Sentence P mentions the role of foreign exchange in imports and exports.
 - The next sentence should be Q as it describes how the value of money is agreed upon by different countries who are into exports and imports.
 - S explains it with the help of an example, so it would be the next sentence.
 - R mentions the fact that these rates vary from time to time and explains it with the help of an instance.

Thus, the correct sequence is PQSR.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Payment for imports and exports is made through a system called foreign exchange. The value of the money of one country in relation to the money of other countries is agreed upon. For instance, an American dollar or a British pound sterling is worth certain amounts in the money of other countries. These rates of exchange vary from time to time. Sometimes a United States dollar is worth 12 pesos in Mexico. Another time it may be worth eight pesos.**

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

94. A

Sol. "My" is a determiner which shows possession for something like my car, my home, my sister etc.

"Mine" is a determiner and a pronoun and it is also used to refer to a thing or things belonging to or associated with the speaker. However, it is not followed by any noun. Example: the car is mine.

"Myself" is a reflexive pronoun and it is used by a speaker to refer to himself or herself as the object of a verb or preposition when he or she is the subject of the clause. Example: he hurt himself in the accident.

"Me" is the first-person pronoun and it is used by a speaker to refer to himself or herself as the object of a verb or preposition. For example: Do you know me? Explain to me, etc.

The correct word to be used in the sentence is "my" as here possession is being shown which is the "way".

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

95. B

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

Better = superior to another in excellence or quality or desirability or suitability; more highly skilled than another.

Bitter = harsh or corrosive.

Waste = spend thoughtlessly; throw away.

Dupe = a person who is tricked or swindled.

In the given sentence, a person has compared his heart with that of a tea that is, smoky which means marked by, emitting, or filled with smoke. And with smoky, only 'bitter' is the most appropriate choice as it shows the harshness of his heart.

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

96. C

Sol. • The verb in reporting speech does not change as the reporting is a universal fact.

- The verb in reporting speech in case of universal truth does not change irrespective of the verb in reporting verb.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The teacher said that electrons are attracted towards protons.**

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

97. A

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. We will use the below rules to convert it to indirect speech.

- The reporting verb "says" will change to "tells" and will be followed by the object "child".
- Since the reporting verb is in V1 form, we will not change the tense of the speech.

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The father tells the child that the only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.**

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

98. A

Sol. * The first sentence should be **S** as it mentions the subject of the passage i.e. 'a farmer'.

- * The sentence **R** mentions the traits of the neighbor i.e. 'the neighbor was cunning'.
- * The sentences **Q** and **P** form a mandatory pair because they tell about the communication between the farmer and the neighbor when the farmer came to draw water from his well.
- * Thus, the correct sequence is **SRQP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **One day, a farmer was looking for a water source for his farm, when he bought a well from his neighbor. The neighbor, however, was cunning. The next day, as the farmer came to draw water from his well, the neighbor refused to let him take any water. When the farmer asked why, the neighbor replied, "I sold you the well, not the water," and walked away.**

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

99. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The use of auxiliary verb "have" indicates that the sentence is of the present perfect tense.
- In such sentences, the third form of the main verb is used.
- Thus, the correct verb form "told" should be used in place of "tell".

The correct sentence will be: **I have told you once and again that you must not read such trash.**

100. D

Sol. The idiom "**up a blind alley**" means to be doing something that will certainly have a negative outcome.

E.g. :- I keep telling Gina to stop chasing after Joe. She's just going up a blind alley!

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

101. A

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

- The given sentence is an example of second conditional sentence.

- Second conditional sentences are useful for expressing outcomes that are completely unrealistic or will not likely happen in the future.
- The correct way to structure second conditional sentences is to use the simple past tense in the if-clause and an auxiliary modal verb (e.g., could, should, would, might) in the main clause (the one that expresses the unrealistic or unlikely outcome).
- We can also form inverted second conditional sentences.
- We need to replace "if" with "were" and change the verb to the infinitive form (with "to").
- Therefore, '**have**' must be replaced with '**were**' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence will be: **Were I to know that I would be walking in the East Village on a crisp, cold day, I would have held on dearly for a week further, thus affording myself the occasion to relish its all-too-elegant propriety.**

102. B

Sol. Credulous = a person who readily believes others.

Crescograph = instrument used for measuring the growth of plants.

Seismograph = an instrument used to measure earthquake.

Cynosure = centre of interest.

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

103. C

Sol. Odorous = having or giving off an odour.

Ostensible = stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so

Humdrum = Monotonous and boring

Relinquish = Give up

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

104. A

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

- **Specious** = seeming to be right or true, but really wrong or false.
 - **Spurious** = false and not what it appears to be.
 - **Convincing** = capable of causing someone to believe that something is true or real.
 - **Intemperate** = showing anger or violence that is too extreme and not well controlled.
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- The word "specious" goes with the sentence meaning as they were not impressed because of the flaws present in the argument which seemed to be true but were actually false.

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

105. B

- Sol.
- Q will be the first sentence since it establishes a central idea around which the successive sentences are based.
 - It will be followed by sentence R as it states the main aim of education (i.e. to create the required range and nature of trained manpower).
 - S would be the third in the sequence because it further tells us how the apparatus needs to be geared progressively for meeting the requirements of the different phases of our growth.

- P is the last statement since it gives us the conclusion that there shouldn't be any form of stagnant state in the employment sector of our country.

Thus, the correct sequence will be: QRSP

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **When we set about the task of higher education, we should be absolutely clear in our perception of the goals of education in the specific context of our nation's development. No doubt, one of the important aims of education would be to create the required range and nature of trained manpower assessed to be needed by different sectors of national growth. The entire educational apparatus must be geared progressively to fulfil the requirements of different phases of our growth in every sector - primary, secondary and tertiary. The aim must be to ensure that our country does not experience either paucity or a-surfeit of trained manpower in any specific segment of our economy.**

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

106. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. We will use the following rules to change it to indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "requested". The verb will be followed by the object "aunty".
- The reporting part will be joined with the speech with the help of - "to + main verb of the speech (make)".
- The first person pronoun "me" will change according to the subject (he) to "him".
- "Today" will change to "that day".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He requested his Aunty to make him something nice that day.**

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

107. C

Sol. The idiom "**turn a blind eye**" means to ignore something and pretend you do not see it.

E.g. :- The principal decided to turn a blind eye to the student's misconduct this time with the hope that they won't do it again.

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

108. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct 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.*

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "suggested" as the subject is making a suggestion here.
- The pronoun "us" will change to "we". Thus, "let's not" will change to "we should not".
- The tense of the second sentence will change from the present continuous to the past continuous.
- "Today" will change to "that day".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He suggested that we shouldn't go to the beach that day as it was going to rain.**

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

109. B

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

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

Active: Subject + will/shall + verb (1st form) + object...

Passive: Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice: **These letters will be posted tomorrow.**

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

110. C

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

- The underlined part needs correction in helping verb, adjective and preposition.
- “People” is a plural noun, so a plural verb should be used with it i.e. “are”.
- Here, “amenities” is a noun, but we have used “basically” (an adverb) before it to qualify it. This is wrong. The adjective “basic” should be used to qualify any noun.
- Preposition “On” is used for showing the position esp. when there is a surface contact.

For example: The book is placed on the table.

- But here, “electricity, water and roads” are examples of “basic amenities”.

So, “Like” is an appropriate preposition because it is used to list examples.

- Hence, **“are deprived of basic amenities like”** is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Still, people living in the rural areas are deprived of basic amenities like electricity, water and roads.**

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

111. A

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

- The auxiliary verb "had" is incorrectly placed after the subject "the inspector". It should be placed after the word "hardly".

- If the second event occurs immediately after the first, we can express that idea using the below structures
 1. No sooner... than
 2. Hardly... when
 3. Scarcely ... when
- With "hardly/scarcely", we always use past perfect tense. The below structure is followed:
:- **Hardly/Scarcely + had + first subject + verb (third form) +.... + when + second subject + verb**
....

See below examples:-

- Hardly **had** I reached the station when the train came.
- Scarcely **had** I reached the station when the train arrived.

The correct sentence will be: **Hardly had the inspector arrived there to investigate the crime when the house was set ablaze.**

112. D

Sol. For sentences that start with "who", it will change into "By whom" in Passive voice.

Since the given sentence is in the present continuous tense, the following structure will be followed by the active/passive voice:

Active: Who + is/are/am + verb (ing form) + object...?

Passive: By whom + is/are/am + object + being + verb (IIIrd form)?

So, the passive sentence would be: **By whom is this being created?**

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

113. B

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

Quiescent = being at rest; quiet; still; inactive or motionless

e.g. The political situation was now relatively quiescent.

Ignorant = lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated.

Operate = to (cause to) work, be in action or have an effect

e.g. How do you operate the remote control unit?

Innocent = not guilty of a crime or offense.

Improper = dishonest and against a law or a rule

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

114. B

- Sol.
- The given sentence is of direct speech and needs to be converted into indirect speech.
 - The reported speech begins with the auxiliary verb "has" which means that the sentence is an interrogative sentence.
 - So, "said to" will change to "asked".
 - As a rule of narrations, when the reported speech begins with an auxiliary verb, we use "if" as a connector.
 - Also, the tense of the given sentence is present perfect which will change to past perfect in indirect speech.
 - Out of the given alternatives, only option b adheres to the given rules.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **Vinod asked me if my brother had returned from Dubai.**

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

115. B

Sol. The phrase "**faint-hearted**" means lacking courage; timid.

E.g. :- The terrorist threat in the region has kept faint-hearted tourists away.

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

116. C

Sol. The word in the blank must convey the peculiarity of the trait as a story of death is being conveyed with relish.

Let us know the meanings of the words to find the correct words:

Distending= swelling

Attenuating= to make something weaker, smaller or less effective

Narrating = the act of saying

Elucidating= describing

Thus, we can see that the word given in option C conveys a correct meaning when kept in the blanks.

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

117. A

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration are removed in Indirect Narration.
- In the imperative sentences, direct speech has the structure: "V1+Object". This is changed to "to + V1+Object" in indirect speech. Accordingly, "Follow my instructions" is converted to "to follow his

instructions".

- The reporting verb "Said to" will change to "commanded" in indirect speech as the given sentence is a communication between a captain and his soldiers.
- Also, the first-person pronoun (my) of the reported speech is changed to the pronoun (his) according to the subject (commander).

Note: When there is no clarity on the gender of the subject in a sentence then we assume it to be Masculine. Hence, accordingly, pronouns are used.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The captain commanded the soldiers to follow his instructions properly while patrolling in the dense forest.**

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

118. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. We will use the below rules to change it to indirect speech.

- The reporting verb "said" will change to "told".
- Inverted commas will be removed and "that" will be introduced.
- The speech is a universal fact so there should be no changes in it.

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The Physics teacher told us that Force is measured in the SI unit of newtons.**

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

119. B

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

- **Variably** = inconstant.

- **Markedly** = prominently.
 - **Literally** = in a literal context.
 - **Usually** = under normal conditions; generally.
-
- Whether the two theories differ in content or its intent is unclear from the given sentence; hence literally can't be the answer.
 - 'Differs' and 'variably' are used to provide the same meaning; hence can't be used together. Usually is a structural misfit.

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

120. B

Sol. The given sentence is of **past perfect negative tense** and is in passive form.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Passive Voice :- **Object + had + not + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

Active Voice :- **Subject + had + not + verb (IIIrd form) + object.**

So, the active voice of the given sentence would be :- **We had not decorated the walls.**

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

121. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- It should be "George's and Harriet's" in place of "George and Harriet's" in the above sentence.
- George and Harriet receive separate grades. Thus, there should be separate possessives.

The correct sentence will be: **In the last semester, George's and Harriet's grades were not that good.**

122. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice: **Subject + V2 + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A very remarkable observation was made by her.**

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

123. A

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Migratory** = used for birds, animals, fishes, etc. It means an animal, birds, fishes that migrate.
 - **Itinerant** = a person who travels from place to place.
 - **Immigrant** = a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.
 - **Emigrant** = a person who leaves their own country in order to settle permanently in another.
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- As per the context of the sentence, the word "immigrant" is the correct answer as the sentence talks about citizens who come to live in a foreign country.
 - Thus, '**immigrant**' is the best-suited one.

The correct sentence is :- **They are immigrant citizens from another country.**

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

124. C

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: **My hand was burnt yesterday while cooking**

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

125. C

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

* The underlined part needs correction in verb, article and noun.

* The verb “announce” must be in third form because the present perfect tense (“has + V3”) is there. Thus, “has announced” should be used.

* The phrase “a interim packaged” is the object of the verb “announced” so it must be a noun phrase. In this noun phrase, “packaged” is a verb which is wrong because noun should be put as an object of the verb. Thus, “package” which is a noun should be used here.

* Also, article for the noun should be in accordance with adjective. Here, adjective “interim” has a vowel sound so article ‘an’ should be used.

* Hence, “**announced an interim package**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The union government has announced an interim package for the**

automobile sector which is experiencing a lot of financial issues in this pandemic.

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

126. A

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

- "Excellent" is an adjective while "excellence" is a noun.
- In the given sentence, **a noun is required** and not an adjective.
- Therefore, the correct word is "excellence".
- Thus, **replace 'excellent' with 'excellence'** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: "**Excellence is not achieved by luck it is the result of a lot of hard work and practice.**" "

127. C

Sol. The idiom '**a thorn in the flesh**' means someone or something that is a continuous problem to you or annoys you.

E.g. :- My little brother is such a thorn in the flesh—he always wants to do stuff with me, especially when I'm trying to hang out with my friends.

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

128. C

Sol. Diatribe = A forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something

Coerce = Persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats

Belligerence = Aggressive or war-like behavior

Fount = A source of a desirable quality or commodity

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

129. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Some participles can be used as adjectives.
- We usually use the past participle (ending in -ed) to talk about how someone feels.
- We usually use the present participle (ending in -ing) to talk about the person, thing, or situation which has caused the feeling.
- The noun "film" needs a present participle before it.
- Thus, replace "frightened" with "frightening" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **It was the most frightening film that he'd ever seen.**

130. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

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

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

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be:- **He has been offended by his servant.**

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

131. A

- Sol.
- The given sentence is the direct speech of a Simple sentence.
 - The reported verb 'said to' will remain the same.

- The inverted comma ("") will be replaced by the conjunction "that".
- Since the reporting verb is in Past tense, changes will be made to the tense of the reported speech i.e. present future will be changed to past future.
- 'We' is the first person pronoun so it will change according to the subject i.e., 'they'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **He said to his mother that they would never leave each other.**

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

132. A

- Sol.
- Sentence S mentions that Gandhiji's concept of secularism differed from those of Nehru's.
 - Since the name of Gandhi is mentioned first, his idea should be talked about first.
 - So, Q should follow S.
 - P would follow Q as it elaborates Gandhi's views. Sentence R states Nehru's idea.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **SQPR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **There is a difference between Gandhiji's concept of secularism and that of Nehru's. In Gandhiji's view, secularism stands for equal respect for all religions. According to him, all religions are equally true and each scripture is worthy of respect. Nehru's idea of secularism was equal indifference to all religions and bothering about none of them.**

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

133. D

Sol. The sentence requires **no improvement** as the use of the phrasal verb "stressed out" is correct here.

- Stress out means to be anxious, tired, and irritable because of too much work or pressure.

- An example of **stressed-out** is the bad mood of someone who worked through the night and still hasn't finished a project.

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

134. A

Sol. • The given sentence does not have an object.

- It rather has a clause which is "people telling me what to do".
- Since the verb "telling" is in continuous form, we'll add "being" in passive voice.

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **I don't like being told what to do.**

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

135. B

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

Cogent = clear, logical and convincing.

e.g. He makes a cogent argument for improving early childhood education.

Muddled = badly organized or confusing

e.g. The book's message is hopelessly muddled.

Weighty = of great seriousness or importance.

Spooky = ghostly and causing fear.

Satisfy = meet the expectations, needs, or desires of (someone).

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

136. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in past indefinite tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + V2 + Object.**

Passive Voice: **Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject.**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **He was looked up to by everyone.**

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

137. B

Sol. • The given sentence is the direct speech of a Simple sentence.

- The reporting verb 'said to' can be changed into 'thanked' as given in the sentence 'thank you'.
- Since the reporting verb is in Past tense, changes will be made to the tense of the reported speech.
- The tense of the reporting speech will change from simple present to simple past.
- '**You**' is a second person pronoun, so it will change according to the object of the reporting verb which is '**her**' so it will change into 'her'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **We thanked her for her concern and get well soon cards.**

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

138. C

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

* The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.

- * In the imperative sentences, direct speech has structure: "V1+Object".
- * This is changed to "to + V1+Object" in indirect speech. Accordingly, "allow students" is converted to "to allow students".
- * "Said to" changes to "requested" in indirect speech as given sentence has word "please" that shows request.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The chief guest requested director to allow students to compete in extracurricular activities outside the college.**

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

139. D

Sol. Rules for changing imperative sentences in indirect speech:-

- The reporting verb "told" will be changed to 'ordered'.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The speech is a negative command. Thus, the structure - "not to + main verb of the speech" is used.
- "Tomorrow" is replaced with "the next day".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **My Principal ordered me not to conduct any test the next day.**

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

140. D

Sol. * The first sentence should be **P** as it introduces the theme of the passage i.e. 'a farmer and a goose'.

* The sentence **Q** then tells that the egg that the goose laid provided enough money for the farmer and his wife to support their daily needs.

* The sentence **R** further mentions that the farmer and his wife were happy by selling one egg daily for a long time.

* The sentence **S** then concludes the passage by mentioning the farmer's thought.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Once upon a time, a farmer had a goose that laid one golden egg every day. The egg provided enough money for the farmer and his wife to support their daily needs. The farmer and his wife continued to be happy for a long time. But, one day, the farmer thought to himself, "Why should we take just one egg a day?"**

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

141. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The adjective "amazed" is incorrect here.
- Amazed means greatly surprised. It is not used to modify a noun.

e.g. I was amazed to see my parents after such a long time.

- "Amazing" is an adjective which means extremely surprising.
- When it is used to modify a noun, it means very good.

e.g. What an amazing coincidence.

- We require an adjective here which will modify the noun "universities".
- So, the correct adjective would be "amazing".
- Also, the singular subject "state" will take a singular verb "has".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **This state has so many amazing universities.**

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

142. A

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

- **Proscribe** = to forbid, especially by law.
 - **Prescribe** = to say what medical treatment someone should have.
 - **Describe** = to give a detailed account in words of.
 - **Enforce** = to make people obey a law, or to make a particular situation happen or be accepted.
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- The correct word to be used in the sentence is "proscribes" as the sentence talks about forbidding the behaviour which is detrimental to the public welfare.

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

143. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The plural pronoun "these" has been used which points to a plural noun.
- However, in the sentence, the singular noun "book" has been used which is incorrect.
- Thus, it should be replaced by "books".

The correct sentence will be: **These types of books are for adults who are looking for intense reading.**

144. A

Sol. This is a sentence in the active voice. It is in teh simple past tense.

The structures of active/passive voice for such sentences are:

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

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

So, based on the above structure, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **The cricket match was won by us.**

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

145. B

Sol. The idiom '**wet behind the ears**' means immature or inexperienced.

E.g. :- I can't believe they decided to promote Kelly. If you ask me, I think she's still wet behind the ears.

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

146. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, the subject is "three cores" (a plural subject).
- Therefore, replace 'has' with the plural auxiliary "have" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **In the tweet, the company says that the first three-stage cores have completed their testing.**

147. C

Sol. Luxurious = extremely comfortable or elegant, especially when involving great expense.

Luxuriant = (of vegetation) rich and profuse in growth; lush.

Stingy = mean; ungenerous.

Extravagant = to a person who wastes money on a luxury.

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

148. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A new plan is being evolved by India to control her population.**

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

149. C

Sol. • R will be the first one in the sequence since it talks about "Studies of the factors governing reading development in young children".

• Q will be the next in the sequence as it talks about it too.

• S and P will be the next in the sequence as they both talk about children with and without phonological skills and how it affects their reading abilities.

Thus, the correct sequence is RQSP.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Studies of the factors governing reading development in young children have achieved a remarkable degree of consensus over the past two decades. The consensus concerns the causal role of phonological skills in young children's reading progress. Children who have good phonological skills, or good phonological awareness become good readers and good spellers. Children with poor phonological skills progress more poorly.**

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

150. B

Sol. Axiom = a self-evident truth that requires no proof.

Jargon = a language or vocabulary that is evident to a particular truth.

Agenda = a list or plan for a meeting or a discussion.

Erratum = an error in printing or writing.

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

151. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The verb "frighten" is in the V1 form; however, it needs to be in the V2 form as the sentence is in the passive voice.
- Therefore, the correct verb here would be "frightened".

The correct sentence will be: **A weak-minded person is frightened away by the initial difficulties and gives up the attempt in despair.**

152. C

Sol. The idiom "**drag one's feet**" refers to being deliberately slow and reluctant to act.

E.g. :- He knows he should see a doctor, but he's dragging his feet.

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

153. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- “Too” is an adverb. It can be used to replace words such as “excessively”, “additionally”, “as well” or “also”.
- “To”, on the other hand, is a versatile preposition that can be used in various situations and contexts.
- In the above sentence, we need “to” (and not “too”) to make the infinitive structure. It is used to show the purpose of something or someone’s opinion about something.

The correct sentence will be: **You must wear earplugs to soften the gunshot.**

154. B

Sol. The given sentence uses a modal verb in interrogative form.

The structure of active/passive voice of such sentences would be:

Active: Modal + subject + verb (base form) + object?

Passive: Modal + object + be + verb (third form) + (by + subject)?

The part (by + subject) is called the agent and is optional to be kept in passive voice.

So, based on these structures, we can convert the given sentence in the passive voice as: **Must this tree be cut?**

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

155. C

Sol. The given sentence is in the passive voice. It is in the **present continuous tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

Active Voice :- **Subject + is/are/am + verb (ing) + object.**

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into an active voice: **We are feeding the dog.**

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

156. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + V2 + Object**

Passive Voice: **Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A very remarkable innovation was made by Seema.**

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

157. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct 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.*

We will use the below rules to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "requested".
- The first person pronouns "me" and "my" will change according to the subject (Prisoner) to "he" and "his" respectively.
- "Let" will be removed and "should be allowed" will be used in its place.

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The prisoner requested that he should be allowed to exercise his right to life.**

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

158. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The stage is being decorated by the students for the annual day celebrations.**

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

159. A

Sol. The given sentence is of past perfect interrogative tense and it is in active speech.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Had + subject + verb (IIIrd form) + object?**

Passive Voice :- **Had + object + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject?**

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be :- **Had leave been obtained by him?**

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

160. B

Sol. Basic rules to be followed for Active/Passive conversions are:

1. The object of the active verb becomes the subject of the passive verb.
2. The finite form of the verb is changed (to be+ past participle).
3. The subject of the active sentence becomes the object of the passive sentence (or is dropped).
4. Preposition "by" is used before object.

The passive voice of imperative sentences which suggest order, suggestion or request can be made in

two ways:

Active: Verb + object

Passive: 1. Let + object + be + past participle

2. You are requested/ordered/suggested + to + verb (Ist form) + object

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **Let this switch not be touched.**

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

161. C

- Sol. • The first sentence should be **Q** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'a hungry fox'.
- Sentence **S** then mentions the places where the fox searched for food.
- Sentence **P** further mentions that the fox stumbled upon a farmer's wall while searching for food.
- Sentence **R** then mentions that he saw the biggest, juiciest grapes at the top of the wall.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **One day, a fox became very hungry as he went to search for some food. He searched high and low, but couldn't find anything that he could eat. Finally, as his stomach rumbled, he stumbled upon a farmer's wall. At the top of the wall, he saw the biggest, juiciest grapes he'd ever seen.**

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

162. A

- Sol. • The preposition 'across' means "from one side to the other".
- In the context of the sentence, the infiltration is from one side of the border to the other.

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

163. A

Sol. The given sentence is the passive voice. It is in the simple future tense.

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

Passive: Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

Active: Subject + will/shall + verb (Ist form) + object...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into an active voice: **They will look after you well.**

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

164. B

Sol. **Option B** has the correctly spelt word. **Registry** means a place where registers or records are kept.

The correct spellings of the other words along with their meanings are:-

Accolade = award; an expression of praise.

Gaudiest = extravagantly bright or showy.

Fracture = the cracking or breaking of a hard object or material.

165. D

Sol. **Option D** has the incorrectly spelt word. Its correct spelling is “**whimsical**” which means determined by chance or impulse rather than by necessity.

The meanings of the other words are:-

Warranty = written assurance that a product or service will be provided.

Wardrobe = collection of clothing belonging to one person.

Wayward = resistant to guidance or discipline.

166. C

Sol. This is an optative sentence and it is an indirect speech. The sentence which expresses a prayer, keen wish, curse etc. is called an optative sentence. Rules for changing such sentences into direct narrations are given below:

- The reporting verb in the direct speech will be "said".
- The part "was ignorant of the matter" will be changed to the simple present tense.
- Since the pronoun "he" will change to "I" (as the person "he" is the subject), we will use the auxiliary "am" with it.
- The part "swore in the name of God" will be changed to "by God". "By God" is used to emphasize or intensify one's statement.
- Inverted commas will be introduced.

The sentence in the direct speech will be: **He said, "By God! I'm ignorant of the matter."**

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

167. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The word "vary" is a verb. It means to change or cause something to change in amount or level, especially from one occasion to another.
- It should be replaced with '**various**' meaning "more than one; several" to make the sentence contextually correct.

The correct sentence will be: **The school has received various grants from the education department.**

168. C

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

Entrain = to board a train.

e.g. On 2nd May we entrained for Dieppe.

Alight = to descend from a train, bus, or other forms of transport.

Debark = to leave a ship or aircraft.

Disembark = to leave a ship, aircraft, or train.

Mount = to climb up or get on something in order to ride it.

e.g. He mounted the platform and began to speak to the assembled crowd.

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

169. B

Sol. • The given sentence is an exclamatory sentence.

- An exclamatory sentence makes a statement that conveys strong emotion or excitement.
- In such sentences, the reported speech also starts with the word "what" and it shows the degree of emotions to be great.
- While converting such sentences in indirect speech, the reporting verb is taken as "exclaimed".
- We use the word "very" to show the degree to be great.
- Out of the given alternatives, only option b is the correct conversion.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **She exclaimed that he was a very stupid fellow.**

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

170. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech. We will use the following rules to change it into the indirect speech:

- The reporting verb will remain the same as no object has been given in the reporting speech.
- Since the reporting verb is in V2 form, we will change "will" to "would".
- The first person pronoun "I" will change according to the subject (he) to "he".

The sentence in the indirect speech will be: **He said that he would unlock the secrets of their success.**

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

171. D

Sol. **Posterity** = all future generations of people.

Temerity = excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

Distinction = a difference or contrast between similar things or people.

Idiosyncrasy = a strange or unusual habit, way of behaving, or feature that someone or something has.

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

172. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The preposition "to" is normally followed by the base form of the main verb except in the case of the gerund.
- Therefore, the use of the verb "getting" is incorrect and it should be written as "get".

The correct sentence will be: **Like smartphones, cameras tend to get smaller and maybe even lighter as they evolve with each product release.**

173. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct and there is no need to improve it.

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

174. A

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect.

Let's understand the meaning of each word in order to find out which fits best in the sentence :-

- Adopt has two meanings. One is to legally take a child as one's own and the second is to choose to take up or follow an idea, method, or course of action.
- Both meanings of the word does not give any meaning in the sentence.
- Adapt means to make (something) suitable for a new use or purpose. It fits correctly in the sentence as it has been used in concern with the beginners.
- The correct preposition to be followed by the verb "adapt" is "to".
- Thus, '**adapted to**' is the best-suited one.

The correct sentence is :- **This book is adapted to the needs of beginners.**

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

175. B

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

- * The underlined part needs correction in adjective, noun and preposition.
- * Before the underlined part, article "a" is used. This shows that we have to use Noun but we have used "practise" which is a verb. Thus, "practice" which is a noun should be used. **Note:** Practice means "a thing that is done regularly i.e. a habit or a custom".
- * Now, "commonly" is an adverb but here we need an adjective that can qualify a noun (Practice). Thus, "common" as an adjective should be used to qualify "Practice".

* “During” as a preposition is used for showing the period of time. But here context of time is missing. From the available options, preposition “about” is apt because it is used to show the subject of something. Here, it is used to show the subject of “talk” i.e. “equal right for both men and women”.

* Hence, “**common practice to talk about**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **These days it has become a common practice to talk about equal rights for both men and women.**

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

176. D

- Sol. • Sentence Q simply presents a fact about the force that exists between everybody in the universe.
- It should be followed by S as it mentions the names of some scientists who investigated this force.
- The next sentence should be P as it describes the general property of the force.
- Sentence R cites an example as when the force seems very small and when it is considerably huge.

Thus, the correct sequence is QSPR.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A force exists between everybody in the universe. It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton. This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved. Normally, it is very small but when one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.**

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

177. D

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

- Word structures like “day after day, week after week” etc are always written in the singular form.
- So, we cannot write to them as “days after days”.
- Thus, replace '**days after days**' with '**day after day**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: "**He was sick of going to the office day after day.**"

178. B

Sol. Antagonist = a person who is strongly opposed to something or someone.

Anile = like a weak old woman.

Aphelion = the point in a planet's orbit that is farthest from the sun.

Aporthegm = a short clever saying that is intended to express a general truth

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

179. B

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

Violation = an action that breaks or acts against something, especially a law, agreement, principle, or something that should be treated with respect.

e.g. The takeover of the embassy constitutes a flagrant/blatant violation of international law.

Contravention = an action which offends against a law, treaty, or other ruling.

Deference = polite submission and respect.

e.g. He treats her with such deference.

Vacillation = the inability to decide between different opinions or actions; indecision.

Infraction = a violation or infringement of a law or agreement.

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

180. B

Sol. • The given sentence is the direct speech of a Simple sentence.

- The reported verb 'said to' changes into 'told'.
- The inverted comma (") will be replaced by the conjunction "that".
- Since the reporting verb is in Past tense, changes will be made to the tense of the reported speech.
- 'I' is the first person pronoun so it will change according to the subject i.e., 'he'.
- 'You' is the second person pronoun that will change according to the object of the reported verb i.e., 'me'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **He told me that he would go with me for that house party.**

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

181. B

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

- The underlined part needs correction in relative pronoun, helping verb and preposition.
- "Terrorists" is the antecedent for the relative pronoun "which". But "which" is used for non-living entities. Also, the antecedent is made specific by using the article "the" before it. Therefore, it is better to use "that" in place of "which" as a relative pronoun.
- Also, the helping verb should be used in accordance with the antecedent. Here, the antecedent is plural, so a plural helping verb should be used i.e. "were".
- "During" as a preposition is used for showing the period of time. But here the context of time is missing. "To+V1", an infinitive, shows the purpose.

Here, purpose of “planning” is required. Thus, “To” should be used here.

- Hence, “**that were planning to bomb**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The anti-terror squad of the police department arrested the terrorists that were planning to bomb the crowded places during the festive season.**

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

182. B

Sol. • **PS** form a mandatory pair.

- P states a fact, the fallout of which is mentioned in S.
- Sentence S talks about meditation; hence it is important to introduce R before P and S, since it defines a particular kind of meditation.
- Q doesn't fit well after 'PS'. However, it fits well after R.
- ‘Through the process’ in Q talks about ‘concentration meditation’ in R. It also describes R further.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **RPSQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Concentration meditation involves focusing on a single point. Focusing on the mind is challenging. Hence, a beginner might meditate for only a few minutes. Through the process, one's ability to concentrate increases.**

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

183. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct and needs no improvement.

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

184. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically correct.

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

185. C

- Sol. • The first statement should be Q as it elaborates on the information on biological evolution.
- R is the next statement as it further elaborates on the evolution-related actions of 'the man'.
- S is the next statement as it creates a comparison of the accolades earned by 'the man' in terms of evolution.
- P is the commemoration of his achievements and thus, is the last statement.

Thus, the correct sequence is QRSP.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Biological evolution has not fitted man to any specific environment. His imagination, his reason, his emotional subtlety, and his toughness, make it possible for him not to accept the environment but to change. And that series of inventions by which man from age by age has reshaped his environment is a different kind of evolution. Among the multitude of animals which scamper, burrow, swim around us, he is the only one who is not locked into his environment. It is by no means a biological evolution, but it is a cultural one. That brilliant sequence of cultural peaks can most appropriately be termed the ascent of man.**

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

186. A

- Sol. • The first sentence should be P as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'a bored boy'.
- Sentence S tells what the boy did when he became bored i.e. he cried out "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!"

- Sentence **R** further mentions what the villagers did when they heard the boy crying.
- Sentence **Q** then tells that the villagers didn't see any wolf when they reached the spot.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Once, there was a boy who became bored when he watched over the village sheep grazing on the hillside. To entertain himself, he cried out, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" When the villagers heard the cry, they came running up the hill to drive the wolf away. But, when they arrived, they didn't see any wolf.**

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

187. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The verb "avail" takes the reflexive pronoun.
- The reflexive of the subject "I" would be "my".
- Also, the preposition "of" will be used after the verb "avail".

The correct sentence will be: **I would love to avail myself of a short holiday and go for an overnight trek.**

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

188. C

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

- The underlined part needs correction in verb, article and adjective.
- The given sentence is in passive voice because the subject is not the actual doer of the action verb "shoot". So, passive voice structure "be+V3" should be used i.e. "was shot" is the correct verb structure.

Note: "Shot" is the third form of the verb "shoot".

- "Man" (Noun) is the actual doer of the action. Here, an adjective should be used before it to qualify a Noun. But, "unidentification" is a Noun and it should not be used to qualify another noun.

Thus, the adjective "unidentified" should be used.

- Also, the article "an" should be used before "unidentified" because of the vowel sound.
- Hence, "**shot dead by an unidentified man**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The judge was shot dead by an unidentified man while he was leaving his chamber in the evening.**

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

189. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the passive form of an assertive sentence. The sentence is in the **present tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

Active Voice: **Subject + must + verb (V1 form) + Object.**

Passive Voice: **Object + must + be + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject.**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **We must take decisions.**

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

190. D

Sol. • The first sentence should be R as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'aerospace industry'.

- The sentence S should follow R as it tells what all can be termed as the flight vehicles.
- The sentence Q further mentions the other things that can be included in the aerospace industry.
- The sentence P aptly concludes the passage by mentioning that it also fabricates non-aerospace products and systems that make use of aerospace technology.

Thus, the correct sequence is RSQP.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The aerospace industry is engaged in the research, development, and manufacture of flight vehicles. The flight vehicles include unpowered gliders and sailplanes, airships, missiles, space launch vehicles, and spacecraft. It also includes major flight-vehicle subsystems such as propulsion and avionics. In addition, the industry is engaged in the fabrication of non-aerospace products and systems that make use of aerospace technology.**

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

191. A

- Sol.
- Sentence P should be the opening sentence since it lays the foundation for defining the central idea.
 - Sentence R should follow since it further defines happiness (continues the next clause since the preceding statement uses "not just", it is imperative to define what else).
 - Sentence Q should be the next since it defines stress which is introduced as an element which when not present results in happiness.
 - Sentence S will be the next since it is a concluding sentence regarding channelization of stress.

Statements regarding stress are not used as introductory statements because doing so inhibits the linkage of stress and happiness.

Hence, the correct sequence is PRQS.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Happiness is not just the state of bliss. It is the state of mind: devoid of any kind of stress. Stress can be psychological as well as physiological. It is, however, important to channelize the release of stress in appropriate ways.**

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

192. C

Sol. • Sentence **P** would be the first sentence as it introduces the subject of the passage.

• Sentence **R** should be the next one since it explains the reason why the growth won't be as accelerated as predicted by Trump's administration.

• Next comes sentence **S** which provides stats for the aforementioned prediction.

• Sentence **Q** should be put next as it talks about the current scenario in the country's economic market.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **The U.S. economic expansion will last at least another two years, according to a majority of economists polled by Reuters who also forecast growth will not accelerate the way the Trump administration has predicted. The recovery from the devastating 2007-2009 financial crisis has been unusually lengthy. The latest growth stretch has already lasted 96 months, and if the poll predictions come true it would mark the longest economic expansion in more than 150 years. Growth has still not picked up as quickly as thought recently, leading forecasters to lower expectations again slightly in the poll of more than 100 economists taken August 7-10.**

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

193. B

Sol. The given sentence is of **present perfect tense** and it is in the active voice.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + has/have + V3 + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + has/have + been + V3 + by + subject.**

Thus, the passive voice of the given sentence would be :- **The names of all the successful candidates have been published by them.**

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

194. B

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

- Asked will remain the same.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The reported speech is in the form of WH-Question (i.e. what), no conjunction is used before the question word. The question word itself works as conjunction.
- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- Today changes to "that day".
- The second person pronoun (you) changes according to the object of reporting speech (patient). **You** will be changed to **He**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **The doctor asked the patient what he had eaten for breakfast that day.**

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

195. D

Sol. • Sentence Q should be the first statement as it introduces the context i.e. the difference in Western

and Eastern ideas.

- Sentence **R** follows next since it describes Western thought.
- It is followed by Sentence **S** because it is in sync with statement R.
- Sentence **P** follows S as it states something which comes much later in the context.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QRSP**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **The approach to idealism by Western philosophers has been different to that of Eastern thinkers. In much of Western thought (though not in such major Western thinkers as Plato and Hegel) the ideal relates to direct knowledge of subjective mental ideas, or images. It is then usually juxtaposed with realism in which the real is said to have absolute existence prior to and independent of our knowledge. Epistemological idealists (such as Kant) might insist that the only things which can be directly known for certain are ideas.**

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

196. C

- Sol. • “To stand one’s ground” means “not to retreat or lose one’s advantage in the face of opposition.”
• So, the word “**ground**” fits best in the first blank.

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

197. A

- Sol. • Through this sentence, the passage talks about enemies and their ideas. So, it’ll have a negative feel to it.
• Among the given options, only “subversive” has a negative connotation. It means tending to destroy or damage something especially an established political system.

- This word suits the context of the passage; therefore, "**subversive**" would be the correct answer for the given blank.
- Other words and their meanings:

Manual = using your hands; operated by hand

Directorial = relating to a person who supervises the actors and other staff in a film, play, or similar production.

Loyalist = a person who continues to support a ruler, government or political party, especially during war or a time of change

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

198. D

- Sol.
- The sentence talks about the importance of scouts but also uses the word 'but' which gives room for a contrary word.
 - The words like positive, normal or similar are in accordance with the word 'importance'.
 - Thus, only the remaining word "different" fits best in the sentence.

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

199. A

- Sol.
- The sentence talks about some activities performed by scouts outside a certain area.
 - Out of the given options, only the word '**exploration**' refers to going outside an area.

So, it is the correct answer.

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

200. C

- Sol.
- The sentence talks about information which can only be gained or given.

- It cannot be noticed or tried which means options A and B are incorrect.
- Now, scouts are not supposed to give information outside the area occupied by friendly forces.
- It means 'give' is also a misfit for the blank.
- Only the word '**gain**' fits the context of the passage. So, it would be the correct answer.

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