



SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II

English : Mock Test 13

Mock Test Questions & Solutions

Mock Test Solutions in English

Questions

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

According to a new American study headed by Dr. Willis, it has been found that people who exercise in the morning seem to lose more weight than people completing the same workouts later in the day. These findings help shed light on the vexing issue of why some people shed considerable weight with exercise and others almost none. The study adds to the growing body of science suggesting that the timing of various activities, including exercise, could affect how those activities affect us. The relationship between exercise and body weight is somewhat befuddling. Multiple past studies show that a majority of people who take up exercise to lose weight drop fewer pounds than would be expected, given how many calories they are burning during their workouts. Some gain weight. But a few respond quite well, shedding pound after pound with the same exercise regimen that prompts others to add inches. The Midwest Trial 2, was conducted in the University of Kansas, U.S. on how regular, supervised exercise influences body weight. The trial involved 100 overweight, previously inactive young men and women who were made to work out five times a week at a physiology lab, jogging or otherwise sweating until they had burned up to 600 calories per session. After 10 months of this regimen, almost everyone had dropped pounds. But the extent of their losses fluctuated wildly, even though everyone was doing the same, supervised workout. A team of researchers started brainstorming what could be responsible for the enormous variability in weight loss. They hit upon activity timing. They decided to do a Follow -up study of the Mid West Trial 2. In this new study, the Mid West Trial 2 Follow up study the researchers now studied a team of participants who could visit the gym whenever they wished between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. They also tracked everyone's calorie intake and daily movement habits throughout the 10 months. They knew, too, whether and by how much people's weights had changed. Now, they checked weight change against exercise schedules and quickly noticed a consistent pattern. Those people who usually worked out before noon had lost more weight, on average, than the men and women who typically exercised after 3 p.m. The researchers uncovered a few other, possibly relevant differences between the morning and late-day exercisers. The early-exercise group tended to be slightly more active throughout the day, taking more steps in total than those who worked out later. They also ate less. These factors may cumulatively have contributed to the sinking differences in how many pounds people lost, Dr. Willis says. Thus it seems that people who worked out

before noon lost more weight, on average than those who typically exercised after 3 p.m. But Dr. Willis also points out that most of those who worked out later in the day did lose weight, even if not as much as the larkish exercisers, and almost certainly became healthier. I would not want anyone to think that it's not worth exercising if you can't do it first thing in the morning," he says. Any exercise, at any time of day, is going to be better than none."

The Mid West Trial 2 was a _____.

- A. U.S based study on 100 participants who exercised 5 times a week and burnt 600 calories
- B. A European study on 100 participants who exercised 7 times a week and burnt 800 calories.
- C. Canadian study on 500 participants who exercised 6 times a week and burnt 600 calories.
- D. U.S. based study on 100 participants who exercised 3 times a week and burnt 300 calories.

2. The Mid West Trial 2 duration was _____.

- A. 12 months
- B. 10 months
- C. 6 months
- D. 18 months

3. Select the option that is not true as per the passage. 'Several studies show that as a result of the workout _____.'

- A. most gained a lot of weight
- B. some gained some weight
- C. a few had the desired weight loss
- D. the majority lost a little weight

4. What was the difference between the Mid West Trial 2 study and the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study that was taken up later?

- A. The duration of the follow up study was longer.
- B. The calorie intake and the time of exercise were examined.
- C. Face to face interviews were conducted.
- D. Participants of the study stayed in the premises.

5. The finding of the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study was that the best time for exercise was _____.

- A. between 3-7 p.m.
- B. before noon.
- C. 7 p.m. onwards
- D. noon to 3 p.m.

6. Select the option which is **not true**. The successful weight losers in the Mid West Trial 2 Follow-up study _____.

- A. remained active
- B. slept more
- C. walked more
- D. ate less

7. Select the correct option. By 'larkish exercisers' the writer refers to people who _____.

Black Friday, the day following Thanksgiving Day, is widely (1) _____ as the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. Most (2) _____ retailers open early and (3) _____ promotional sales to (4) _____ the holiday shopping season. Often, the three days following Thanksgiving, are holidays thereby increasing the number of (5) _____ shoppers. It has (6) _____ been the busiest shopping day of the year since 2005. The earliest (7) _____ of the use of the phrase Black Friday in a shopping (8) _____ suggests that it originated in Philadelphia, where it was used to describe the heavy and (9) _____ traffic that occurred on the day after Thanksgiving. The usage of the term Black Friday (10) _____ back to at least 1961.

Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 1.

- C. Come up with D. Put forward

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 4.
A. kick off B. start out
C. start over D. set off

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 5.
A. future B. hidden
C. potential D. likely

16. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 6.
A. ordinarily B. routinely
C. consistently D. normally

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 7.
A. suggestion B. sign
C. mark D. evidence

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 8.
A. situation B. context
C. setting D. background

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 9.
A. disturbing B. meddling
C. interfering D. disruptive

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill blank no 10.
A. dates B. takes
C. occurs D. goes

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

A few years ago it seemed as if the moment for stand-up comedy had arrived. By the end of 2017, stand-up comedians were on the cover of a magazine, signaling the coming of age of the industry.

The stand-up game attracted investors in the right places: on platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime, apart from increasing open mic schedules in venues across cities. Two major companies Comedy Store and Canvas Laugh Club arrived on the scene and were game-changers.

But despite a heady start, the comic landscape has changed drastically today with stand-up comedians feeling the brunt of faltering payments and canceled shows.

Despite a good start, the Indian stand-up industry is still unorganized and uncertain for comics.

If you ask viral comic Kunal Kamra about the scene, he says that the **audience isn't really invested' in the art form** at the moment and that only ten or twenty tickets would sell if comics weren't on the internet promoting themselves. And this is despite the surge in open mica and more stand-ups coming in.

Last year, new-age Indian comedy's reputation came under strain when allegations under the #MeToo movement exposed a darker side of the circuit. Since then, the big three comedy groups: Ail India Bakchod, SNG Comedy, and East India Comedy, have either disbanded or had founding members quit.

Jeeya Sethi, a leading comedian says, "It's a good thing that these -collectives have died because they mostly had men with no women being showcased."

Sethi adds saying that it isn't as easy as it sounds. "In a **fledgling** industry, a viral YouTube video isn't a sign that you've made it". Craft takes time. Every comic who does two open mics calls himself a comedian. In my opinion, you have to do a comedy for more than 20 years to be a comic. It takes at least five years to find your voice."

By saying 'the audience has not invested in the stand-up comedy art form' the author means that

- A. there are faltering payments and cancelled shows.
B. it is a new art form and it will take time to build an audience.
C. the audience don't wish to develop a sense of humour.
D. the audience prefers to watch only women comedians.

The stand-up comedy show had a wonderful start because _____.

22. The stand-up comedy show had a wonderful start because

- 1) Open mic shows were held in venues across cities.
 - 2) Leading companies came forward to support artists.
 - 3) Payments to artists were prompt and good.
 - 4) Some Bollywood directors offered them roles.

The global international agency said that the pandemic (1) _____ a 22 per cent fall in international tourist arrivals (2) _____ the first quarter of 2020. According to the United Nations specialized agency, the global health crisis could lead to an annual tourism (3) _____ between 60 per cent and 80 per cent when (4) _____ with the 2019 figures. The estimates regarding the recovery of international travel is (5) as well as negative too in many countries.

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

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

This very world of ours is inhabited by more than seven billion people and if animals, insects, trees and other sentient beings are also taken into consideration, the number would be staggering. And so the impracticability of maintenance of such a stupendous record puts a question mark on the very existence of Chitragupta. Underlying this allegory is an interesting philosophical concept.

Human consciousness is endowed with external and internal organs for receiving and processing information from the external world. The five senses and five motor organs constitute the external instruments. It is with these 10 implements that we interact with the world external to us. The Antahkarana or the internal organ, which enables us to process the information received from sense organs and turn sensation into perception, is functionally classified into four aspects: mana, buddhi, chitta, and ahamkara. Mana is the mind that coordinates the senses and performs lower-order processing. The aspect of the mind that has the ability to discern is called buddhi. Chitta is the storehouse where the karmic impressions created out of emotional involvement while performing an action are stored. It is the subconscious region which lies more or less shrouded from the conscious mind and is activated during dreaming and deep relaxation. The expression ‘chitta’ is the distorted and vernacular form of the Sanskrit term chitra, which means wonder-evoking. Another interesting meaning of the term ‘chitra’ is imagery.

Since this storehouse of karmic impressions made up of mental imagery is wonderful, it is called Chitra and since it is hidden from the active conscious mind, it is called Gupta. Thus, the reckoner of our past deeds, 'Chitragupta' is indeed none other than our subconscious which has been witness to our past actions, storing subtle impressions relentlessly. Amnesia or the nature of the mind to forget is personified

as Yama, since death is nothing but a forgetting of our identities and past associations. We are what we identify ourselves and associate with. If these connections are severed, we call it our death. Indra, the king of gods is the personification of mind, the lower order processing mechanism. He commands the deities — indriyas or senses. He is guided by buddhi or his preceptor Brihaspati, the higher-order discerning power.

Ahamkara is likened to the sacred bull Nandi with its two horns of liking and aversion. Like any bull, it has tremendous power but is often lazy and inactive due to the overpowering effect of Tamo guna. Only when it is charged is its true potential revealed. It sits in front of the immortal Shiva, the Supreme Consciousness. Whenever the Supreme Consciousness wishes to indulge in the mundane world, he rides on Nandi and descends to the physical world. The consciousness makes use of Nandi to descend to the physical plane where Indra, the mind, and devatas, the senses, stand in reverence to receive his command and execute it. The whole process of sensation, perception, lower and higher-order processing, memory, forgetfulness, ego substance and immortal consciousness is beautifully presented in an allegorical fable in the Puranas.

What does the Supreme Consciousness do when he wishes to indulge in the mundane world?

- A. He rides on Nandi and descends to the physical world.
 - B. He leaves his place and go for a walk.
 - C. He talks to people of the physical world.
 - D. He participates in the daily activities of the physical world.
32. Though a bull has tremendous power, he is lazy and inactive due to
- A. No motivation
 - B. Tiredness
 - C. Overpowering effect of tamo guna
 - D. No goals in life
33. Which of the following word from the passage is closely related to the word – Insight ?
- A. Staggering
 - B. Aspect
 - C. Stupendous
 - D. Perception
34. Besides the word – **Wonder evoking**, which of the following word has been used in the passage for the term – **Chitra**?
- A. Imagery
 - B. Higher order processing
 - C. Sacred
 - D. Consciousness
35. Which of the following sentences is NOT CORRECT
- A. Mana is the mind that coordinates the senses and B. Indra, the king of gods is the personification of

- performs lower order processing.

C. The five sense and five motor organs constitute the external instruments.

36. Which of the following does not constitute the external instruments?

 - A. Eyes
 - B. Nose
 - C. Ears
 - D. Phone

37. Our subconscious mind is shrouded from the conscious mind, and is activated during

 - A. Doing any physical activity.
 - B. Dreaming and sleep relaxation.
 - C. Eating your favourite food.
 - D. Playing with your friends.

38. Which of the following coordinates the senses and performs lower order processing?

 - A. Chitta
 - B. Guna
 - C. Mana
 - D. Ahamkara

39. Who among the following has been referred to as the king of gods?

 - A. Indra
 - B. Brihaspati
 - C. Nandi
 - D. Shiva

40. Amnesia or the nature of the mind to forget is personified as Yama, because

 - A. Yama is busy with his own work.
 - B. Yama
 - C. Yama is the god of death and death is nothing but forgetting of our identities and past associations.
 - D. Yama forgets things easily.

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

Scientific management of the glacial rivers and lakes of the Himalayas is the _____ (1) way to take care of the irrigation and drinking water needs of millions of people in the Gangetic plains. _____ (2) milk and dumping bodies would not bring purity to any river. Some religious persons have expressed _____ (3) that the Gangotri glacier is receding, and Ma Ganga would disappear like the ancient river Saraswati. In the Harappan Age of the river Saraswati, geological faults were not known. Today, with the _____ (4) in science, we are in a position to know about the natural changes likely to occur in the future. Geological and hydrological knowledge makes it possible to manage the _____ (5) of natural resources. We cannot control natural forces but we can plan and prepare for their better management.

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

- C. only D. many

42. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2
A. dumping B. pouring
C. spilling D. discharging

43. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3
A. view B. concern
C. threat D. chance

44. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4
A. reformation B. encouragement
C. growth D. advancement

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5
A. sustainability B. stability
C. security D. durability

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

The problem of water pollution by pesticides can be understood only in context, as part of the whole to which it belongs - the pollution of the total environment of mankind. The pollution entering our waterways comes from many sources, radioactive wastes from reactors, laboratories, and hospitals; fallout from nuclear explosions; domestic wastes from cities and towns; chemical wastes from factories. To these is added a new kind of fallout--- the chemical sprays applied to croplands and gardens, forests and fields. Many of the chemical agents in this alarming mélange initiate and augment the harmful effects of radiation, and within the groups of chemicals themselves there are sinister and little understood interactions, transformations, and summations of effect.

Ever since the chemists began to manufacture substances that nature never invented, the problem of water purification has become complex and the danger to users of water has increased. As we have seen, the production of these synthetic chemicals in large volume began in the 1940s. It has now reached such a proportion that an appalling deluge of chemical pollution is daily poured into the nation's waterways. When inextricably mixed with domestic and other wastes discharged into the same water, these chemicals sometimes defy detection by the methods in ordinary use by purification plants. Most of them are so complex that they cannot be identified. In rivers, a really incredible variety of pollutants combine to produce deposits that sanitary engineers can only despairingly refer to as "gunk". Which of the following word does not mean 'chemicals'?

A. sand

C. pesticides

B. substances

D. deposits

47. The main argument of paragraph II is:

A. that there are sinister interactions in the use of chemicals

C. that there are many dangers from nuclear fallout

B. that there are numerous reasons for contamination of water supplies

D. that pesticides are dangerous

48. The word 'gunk' in the last line refers:

A. to the waste products deposited by sanitary engineers

C. to unidentifiable chemicals found in water

B. to the debris found in rivers

D. to the domestic water supplies

49. Water pollution can only be understood

A. in relation to world contamination

C. in context

B. by the whole human race

D. in relation to the number of pesticides that exist

50. Water contamination has become serious _____

A. since water pollution was difficult to assess

C. since chemists began to use new substances

B. since nature has taken a hand in pollution

D. since businessmen authorised the use of chemicals.

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

The economic crisis _____ (1) by the outbreak of COVID-19 is hurting economies, regardless of income level. A low impact of COVID-19 in terms of case numbers and deaths does not necessarily _____ (2) into a low economic impact. Many countries are experiencing a recession, even though COVID-19 has not _____ (3) a serious effect on them in terms of health. Even minor public health events can severely affect firms in lower-income countries due to _____ (4) poor socio-economic conditions and their weak capacity to respond to crises. Moreover, in a globalized world, many countries are suffering _____ (5) consequences from value chain disruptions and lower international demand for goods due to widespread recession.

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

A. carried out

B. unleashed

C. investigated

D. controlled

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

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

She said, "Alas! How foolish I have been."

- A. She confessed that she was foolish.
- B. She confessed with regret that she had been very foolish.
- C. She confessed unhappily that she had been foolish.
- D. She said with great regret that she was a big fool.

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

He said to me, "Where is the post office?"

- A. He wanted to know where was the post office.
- B. He asked me that where the post office was.
- C. He asked me where the post office was.
- D. He asked me where was the post office.

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

The reason why he left the job was that he wanted to continue with the studies.

- A. has left the job
- B. having left the job
- C. is leaving the job
- D. No improvement

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

That which is away from centre

- A. eccentric
- B. eclectic
- C. ellipsis
- D. equine

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

He said to her, "what! You have lost your diamond ring!"

- A. He exclaimed with surprise that she had lost her diamond ring.
- B. He exclaimed with sorrow that she had lost her diamond ring.
- C. He exclaimed that she had lost her diamond ring.
- D. He exclaimed with disgust that she had lost her diamond ring.

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

Bhola said to his friend, "How can I make this charcoal white?"

- A. Bhola asked his friend how he could make that
- B. Bhola told his friend how he could make that

charcoal white.

C. Bhola asked his friend how can I make this charcoal white.

charcoal white.

D. Bhola asked his friend how could he make that charcoal white.

66. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. VACILLATE

A. continue

B. playful

C. conclusive

D. irresolute

67. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. You deserve to be rewarded by your successful completion of the entire work in such a short time.

A. You deserve to be rewarded

B. by your successful completion of the

C. entire work in such a short time

D. No error

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

They have already broken the agreement.

A. They had already broken the agreement.

B. The agreement had already been broken by them.

C. The agreement has already been broken by them.

D. The agreement is being broken by them.

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

Since when have to start a business been so easy?

A. has start

B. have startings

C. has starting

D. No improvement

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

P. Gene is a unit of inheritance in living organisms.

Q. This means that your parents pass some of their characteristics on to you.

R. It controls the transfer of a hereditary characteristic from parents to offspring.

S. If your father has brown eyes, you may also have brown eyes.

A. RQPS

B. PQRS

C. PRQS

D. SPRQ

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

My father once said to me, "If I can't trust my people, then I don't want to do this."

- A. His father once told him that if he couldn't trust his B. My father once told me that if he couldn't trust his people then he didn't want to be doing that. people then he didn't want to do that.
C. My father once told me that if he couldn't trust my D. My father once told me that if he couldn't trust his people then he didn't want to do that. people then he didn't want to be doing this.

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

Bhola said to his mother, "Why is this charcoal so black?"

- A. Bhola asked his mother why was that charcoal so B. Bhola told his mother why that charcoal was so black. black.
C. Bhola asked his mother why that charcoal was so D. Bhola asked his mother why this charcoal is so black. black.

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

P. Cage diving is a popular tourist attraction in countries with shark-infested waters.

Q. Some people went cage-diving of the west coast off Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

R. The shark broke the rail and became trapped inside the cage with the driver.

S. There a shark went for some bait and hit the cage.

A. PRSQ B. PQRS

C. PSQR D. PQSR

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

P. These boxes appeared like a honeycomb.

Q. He then took thin slices of cork and observed them under a microscope.

R. He noticed partitioned boxes or compartments in the cork slice.

S. Robert Hooke in 1665 observed slices of cork under a simple magnifying device.

A. QPRS B. PQRS

C. RQPS

D. SQRP

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

She has learnt the answer by heart.

- A. The answer by her was learnt by heart.
C. The answer was learnt by her by heart.
- B. The answer has been learnt by heart by her.
D. The answer is learnt by heart by her.

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

He said to the Judge, "I did not commit this crime."

- A. He told the Judge that he did not commit the crime.
C. He told the judge that he had not committed that crime.
- B. He told the judge that he had not committed the crime.
D. He told the judge that he had not committed this crime.

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

Hundreds of small and medium enterprises in Himachal Pradesh are still waiting for full _____ of tax concessions in the lieu of erstwhile financial incentive that was available to industry for setting up units in hill states.

- A. deprivation
C. recover
- B. reimbursement
D. deduction

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

_____ wins this civil war, there will be little rejoicing at the victory.

- A. Whichever
C. Whatever
- B. Whoever
D. Wherever

79. Select the misspelt word.

- A. succinct
C. lustrous
- B. enigmatic
D. dilemma

80. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. The enquiry centred on how the assassin had gained admittance for the building.

- A. The enquiry centred on how
C. for the building
- B. the assassin had gained admittance
D. No error

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

He will be writing some letters tomorrow morning.

- A. Tomorrow morning some letters will have been written by him.
- B. Some letter will be written tomorrow morning by him.
- C. Some letters will be written by him tomorrow morning.
- D. None of the above.

82. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Hardly had she finished his dinner than the mobile phone rang abruptly with a brassy ringtone.

- A. his dinner when
- B. her dinner than
- C. her dinner when
- D. No improvement

83. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. More you think of it the worse it becomes.

- A. More you
- B. think of it
- C. the worse it becomes
- D. No Error

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

Unless it is acceptable to both parties, an arbitrator would be of no use to settled this dispute.

- A. unless it is accepted to
- B. both parties, an arbitrator would
- C. of no use to settled this dispute
- D. No Error

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

"I have been in New York for a year but so far I have not had time to visit the statue of liberty." said Raul.

- A. Raul said that he had been in New York for a year
- B. Raul said that he had been in New York for a year but so far he had not had time to visit the statue of liberty.
- C. Raul said that he had been in New York for a year but till then he did not had time to visit the statue of liberty.
- D. Raul said that he has been in New York for a year but so far he has not had time to visit the statue of liberty.

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

"Please listen to me," she answered, "I must go now because my mother is very ill."

- A. She answered politely listen to her and that she must go then because her mother was very ill.
- B. She answered politely to listen her and that she must go then because her mother was very ill.
- C. She answered politely to listen to her and that she must have gone then because her mother was very ill.
- D. She answered politely to listen to her and that she must go then because her mother was very ill.

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

Having juicy or fleshy and thick tissues

- A. succulent
- B. translucent
- C. dissolvent
- D. dissident

88. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. At the end of the lecture, the inattentive girl said his mentor to explain the last question again.

- A. said her mentor
- B. asked her mentor
- C. told to her mentor
- D. No improvement

89. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.

We do not know who we should blame for all the lapses observed in the procedure.

- A. We do not know who
- B. we should blame for all
- C. all the lapses observed in the procedure.
- D. No Error

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

There's no reason to wait, as far as I'm concerned.

- A. as good as
- B. as soon as
- C. as much as
- D. No improvement

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

S1: For thousands of years, men had to depend on sails to catch the wind and move their ships.

P: But these early sailing ships had certain disadvantages.

Q: If the trip was long, the cargo got spoiled.

R: And worst of all, there was a real danger in depending on the wind alone.

S: They were low and clumsy, and they could not carry much cargo.

S6: A calm sea could trap sailors for many days without water.

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| A. SQPR | B. RPQS |
| C. PQRS | D. PSQR |

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

"Please grant me leave for two days", Tiwari said to the Principal.

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| A. Tiwari requested the Principal to grant him leave for two days. | B. Tiwari wanted to request for two days leave. |
| C. Tiwari is requesting the Principal to grant him leave for two days. | D. Tiwari requested the Principal that he should grant him two days leave. |

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

Sanjay sells tea.

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| A. Tea had been sold by Sanjay | B. Tea has been sold by Sanjay |
| C. Tea was sold by Sanjay | D. Tea is sold by Sanjay |

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

Nisha said to Swati, "Will you help me with this new dish that I am trying?"

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| A. Nisha told Swati whether she will help her with this new dish that I am trying. | B. Nisha asked Swati if she would help her with that new dish that she was trying. |
| C. Nisha questioned Swati that will you help me with this new dish that I am trying. | D. Nisha asked to Swati that will she help her with that new dish that I was trying. |

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

He was given some money by his brother.

- A. His brother has given him some money.
- B. His brother gave him some money.
- C. He gave his brother some money.
- D. His brother gives him some money.

96. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given phrase.** Down and out

- A. mad
- B. jealousy and envy
- C. futility
- D. without money

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

The politician's speech was loudly cheered.

- A. The audience cheer the politician's loud speech
- B. The audience was loudly cheered by the politician's speech
- C. The audience loudly cheered the politician's speech.
- D. The audience had been loudly cheered by the politician.

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

Give the command.

- A. Let the command be given.
- B. You can give the command.
- C. The command can be given.
- D. The command should be give by you.

99. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.** The passengers is waiting to the bus which is widely praised in the city for its exemplary services.

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

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

S1. What are the strategies to strengthen reading habits among early literates, school dropouts, and even adults?

S6. Since a huge number of children and adults watch TV for entertainment even in the rural areas of India, why not use this resource to get an educational benefit out of it?

P. As a solution, normally subtitles for a film, say in Hindi, will be in some other language, say, English.

Q. According to a research survey, SLS "doubles and even triples the role of reading improvement that children may be achieved through formal education".

R. But SLS harps on the argument that since the film viewers are familiar with the script, they can read the words in their favorite dialogues and films.

S. One of the novel and effective strategies is Same Language Subtitles (SLS), which was introduced in Ahmedabad in 1996.

- A. PQSR
- B. PRQS
- C. SPRQ
- D. SQRP

101. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. It is always advisable that immoral and unethical practices should be nip on the bud to avoid any probable damages in the future.

- A. be nipping at the bud
- B. be nip in bud
- C. be nipped in the bud
- D. No improvement

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

- To paddle one's own canoe
- A. thoughtful
 - B. manage independently
 - C. to praise oneself
 - D. working vigorously

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

- That which is morally dangerous
- A. cadaverous
 - B. defalcation
 - C. sinecure
 - D. pestiferous

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

S1. Microsoft is officially unveiling Windows 10 Pro for Workstations today.

S6. Resilient File System (ReFS) will be enabled by default, providing more resilience against data

corruption, and optimization for handling large data volumes and auto-correcting.

P. While the operating system was originally rumored back in June, Microsoft is providing the full details on the special edition today.

Q. As expected, Windows 10 Pro for Workstations is primarily designed for server-grade PC hardware and true power users.

R. Windows 10 Pro for Workstations scales up for machines with a high number of logical processors and large amounts of RAM.

S. The software giant is making four major changes to Windows 10 Pro for Workstations to support high-end PC hardware.

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| A. PQRS | B. RPQS |
| C. PSRQ | D. SQPR |

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

The cashier said to the inspector, "I was putting away the cash when the gunmen rushed in."

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| A. The cashier told the inspector that he had been putting away the cash when the gunmen had rushed in. | B. The cashier told the inspector that I had put away the cash when the gunmen rushed in. |
| C. The cashier told the inspector that he was putting away the cash when the gunmen rushed in. | D. The cashier told to the inspector that he had been putting away the cash when the gunmen rushed in. |

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

I said to my mother, "I will certainly take you to Bangalore this week."

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| A. I told my mother he would certainly take her to Bangalore that week. | B. I told my mother that I would certainly take her to Bangalore that week. |
| C. I told my mother that she would certainly take her to Bangalore that week. | D. I told to my mother that I would take you to Bangalore that week. |

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

"There is so much to eat here!", the hungry child said.

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| A. The hungry child exclaimed that there is so many food to eat here. | B. The hungry child said that there was so much food to eat here. |
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- C. The hungry child exclaimed with surprise that there was so much food to eat there.
- D. The hungry child exclaimed that there is so many food to eat there.

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

My brother has drawn this picture.

- A. This picture has been drawn by my brother.
- B. This picture had been drawn by my brother.
- C. This picture has been drew by my brother.
- D. This picture is being drawn by my brother.

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

VIRTUE

- A. lure
- B. curse
- C. vice
- D. morality

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

They said to him, "We will destroy your homestead".

- A. They said to him they will destroy his homestead.
- B. They told him that they would destroy your homestead.
- C. They told him that they can destroy his homestead.
- D. They told him that they would destroy his homestead.

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

Hansa said to Ankur, "I have seen them, and so have you."

- A. Hansa told Ankur that she had seen them, and so he had he.
- B. Hansa told Ankur that she had seen those, and he had too.
- C. Hansa told Ankur that she had seen them, and so had him.
- D. Hansa told Ankur that she had seen them, and so have he.

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

Anne said, "It is time to leave for the meeting."

- A. Anne said that it was time to leave for the meeting.
- B. Anne told that it is time to leave for the meeting.
- C. Anne said it's time to leave for the meeting.
- D. Anne said that it was time for the meeting.

113. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. As per the Intel reports, an Italian fugitive has been

living in Delhi since last ten years.

- A. for the last ten years
- B. since the last ten years
- C. for last ten year
- D. No improvement

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

My brother won the Best Actor award in the inter-college drama competition.

- A. In the inter-college drama competition my brother won the Best Actor award.
- B. The Best Actor award is being won by my brother in the inter-college drama competition.
- C. The Best Actor award has been won by my brother in the inter-college drama competition.
- D. The Best Actor award was won by my brother in the inter-college drama competition.

115. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. Since most of the urban people have been lived in polluted areas, they suffer from severe diseases caused by pollution.

- A. No Error
- B. in polluted areas they
- C. from severe diseases
- D. people have been lived

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

They spent many ideally hours just sitting in the Sun.

- A. ideally hour
- B. idle hours
- C. idly hours
- D. No improvement

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

Someone has lit the fire.

- A. The fire was lit by someone.
- B. You are requested to light the fire by someone.
- C. The fire has been lit by someone.
- D. The fire had been lit by someone.

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

FLEETING

- A. complete
- B. momentary
- C. ready
- D. lasting

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

The stenographer is very efficient. He is _____ to his firm.

- A. a credit
- B. a blessing
- C. an asset
- D. a boon

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

The teacher punished the students which did not complete their homework on time.

- A. The teacher punished the students
- B. which did not complete
- C. their homework on time
- D. No error

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

Has somebody broken the gate?

- A. Have the gate been broken?
- B. Had the gate been broken by somebody?
- C. Has the gate been broken by somebody?
- D. Has been the gate broken?

122. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Visitors are request to take away their shoes before entering the holy shrine to maintain the sanctity.

- A. are to take request away
- B. are requested to take off
- C. are requested to took off
- D. No improvement

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

The police are unable to serve summon in him over his alleged role in money laundering.

- A. summons against him
- B. summon in him
- C. summoned under him
- D. No improvement

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

Neha said to me, "Can you do these questions for me?"

- A. Neha asked me if I could do those questions for her.
- B. Neha asked me if I can do those questions for her.
- C. Neha asked me if I can do these questions for her.
- D. Neha said if I could do these questions for her.

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

sentence.

The teacher punished the boys who had not done their homework.

- A. The boys who had not done their homework had been punished by their teacher.

B. The boys were punished by their teacher who had not done their homework.

C. The boys who had not done their homework were punished by the teacher.

D. The boys who had not done their homework were being punished by the teacher.

126. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Small room for worship

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| A. bale | B. chapel |
| C. cache | D. brood |

127. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the sentence. The minute she arrived at the office, she was given the **pink slip**.

- A. a raise
 - B. a promotion
 - C. a letter to inform that she had lost her job
 - D. a letter to inform that she'd been transferred

128. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. My carping mother-in-law are constant criticizing mine housekeeping skills.

- A. No Improvement
 - B. is being constant criticizing us
 - C. are constantly criticize our
 - D. is constantly criticizing my

129. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. They have business acumen and analytical skills as well as the ability to mine, clean, and present data.

Q. Results are then synthesized and communicated to key stakeholders to drive strategic decision-making in the organization.

R. Businesses use data scientists to source, manage, and analyze large amounts of unstructured data.

S. Data scientists examine which questions need answering and where to find the related data.

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

He said, "Rahul slipped when he was trying to escape from the burglar."

- A. He told that Rahul slipped when he had been trying to escape from the burglar.
- B. He informed that Rahul had slipped when he was trying to escape from the burglar.
- C. He said that Rahul slipped when he was trying to escape from the burglar.
- D. He said that Rahul has slipped when he had been trying to escape from the burglar.

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

The doctor is treating the patient.

- A. The patient is treated by the doctor.
- B. The patient is being treated by the doctor.
- C. The patient is treating by the doctor.
- D. The patient has been treated by the doctor.

132. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement". I really do regret not to learn to play the violin when I had so many opportunities to learn and practice in school.

- A. I really doing regret not learned to play
- B. I do regret not learned to play
- C. I really do regret having not learned to play
- D. No error

133. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Creative writing is one of those skill you can eternal get better at, but often suck at when you start.

- A. those skills you can eternally get
- B. those skill you can eternally getting
- C. these skills you could eternally get
- D. No Improvement

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

I asked him for some paper, but he _____.

- A. have not
- B. has not
- C. had none
- D. has none

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

I don't know whether any of the members of the party is conspiring against the president or not.

- A. I don't know whether any of
- B. the members of the party is conspiring
- C. against the president or not
- D. No Error

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

P. Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia that is based on a model of openly editable content.

Q. It is owned and supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates on whatever money it receives from its annual fund drives.

R. As of March 2017, Wikipedia has about 40,000 Featured Articles and Good Articles that cover vital topics.

S. Which is the largest and most-popular general reference work on the Internet and is named as one of the most popular websites.

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| A. QRSP | B. PSQR |
| C. SQRP | D. RPSQ |

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

P. The cytoplasm and nucleus are enclosed within the cell membrane, called the plasma membrane.

Q. The basic components of a cell are cell membrane, cytoplasm and nucleus.

R. The plasma membrane is porous and allows the movement of substances or materials both inward and outward.

S. This membrane separates cells from one another and also the cell from the surrounding medium.

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| A. PQRS | B. QPSR |
| C. SPQR | D. SQPR |

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

Serious nuclear accidents have been few and far between but their stories will help prevented future catastrophes.

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| A. Serious nuclear accidents have been few | B. and far between but their stories |
| C. will help prevented future catastrophes | D. No Error |

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

sentence.

The little puppy chewed my new slippers.

- A. My new slippers were chewing the little puppy.
- B. My new slippers can be chewed by the little puppy.
- C. My new slippers were chewed by the little puppy.
- D. My new slippers are being chewed by the little puppy.

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

P. "If you come and stand behind me, I will show you what a passport is" replied the horse.

Q. "What is the passport?" asked the wolf.

R. When the horse saw the wolf, it said, "You cannot eat me, I have a passport."

S. A foolish wolf saw a horse grazing in a field and decided to eat him.

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

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

OPPROBRIUM

- A. adulation
- B. ignominy
- C. mystical
- D. preclude

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

Buddhism originated in Ancient India around 6th and 4th centuries BCE, from where it spread through most of Asia, and then it declines in India during the Middle Ages.

- A. Buddhism originated in Ancient India around 6th and 4th
- B. centuries BCE, from where it spread through most
- C. of Asia, and then it declines in India during the Middle Ages
- D. No Error

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

Deviation from the right course

- A. imagination
- B. amalgamation
- C. illumination
- D. aberration

144. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement". The editor gave me a timeline to finish the article.

- A. guideline to finish
- B. deadline to finish
- C. decline to finish
- D. No improvement

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

Train services have been suspended due to the monsoon and the _____ of landslides on the Pathankot –Jogindernagar railway track.

- A. perception
- B. departure
- C. apprehension
- D. evolution

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

P. This team compared the genomes and anatomy of three modern meat-eating plants, all members of the Droseraceae family.

Q. After analyzing these plants, the team discovered the process toward carnivory.

R. An international team of botanists and biologists led by Jorg Schultz, Associate Professor, at the University of Wurzburg, Germany investigated how carnivorous plants evolved.

S. The process stated that about 70 million years ago, an early non-carnivorous ancestor of the three modern plant carnivores underwent whole-genome duplication, generating a second copy of its entire DNA, or genome.

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

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

Reema said to Shyam, "I can dance better than you."

- A. Reema told Shyam that she could dance better than him.
- B. Reema told Shyam that she can dance better than him.

- C. Reema told Shyam that she could be dancing better than him.
- D. Reema had told Shyam that she could dance better than him.

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

It won't rain today, _____?

- A. will it
- B. won't it
- C. ain't it
- D. isn't it

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the sentence. The young and the old sat **cheek by jowl** in the large audience.

- A. very near
- B. very far
- C. tongue tied
- D. irritated

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

Why did she scold him so badly?

- A. Why was he scolded so badly by her?
- B. Why was she scolded so badly by him?
- C. Why he was scolded so badly by her?
- D. Why was he scolded so badly by him?

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

Member of a band of robbers

- A. cannibal
- B. brigand
- C. chauvinist
- D. coquette

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

Why do you waste time?

- A. Why is time wasted by you?
- B. Why is time been wasted by you?
- C. Why has time been wasted by you?
- D. Why is time being wasted by you?

153. Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.
She suggested to us that we should have some music.

- A. She said to us, "Let us have some music."
- B. She proposed us, "Let us had some music."
- C. She said to us, "Let us had some music."
- D. She told us, "Let we have some music."

154. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and

S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose the proper sequence from the given options.

S1. Addiction to alcoholic drinks affects the social life of people.

S6. If he doesn't have his bottle of drink, he becomes restless.

P. Gradually drinking becomes a habit.

Q. The person becomes an addict.

R. When once it becomes a habit, it is difficult to give up.

S. A person begins to drink just for the fun of it.

A. SPRQ

B. SRQP

C. QRPS

D. QPRS

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

I said to my father, "I will certainly take you to the 'statue of unity' this week."

A. I told my father he would certainly take him to the 'statue of unity' this week. B. I told my father that I would certainly take him to the 'statue of unity' that week.

C. I told my father that he would certainly take him to the 'statue of unity' that week. D. I told to my father that he would certainly take him to the 'statue of unity' that week.

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

People speak English all over the world.

A. English is spoken all over the world

B. English was spoken all over the world

C. English was spoken by people

D. English is spoken by people

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

Fear of heights

A. acrophobia

B. xenophobia

C. autophobia

D. zoophobia

158. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error.

Two lakhs people attended the meeting held in the Parade ground.

- A. Two lakhs people
- B. attended the meeting
- C. held in the Parade ground
- D. No Error

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

Socrates said, "Virtue is its own reward."

- A. Socrates said that virtue had its own reward.
- B. Socrates says that virtue is its own reward.
- C. Socrates said that virtue is its own reward.
- D. Socrates said that virtue was its own reward.

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

Madhuri did not reply when I asked her why was she weeping.

- A. Madhuri did not
- B. reply when I asked
- C. her why was she weeping
- D. No error

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

My brother has been taking examinations these days.

- A. These days examinations are being taken by my brother.
- B. Examinations these days has had taken by my brother.
- C. Examinations these days has been taken by my brother.
- D. None of the above.

162. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. A technical view of new gadgets sometimes differ from an economic perspective.

- A. of new gadgets
- B. sometimes differ
- C. from an economic
- D. a technical view

163. In the following question, there are six parts marked S1, S6, P, Q, R and S. The position of S1 and S6 are fixed. Some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts and choose the proper sequence from the given options. S1: Most of the perishable foods are shipped by refrigerator ships.

P: They are placed in the refrigerated hold of the ship.

Q: Some of those foods are bananas.

R: As the green bananas are loaded, a man watches closely the signs of yellow on them.

S: The cool temperatures keep the bananas from getting ripe during the trip.

S6: Ripe bananas are poor travelers and even one ripe banana at the start of the trip can spoil a whole shipload of fruit.

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| A. PQRS | B. PSQR |
| C. QPSR | D. SRPQ |

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

Mohan asked, "Are the boys here?"

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| A. Mohan asked me that the boys were there. | B. Mohan asked me whether the boys were there. |
| C. Mohan asked me whether the boys was there. | D. Mohan told me if the boys were there. |

165. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Our cat was teasing the dog next door.

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| A. The dog next door was teasing our cat. | B. The dog next door has been teased by our cat. |
| C. The dog next door was being teased by our cat. | D. Our cat was being teased by the dog next door. |

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

The height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

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| A. altitude | B. rectitude |
| C. latitude | D. longitude |

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

Dean's broke arm was set in plaster by the doctor.

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| A. Dean's broke arm | B. was set in plaster |
| C. by the doctor | D. No error |

168. Select the misspelt word.

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| A. committee | B. jeopardy |
| C. neglegible | D. ingenuity |

169. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. To illustrate, imagine a restaurant wants to use data mining to determine when it should offer certain special discounts.

Q. It looks at the information it has collected and creates classes based on when customers visit and what they order.

R. Data mining is a process used by companies to turn raw data into useful information.

S. Data mining programs analyze relationships and patterns in data based on what users' request.

170. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order. P. It can also help you to connect with your feelings, and make informed decisions about what matters most to you.

Q. Emotional intelligence (EI) refers to the ability to perceive, control, and evaluate emotions.

R. Emotional intelligence helps you build stronger relationships, and achieve your career and personal goals.

S. The ability to express, understand, interpret, and respond to the emotions of others is essential.

171. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The Nohsngithiang Falls are one of the largest waterfall in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.

- A. is one of the largest waterfalls
 - B. are one of the largest waterfalls
 - C. is one of the largest waterfall
 - D. No improvement

172. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. The art of delaying

- A. degeneration
 - B. inflation
 - C. procrastination
 - D. regression

173. Select the alternative that will improve the underlined part of the sentence; if no improvement is required, select "No improvement". She said me about her holiday in Kerala.

- C. told me about D. No improvement

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

The girl said, "May I come in?"

A. The girl asked if she might come in. B. The girl asked may she come in.
C. The girl asked if she could come in. D. The girl said if she could come in.

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To face the music

A. to enjoy a musical recital B. to bear the consequences
C. to live in a pleasant atmosphere D. to have a difficult time

Rakhi asked him if she can helped him in the project that was previously assigned to her.

A. can help him B. could helped him
C. could help him D. No improvement

Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. He is a university professor but of his three sons, neither has any merit.

A. but of his three sons B. he is a university professor
C. sons, neither has D. No error

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

Peepal Farm feeds the dogs every day.

A. Every day dogs feeds Peepal Farm. B. The dogs are fed every day by Peepal Farm.
C. The dogs are fed by them every day. D. The dogs will be fed by everyday Peepal Farm.

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

Willium left us with a heart-wrenching **swan song**.

A. last cry B. last gift
C. last prayer D. last performance

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

Ashok said to me, "Your parents are waiting for you."

A. Ashok told me that his parents are waiting for him. B. Ashok told me that his parents were waiting for him.

- C. Ashok told me that my parents were waiting for me.
- D. Ashok told me that my parents were waiting for him.

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

Raju wrote, "He will be going to Mumbai the next weekend."

- A. Raju wrote that he will be going to Mumbai the next weekend.
- B. Raju wrote that he would be going to Mumbai the last weekend.
- C. Raju wrote that he would be going to Mumbai the next weekend.
- D. Raju wrote that he should be gone to Mumbai the next weekend

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

S1: The tiny bacterial plants that live in the soil help to prepare food for the plants we cultivate.

P: The farmer works very hard to make the soil favourable.

Q: But these soil bacteria are very necessary and helpful.

R: There are millions of bacteria in a cubic inch of fertile soil.

S: Some kinds of bacteria are harmful.

S6: They do not need sunlight as do most plants.

- A. QPRS
- B. QSPR
- C. RPSQ
- D. PRQS

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

The policeman looked _____ at the man wearing the blue jacket coat.

- A. suspicious
- B. utter
- C. suspiciously
- D. particular

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

Everyone was moved with tears by their performance.

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| A. moved by | B. moved to |
| C. moved in | D. No improvement |

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

P. Natural gas is very important fossil fuel because it is easy to transport through pipes.

Q. It is stored under high pressure as compressed natural gas (CNG).

R. CNG is used for power generation.

S. It is now also being used as a fuel for transport vehicles because it is less polluting.

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

Every cloud has a silver lining

- A. no bad situation is permanent
 - B. if one wants rain then one has to bear with dark clouds
 - C. every blessing comes with a hidden curse
 - D. every bad situation has some good aspects to it

187. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. We have just discussing all the known mechanisms of physical growth.

188. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains a grammatical error. Her mother does not approve of her to go to the party without dressing formally.

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

P. Dolly was born on 5th July 1996.

Q. Cloning of an animal was successfully performed for the first time by Ian Wilmut and his colleagues.

R. Cloning is the production of an exact copy of a cell, any other living part, or a complete organism.

S. They successfully cloned a sheep named Dolly.

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| A. PQRS | B. PSRQ |
| C. RQPS | D. RQSP |

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

To win laurels

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| A. to be victorious in a game | B. to memories |
| C. to be disappointed | D. to earn great prestige |

191. **Select the misspelt word.**

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| A. fascism | B. fashion |
| C. fascination | D. fastidious |

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

ARDUOUS

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| A. fervent | B. strong |
| C. enthusiastic | D. strenuous |

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

P. A rocket consists of multiple stages (sets of engines) that are stacked vertically.

Q. Towards the end, the final engine takes the satellite to its determined orbit and accomplishes the mission.

R. Once the respective engine completes its task, it detaches itself from the rocket and lets the next one continues the journey.

S. Each engine has a different level of performance and contributes to getting the payload to space.

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| A. PSRQ | B. PQRS |
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RENAISSANCE

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| A. decadence | B. pestilence |
| C. prehistory | D. immorality |

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

197. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.

Something causing shock or dismay

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| A. mischievous | B. remarkable |
| C. appalling | D. frivolous |

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

They consider that India holds the key to the success of democracy in the world.

- A. It is considered that India holds the key to the success of democracy in the world.
 - B. It is considered that India is holding the key to the success of democracy in the world.
 - C. It is being considered that India holds the key to the success of democracy in the world.
 - D. It has been considered that India holds the key to the success of democracy in the world.

199. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. The recent study shows that an overdose of steroids is enough fatal by an animal as to a man.

- A. fatally enough to
- B. fatal enough for
- C. as fatal to
- D. No improvement

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

One who is not easily pleased by anything

- A. gullible
- B. fastidious
- C. innocent
- D. amenable

Solutions

1. A

Sol. According to the passage, it is mentioned in the third paragraph that the Mid West trial 2 was conducted in the University of Kansas, **U.S.** on how regular, supervised exercise influences body weight. It involved 100 participants who exercised **5 times a week** and burnt 600 calories.

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

2. B

Sol. The duration of the **Mid West trial 2** was **10 months**.

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

3. A

Sol. In the passage, it is mentioned that a person who exercised after 3 pm had gained some weight and who workout before noon had the desired weight loss.

Hence, **option A** is not true as per the passage.

4. B

Sol. In the Mid West trial 2 study, the researchers studied the calorie intake while in the Mid West trial 2 follow-up study, the researchers studied the time of the exercise.

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

5. B

Sol. In the passage, the finding of the Mid west trial 2 follow up study mentiones that the person who exercised before noon had lost more weight.

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

6. B

Sol. According to the passage, the successful weight losers in the Mid West trial 2 follow-up study remained active, walked more and ate less. So option (a) is not true about the weight losers.

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

7. B

Sol. By 'larkish exercisers' the writer refers to people who exercise in the morning.

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

8. A

Sol. **Regimen** = a set of rules about food and diet that someone follows.

Catalogue = a complete list of items, for example of things that people can look at or buy.

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

9. D

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

Vexing = annoying or worrying.

Striking = interesting and unusual enough to attract attention.

Brainstorming = a way of making a group of people all think about something at the same time, often in order to solve a problem or to create good ideas.

Befuddling = confused and unable to think normally.

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

10. B

Sol. In the last part of the passage, Dr. Willis mentioned that he would not want anyone to think that it's not worth exercising if you can't do it first thing in the morning. Any exercise, at any time of day, is going to be better than none.

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

11. B

- Sol.
- In this paragraph, the day "**Black Friday**" is described.
 - This day is significant to the people for its excitement and festivities among them.
 - They shop and enjoy the time together.
 - Keeping this point in view, the correct word is '**regarded**' to fill the blank 1 as other words are not suitable to define the importance of the subject.

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

12. A

- Sol.
- Those retailers who are prime and vital (i.e. major) in the market open their showrooms early in the morning to attract the large crowd there.
 - Thus, option a i.e. **major** fits the best in the blank according to the above statement.

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

13. A

- Sol.
- Here, the promotional sales are talked about which are generally based on a discount to attract the large crowd of customers in the retailer's showrooms and following which they earn more profit on this day.
 - Therefore, the correct term to fill the blank no. 3 is '**offer**'.

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

14. A

- Sol. Here, the holiday shopping season is started with **the arrival of Christmas**.

To find the best suitable answer, let's understand the meaning of the above phrasal verbs as under:

- **kick off** = to begin something.
- **Start out** = to begin life or career in a particular way.
- **Start over** = to begin again in a different way.

- **Set off** = to leave on a journey.
- Considering these meanings the most suitable option for blank no. 4 is '**kick off**'.

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

15. C

- Sol.
- In this blank, those shoppers are mentioned who are capable to give profits to retailers and not just the window shoppers.
 - Retailers with the purpose of earning profit expect only the potential shoppers who make huge purchases and give them more benefits.
 - Therefore, the correct answer is '**Potential**'.

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

16. C

- Sol.
- In this sentence, it is clear that the said market has been **continuously busiest and crowded since 2005 on this Black Friday**.
 - The people used to shop there on this day as more and more offers are given by the retailers which attracted them.
 - Thus, the most suitable word to the above is '**consistently**'.

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

17. D

- Sol.
- In this paragraph, it is come to know that people love to shop on this day due to the attractive sales and offers and that is why they use the term Black Friday related to shopping.
 - Here, the term '**evidence**' is best option portraying the same.

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

18. B

- Sol.
 - In the passage, again, the people celebrated this day 'Black Friday' by shopping on the major retailers as the large discount and offers are given by them on that special day and because of this, the term Black Friday is used in reference to the shopping.
 - Thus, the right option is "**context**" here.

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

19. D

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

- **Disturbing** = causing anxiety; worrying.
 - **Meddling** = intrusive or unwarranted interference.
 - **Interfering** = tending to interfere in other people's affairs.
 - **Disruptive** = causing or tending to cause trouble.
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- Here, because of the large crowd and the huge number of shoppers, the market and the roads get blocked resulting in high traffic which is heavy and troublesome as well.
 - Thus the suitable word to justify the above is '**disruptive**'.

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

20. A

- Sol.
 - Here, the time of using the term Black Friday is discussed which dates back to at least 196, so grammatically, the correct term to use to fill the blank is '**dates**'.

- The phrase “**date back**” refers to have been made in or to have come into being in a certain time in the past.

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

21. B

Sol. 'The audience has not invested in the stand-up comedy art form' - by this author wants to say that comedy is a new art form and it will take time to build an audience.

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

22. D

Sol. ◦ From the first and second paragraph of the passage we can understand that how stand-up comedy show had a wonderful start.
◦ Open mic shows were held in venues across cities, leading companies came forward to support artists and comedians were given good media coverage.

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

23. B

Sol. In the context of passage '**fledgling**' means a **fairly new company** or industry.

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

24. D

Sol. ◦ The situation has been reversed from the early success of stand-up comedy because last year, new-age Indian comedy's reputation came under strain when allegations under the #MeToo movement exposed a darker side of the circuit.
◦ After this comedy groups are packing up and founders are resigning.

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

25. C

Sol. In the last two paragraphs of the passage, it is mentioned that Sethi believes that comedy is an art form

and takes hard work and patience and true comic artist takes years to find one's voice.

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

26. B

- Sol. • For the given passage, the blank needs to be filled with a verb that is in the present tense, and all the given verbs are in present tense.
- Options C and D are generally used in passive structure but the sentence is in active voice.
 - The subject of the given sentence is singular i.e. 'pandemic', thus a singular helping verb should be used here and that will be 'has'.
 - The blank, thus, needs to be filled with '**has caused**'.

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

27. C

- Sol. • The blank needs to be filled with the preposition "during" i.e. at some time in the duration of the first quarter of 2020.
- All other options are irrelevant.

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

28. A

- Sol. • It has been mentioned in the first line that during the pandemic, there is a fall or decline of 22 percent in international tourist arrivals.
- Thus, "**decline**" is the most appropriate word to be filled in the given blank as the global health crisis could lead to an annual tourism decline or fall or decrease.

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

29. D

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

Complexed = complicated in structure; consisting of interconnected parts.

Vacillate = be undecided about something; waver between conflicting positions or courses of action.

Shared = have in common; held or experienced in common.

Compared = examine and note the similarities or differences of.

- After the given blank, the year 2019 has been mentioned and a comparison is being made between the two mentioned years.
- Thus, "compared" will be the best-suited one.

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

30. B

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

Sanative = tending to cure or restore to health.

Sceptic = someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs.

- Conjunction 'as well as', given after the blank, means also, too, or in addition.

Ex :- The gorilla as well as the orangutan is a primate.

- An estimation is being made in the passage regarding the recovery of international travel, thus, it can be either positive or negative.
- Thus, "positive" is the best-suited one.

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

31. A

Sol. It is clearly mentioned in the passage that whenever the Supreme Consciousness wishes to indulge in the mundane world, he rides on Nandi and descends to the physical world.

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

32. C

Sol. It is clearly mentioned in the passage that a bull is lazy and inactive due to the overpowering effect of Tamo guna.

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

33. D

Sol. Let's first learn the meanings of the words:

Staggering = deeply shocking; astonishing.

Aspect = a particular part or feature of something.

Stupendous = extremely impressive.

Perception = the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.

Insight = an accurate and deep understanding.

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

34. A

Sol. The passage has clearly mentioned that another term used for the word – Chitra is "imagery".

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

35. D

Sol. Sentence D is incorrect as the qualities signified by the two horns are wrongly mentioned.

The correct sentence is - Ahamkara is likened to the sacred bull Nandi with its two horns of liking and aversion.

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

36. D

Sol. The passage clearly mentions that the five sense and motor organs constitute the external instruments.

Hence, **option D**, i.e. phone is the correct answer here as it is not an external instrument.

37. B

Sol. It has been clearly mentioned in the passage that our subconscious mind is activated during dreaming and sleep relaxation.

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

38. C

Sol. It has been clearly stated in the passage that mana is the mind that coordinates the senses and performs lower-order processing.

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

39. A

Sol. Indra has been referred to as the king of gods in the passage.

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

40. C

Sol. The passage mentions the fact that death is nothing but the forgetting of our identities and past associations and Yama is the god of death.

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

41. C

Sol. • The author, in the first line of the above paragraph, gives the solution to protect glacial rivers and lakes of the Himalayas and he thinks it is the only way to take care of the irrigation and drinking water needs of millions of people in the Gigantic plains.
• So, in the context of the above paragraph, the word “**only**” is the correct fit.

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

42. B

Sol. • Causing milk to flow from a container in a steady stream is called ‘Pouring of milk’.

- Therefore, in the context of the above sentence, the word '**pouring**' is the correct fit for the given blank.

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

43. B

- Sol.
- The above paragraph gives a sense of worry about the deteriorating condition of the Gangotri glacier.
 - So, the word which correctly fits the given blank is '**Concern**'.
 - Words 'view' (which means look at or inspect), Threat (which means a statement of an intention to inflict pain, injury, damage, or other hostile action) and Chance (which means possibility) do not impart correct sense to the above sentence.

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

44. D

- Sol.
- The word '**advancement**', which means development or improvement from the earlier situation, is the correct fit for the given blank.
 - The words given in other options like "Reformation" (which means to reconstruct), "Encouragement" (which means to give someone support, confidence, or hope), or "Growth" (which means increase in size or something) do not impart correct sense to the sentence.

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

45. A

- Sol.
- From the second last line of the above paragraph, the author wants to say that with the help of Geological and hydrological knowledge we can make judicious use of available natural resources and also can protect and preserve it for the upcoming generations.
 - So, the word '**Sustainability**', which means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, is the correct fit for the blank.

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

46. A

Sol. The words substances, pesticides and deposits have been used in the passage in context with water pollution. Basically, all these are chemicals that pollute our water resources. However, "sand" is not a chemical as it refers to the soil carried out by rivers or oceans, etc.

So, "sand" is the correct answer.

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

47. B

Sol. The second part of the passage talks about the various reasons due to which the problem of water pollution has become highly complex.

Due to the huge amount of synthetic chemicals poured into waterways, it has become very difficult to identify the types of pollutants as they get mixed with the other pollutants.

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

48. C

Sol. When the chemical wastes coming from different sources are poured into the waterways, they get mixed in such a way that it becomes nearly impossible to separate them. Even it is not possible to purify the water containing such pollutants by ordinary purification methods.

The engineers have named such unidentifiable chemicals as **gunk**.

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

49. C

Sol. Refer to this line from the passage, "the problem of water pollution by pesticides can be understood only in context, as part of the whole to which it belongs - the pollution of the total environment of mankind."

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

50. C

Sol. From the lines of the passage, "Ever since the chemists began to manufacture substances that nature never invented, the problem of water purification has become complex and the danger to users of water

has increased", it is clear that water contamination has become serious since chemists began to use new substances.

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

51. B

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

Unleashed = to suddenly release a violent force that cannot be controlled

Carried out = to do or complete something

Controlled = to order, limit, or rule something, or someone's actions or behaviour

Investigated = to examine a crime, problem, statement, etc. carefully, especially to discover the truth

- The world's economy is severely affected by Covid-19.
- Thus, the word 'unleashed' is the best fit for the blank as it shows how severe the situation has become after the covid-19.

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

52. A

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

Translate = to decide that words, behaviour, or actions mean a particular thing

Transcribe = to record something written, spoken, or played by writing it down

The other two words are self-explanatory.

- The given sentence (and the one after it) here highlights a point that the low impact of Covid in terms of cases and deaths doesn't necessarily mean low economic impact.
- The word '**translate**' is the best fit for the blank contextually.

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

53. C

- Sol.
- The given blank needs a third form of the verb (as the sentence is in the present perfect tense - 'has + V3').
 - The V3 form of the main verb "have" is "had".

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

54. B

- Sol.
- The blank needs a possessive pronoun for the plural noun 'firms'.
 - Thus, 'their' is the best fit for the blank.

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

55. A

- Sol.
- The passage talks about covid-19 and its effects on the economy.
 - In the sentence prior to the last one, the direct reasons why a lower-income country is more affected by such health events have been discussed.
 - The last sentence gives us some reasons like 'value chain disruptions and lower international demand for goods due to widespread recession' which do not affect the economy directly but are somewhat responsible for the country's problems.
 - Thus, the word 'indirect' is the best fit for the blank.

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

56. B

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

- Here, the usage of noun is incorrect.

- “Coward” means **a person who is not brave** and is too eager to avoid danger, difficulty, or pain.
- The use of “man” is incorrect with “coward” as it already consists of the meaning of it.
- Thus, **remove 'man'** to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Everyone thought of him as a coward until he saved the little girl from getting burned in the fire.**

57. A

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

- Here, the usage of preposition is incorrect.
- "**Time immemorial**" refers to **a long time back**.
- Also, it does not clearly indicate any particular point or period of time.
- In such cases, we use "since".
- Thus, **'for' must be replaced with 'since'** to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **It had been our custom since time immemorial to be hospitable to those who come to our doors.**

58. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, "being" is an unrelated participle because it does not have a subject for reference.
- If we consider "we" as its subject of reference, the sentence will form as " we being a rainy day" which is not correct.
- Now, for a day, time weather, etc, we use "it" as an introductory subject.

- So, using "it" in the beginning makes it grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: **It being a rainy day we didn't go out yesterday.**

59. C

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

- The underlined part has "miserably" which is an adverb. But here we need the adjective "miserable" for comparing.
- Also, for comparison we use "more". "Quite" is an adverb which should not be used here when we are using "more" to amplify the degree of the adjective "miserable".

For example: Rani is more studious than Ravi. {Here "studious" is an adjective}

- Hence, "**more miserable than**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **There is nothing more miserable than unemployment among the youth of this country.**

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

60. B

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

To convert exclamatory sentences into indirect speech, follow the following rules along with the general rules:

- The reporting verb '**said**' is changed to '**confessed**'.
- The verb is sometimes followed by the feeling/ expression of the speaker, only if it is apparent i.e. "**exclaimed with regret**".
- The present tense of the reported portion (the part inside the inverted commas) is changed to the **past tense**.

- When the sentence starts with 'how', in indirect speech, it becomes "**pronoun + verb + very**" (**she had been very....**).
- The pronoun '**I**' is changed to '**she**'.
- A full stop is placed at the end of the sentence instead of a mark of exclamation.

The sentence in Indirect Speech will be, "**She confessed with regret that she had been very foolish**".

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

61. C

Sol. This is an interrogative sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and the wh-word, '**where**' will be used.
- **Said to** will be changed to **asked** because of the presence of an object in the reporting speech.
- '**Is**' will be changed to '**was**' in the indirect narration as the reporting verb is in past (said).

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **He asked me where the post office was.**

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

62. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically and contextually correct.

- The statement is correct in itself since every verb is in the **past tense**, keeping in tune with the tone of the sentence.

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

63. A

Sol. **Eccentric** = not placed centrally or not having its axis or other part placed centrally.

Eclectic = deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Ellipsis = the omission from speech or writing of a word or words that are superfluous or able to be understood from contextual clues.

Equine = relating to or affecting horses or other members of the horse family.

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

64. A

Sol. The given sentence is an exclamatory sentence showing shock or surprise as someone had lost her diamond ring.

- To show this, we'll use "exclaimed with surprise" as our reporting verb.
- The inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction "that" will be used.
- The reported speech is in the present perfect tense which will change to past perfect tense in indirect speech.
- We will remove "what" from the indirect speech.
- The second-person pronouns "you" and "your" will change according to the object (she) to "she" and "her" respectively.

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **He exclaimed with surprise that she had lost her diamond ring.**

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

65. A

Sol. This is an interrogative sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect

speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and the wh-word, 'how' will be used.
- **Said to** will be changed to **asked** because of the presence of an object in the reporting speech.
- 'Can' will be changed to **could** in the indirect narration as the reporting verb is in past (said).
- **This** will be changed to **that**.
- The first person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. **I** will be changed to **he**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **Bhola asked his friend how he could make that charcoal white.**

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

66. D

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

Vacillate = to be uncertain what to do, or to change often between two opinions.

E.g. :- Her mood vacillated between hope and despair.

Conclusive = proving that something is true, or ending any doubt.

Playful = giving or expressing pleasure and amusement.

Irresolute = not able or willing to take decisions or actions.

E.g. :- He gave an irresolute reply.

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

67. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The correct preposition to be used with the verb "reward" is "for" and not "by".
- Reward 'someone' for something means to bestow a gift, prize, bonus, treat, etc., upon someone as a result of worthy behaviour or actions.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **You deserve to be rewarded for your successful completion of the entire work in such a short time.**

68. C

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

The sentence is in **present perfect tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The agreement has already been broken by them.**

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

69. C

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

- The given sentence uses '**since when**' which takes the interrogation to a context of a longer time.
- It is used to ask someone why they **believe a situation to be different from how it really is**.
- Look at the sentence like this - Starting a business has been so easy.
- When we reframe the sentence as given in the question, **we will need a noun after the auxiliary verb "has"**.

- Therefore, we will use the gerund "starting".
- So, "**has starting**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Since when has starting a business been so easy?**

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

70. C

- Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Gene**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.
- **R** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the function of gene.
- **Q** will be the next as it explains what actually it means by "transfer of a hereditary" mentioned in sentence **R**.
- **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by giving example of one trait i.e. "brown eyes".

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Gene is a unit of inheritance in living organisms. It controls the transfer of a hereditary characteristic from parents to offspring. This means that your parents pass some of their characteristics on to you. If your father has brown eyes, you may also have brown eyes.**

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

71. B

- Sol. It is an affirmative sentence. The given sentence is in Direct Speech.

It is because it quotes actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into Indirect Speech.

- **Said to** will be changed to '**told**' in indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and the conjunction '**that**' will be used.
- The reported speech is in present tense and it will be changed to a past tense i.e. '**can**' should be changed to '**could**' and **don't** will be changed to **didn't**.
- Pronoun changes according to the subject of reporting speech i.e. '**I**' changes to '**he**'.
- '**This**' will be changed to '**that**'.

Therefore, the sentence in Indirect Speech will be :- **My father once told me that if he couldn't trust his people then he didn't want to do that.**

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

72. C

Sol. The given sentence is in interrogative form. We need to abide by the following rules to convert the sentence into an indirect form.

- The reporting verb "said" is changed to "asked".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The reported speech is a WH-Question (who/what/why/how/where/when/which etc); thus, no conjunction is used before the question word. The question word itself works as conjunction.
- Reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of subject + verb.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and a full stop is used.
- Since the reporting verb is in the past tense, make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: Simple present tense changes to simple past tense.

Thus, the above sentence in indirect form will be: **Bhola asked his mother why that charcoal was so black.**

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

73. D

- Sol.
- The first sentence should be **A** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. '**cage diving**'.
 - The second sentence should be **B** since it tells one of the events associated with cage diving.
 - The third sentence should be **D** as it tells what happened when the people went cage-diving of the west coast off Mexico's Baja California peninsula.
 - Sentence **C** then aptly concludes the passage.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **PQSR**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Cage diving is a popular tourist attraction in countries with shark-infested waters. Some people went cage-diving of the west coast off Mexico's Baja California peninsula. There a shark went for some bait and hit the cage. The shark broke the rail and became trapped inside the cage with the driver.**

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

74. D

- Sol.
- The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Robert Hooke's experiment**. Thus, **S** will be the first sequence.
 - **Q** will be the next in the sequence as he observed slices minutely (via microscope) after observing them via simple magnifier.
 - **R** will be the next as it shows his observations.
 - **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the structure of those boxes.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Robert Hooke in 1665 observed slices of cork under a simple magnifying device. He then took thin slices of cork and observed them under a microscope. He noticed partitioned boxes or compartments in the cork slice. These boxes appeared like a honeycomb.**

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

75. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The answer has been learnt by heart by her.**

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

76. C

Sol. This is an assertive sentence of direct narration and we will change it into indirect narration accordingly.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Said** will be changed to **told** because the reporting speech has an object (the Judge).
- The tense of the reported speech is the simple past (did not commit) and it will be changed to the past perfect tense (had not committed).
- The first person pronoun (**I**) will be changed to third person pronoun (**he**) according to the subject of the reporting speech (he) in the indirect narration.
- Also, **this** will be changed to **that**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **He told the judge that he had not committed that crime.**

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

77. B

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

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Reimbursement** = the repaying of money which has been spent or lost.
 - **Deprivation** = a situation in which you do not have things or conditions that are usually considered necessary for a pleasant life.
 - **Recover** = to become completely well again after an illness or injury
 - **Deduction** = the process of reaching a decision or answer by thinking about the known facts, or the decision that is reached.
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- One would wait for the **tax concessions to be reimbursed**, and not have it deducted.

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

78. B

Sol. ◦ The given blank needs a pronoun.

- The correct pronoun to be used in the sentence is "whoever".
- It is because "**whoever**" is used for the living things while for non living things we use "whichever".
- "Whatever", and "wherever" are irrelevant in the sentence.

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

79. A

Sol. **Option A** has the misspelt word. The correct spelling of the word is 'succinct' and it means clear and

short.

Meanings of other words are:

Enigmatic = mysterious and impossible to understand completely

Lustrous = very shiny

Dilemma = a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two different things you could do

80. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Admittance (a noun) means permission to enter a place and in this context, we use the preposition "to".

e.g. We had not been able to gain admittance to the flat.

- Therefore, replace "for" with "to" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The enquiry centred on how the assassin had gained admittance for the building.**

81. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + shall/ will + be + Verb (V1 form) + ing + Object**

Passive Voice: **No passive possible.**

Passive voice of future continuous is not possible since when we try to make it passive it will have two forms of verb "be" together i.e. "been" and "being". It is grammatically wrong to have both perfect and continuous forms of verb "be".

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

82. C

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

- The underlined part has “his” which is used for noun of masculine gender. For feminine, we use “her”.
- Also, Correlative Conjunctions are used for emphasising the idea of one thing coming immediately after another, for eg: “Hardly.....when” , “No sooner.....than”

For example:

Hardly had Ravi sat down **when** the phone rang.

- Hence, “**her dinner when**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Hardly had she finished her dinner when the mobile phone rang abruptly with a brassy ringtone.**

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

83. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, ‘**the**’ must be used before comparative degree.
- *The + comparative adjective + clause + the + comparative adjective + clause*

Eg. The higher we go, the cooler we feel.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The more you think of it the worse it becomes.**

84. C

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

- Here, the usage of verb is incorrect.
- We write the **verb's first form** after the preposition 'to'.

- E.g. :- He came here to **complete** his work.
- Thus, '**settled**' must be replaced with '**settle**' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Unless it is acceptable to both parties, an arbitrator would be of no use to settle this dispute.**

85. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration in assertive form.

- The reporting verb "said" will not change in the indirect speech as it is not followed by any 'object'.
- Inverted commas ("..") will be removed and the conjunction 'that' will be used in the indirect speech.
- The present perfect continuous tense of the reporting speech will be changed to the past perfect continuous in indirect speech.
- Also, when the reporting verb is in the past tense, 'so far' changes into 'Till then'.
- The 1st person pronoun (I) will change according to the subject (i.e. Raul); "I" will change to "he".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **Raul said that he had been in New York for a year but till then he had not had time to visit the statue of liberty.**

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

86. D

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

To convert these sentences into indirect speech, follow the following rules along with the general rules:

- The reporting verb '**answered**' is changed to '**answered politely**' to imply the sense of urging (please).
- '**That**' is used as the conjunction.
- The present tense (**is**) is changed to the past tense (**was**).
- The pronoun '**I**' is changed to '**she**' according to the subject.

The sentence in Indirect Speech will be :- "**She answered politely to listen to her and that she must go then because her mother was very ill**".

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

87. A

Sol. **Succulent** = (of a plant, especially a xerophyte) having thick fleshy leaves or stems adapted to storing water.

Translucent = permitting light to pass through but diffusing it so that persons, objects, etc., on the opposite side are not clearly visible.

Dissolvent = capable of dissolving another substance.

Dissident = a person who publicly disagrees with and criticizes their government.

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

88. B

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

- The underlined part has reporting verb "said". "Said" does not take indirect object directly after it. They are generally separated by preposition "to".
- Reporting verb "told" takes indirect object directly after it. Hence, it does not need preposition "to" directly after it.

- For example:

Hema **said to her aunt**, "Please close the close".

She **told us** about an amusing event.

- Pronoun "his" is used for nouns of masculine gender. For feminine, "her" is used.
- Also, the proper reporting verb as per the sentence is "ask" since the girl is asking "to explain" something.
- Hence, "**asked her mentor**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **At the end of the lecture, the inattentive girl asked her mentor to explain the last question again.**

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

89. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- "Who" performs the action of a verb (e.g. "Who sent us this gift?"), while "whom" receives the action ("We got this gift from whom?")
- 'Whom' should be used here to refer to the object of the verb 'blame'.
- Therefore, replace 'who' with 'whom' in the above sentence.

The correct sentence will be: **We do not know whom we should blame for all the lapses observed in the procedure.**

90. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically and contextually correct.

- '**As far as**' also means '**with reference to**' and in the context of the sentence, it uses this to refer to the subject "I".

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

91. D

- Sol. • The first sentence after 1 should be P as it continues to talk about the early sailing ships.
- The next sentence should be S as it describes the disadvantages mentioned in sentence P.
- Q should follow S as it continues to talk about the other disadvantages.
- SQ talk on the same theme, cargo.
- R becomes the last statement as the real danger mentioned in this is stated in statement 6 as well.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **For thousands of years, men had to depend on sails to catch the wind and move their ships. But these early sailing ships had certain disadvantages. They were low and clumsy, and they could not carry much cargo. If the trip was long, the cargo got spoiled. And worst of all, there was a real danger in depending on the wind alone. A calm sea could trap sailors for many days without water.**

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

92. A

- Sol. • The use of "please" in the sentence indicates that the sentence is an imperative sentence.
- We'll use the verb "requested" in an indirect speech to denote the same sense in indirect speech.
- The preposition "to" will be used to connect reporting verb with the reported speech.
- The first person pronoun "me" will change according to the subject "Tiwari" to "him".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **Tiwari requested the Principal to grant him leave for two days.**

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

93. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + Verb (V1 form) + Object.**

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Tea is sold by Sanjay.**

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

94. B

Sol. This is an interrogative sentence of direct narration.

- The reporting verb 'said' will change to 'asked'.
- Inverted commas will be removed in the indirect narration.
- since the reported speech is a 'yes/no' type question, "if" will be used to join the two parts.
- The interrogative sentence will be changed to an assertive sentence in indirect narration.
- 'Will' will be changed to "would" in the indirect narration. Also, the present continuous will change to the past continuous tense.
- "This" will change to "that".
- The second person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. "you" will be changed to "she". Also, the first-person pronoun is changed according to the subject of the

reporting speech; thus "I" will also change to "she".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **Nisha asked Swati if she would help her with that new dish that she was trying.**

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

95. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **passive form** (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 active voice: **His brother gave him some money.**

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

96. D

Sol. The idiom "**down and out**" means to be without money, a job, or a place to live; destitute.

e.g. After losing his job, car, and home, he was completely **down and out**.

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

97. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **The audience loudly cheered the politician's speech.**

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

98. A

Sol. 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, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice:- **Let the command be given.**

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

99. C

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

- The underlined part has verb "is" which is not in accordance with the subject "passengers". The plural verb "are" should be used for the plural subject "passengers".
- Preposition "for" should be used.
- "To" preposition is used to point towards a direction.
- Moreover, if something is waiting for you, it has been left or prepared for you to collect, use, enjoy, or deal with when you arrive.
- E.g. :- Uma had a cup of coffee waiting for me, along with a plate of biscuits.
- Hence, "**are waiting for**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The passengers are waiting for the bus which is widely praised in the city for its exemplary services.**

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

100. D

Sol. • The first statement must be **S** as it mentions the full form of SLS.

• **Q** must follow it as it mentions the advantage of it.

• The rest of the statements are connected to one another.

• **P** must come after **R** as it states a solution to the problem mentioned in **R**.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **What are the strategies to strengthen reading habits among early literates, school dropouts, and even adults? One of the novel and effective strategies is Same Language Subtitles (SLS), which was introduced in Ahmedabad in 1996. According to a research survey, SLS "doubles and even triples the role of reading improvement that children may be achieved through formal education." But SLS harps on the argument that since the film viewers are familiar with the script, they can read the words in their favorite dialogues and films. As a solution, normally subtitles for a film, say in Hindi, will be in some other language, say, English. Since a huge number of children and adults watch TV for entertainment even in the rural areas of India, why not use this resource to get an educational benefit out of it?**

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

101. C

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

• The underlined part has “be+V1” which is wrong since sentence is in passive voice. Hence, “be+V3” should be used.

• Also, “**nip in the bud**” is **idiom** which means to stop something when it has just begun. Thus, it is wrong to use preposition “on” in the idiom.

- Hence, “**be nipped in the bud**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **It is always advisable that immoral and unethical practices should be nipped in the bud to avoid any probable damages in the future.**

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

102. B

Sol. The idiom “**to paddle one’s own canoe**” means to be able to act without having to depend on anyone.

e.g. She is a strong woman and **can paddle her own canoe** without having a man in her life. Source: theidioms.com

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

103. D

Sol. **Cadaverous** = of or like a corpse, esp in being deathly pale; ghastly.

Defalcation = the act or an instance of embezzling.

Sinecure = an office or position that requires little or no work and that usually provides an income.

Pestiferous = dangerous to morals or to the welfare of society; noxious; evil.

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

104. A

Sol. • Sentence **P** should be at the first since it explains the previous sentence and sheds some light on Microsoft’s decision.

• Sentence **Q** should be put next as it explains the software update.

• Later sentence **R** should be kept as it dives into the technicalities of the new update, continuing the context of the passage.

• Sentence **S** should be at the end.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Microsoft is officially unveiling Windows 10 Pro for Workstations today. While the operating system was originally rumored back in June, Microsoft is providing the full details on the special edition today. As expected, Windows 10 Pro for Workstations is primarily designed for server-grade PC hardware and true power users. Windows 10 Pro for Workstations scales up for machines with a high number of logical processors and large amounts of RAM. The software giant is making four major changes to Windows 10 Pro for Workstations to support high-end PC hardware. Resilient File System (ReFS) will be enabled by default, providing more resilience against data corruption, and optimization for handling large data volumes and auto-correcting.**

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

105. C

Sol. This is an assertive sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Said to** will be changed to **told** because of the presence of an object in the reporting speech.
- Tense will remain the same.
- The first person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. **I** will be changed to **he**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **The cashier told the inspector that he was putting away the cash when the gunmen rushed in.**

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

106. B

Sol. This is an assertive sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Said to** will be changed to **told** because of the presence of an object in the reporting speech.
- '**Will**' will be changed to **would** in the indirect narration as the reporting verb is in past (said).
- **This** will be changed to **that**.
- The second person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech (my mother) i.e. **you** will be changed to **her**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **I told my mother that I would certainly take her to Bangalore that week.**

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

107. C

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

- The reporting verb "said" is changed to "exclaimed with surprise".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and that is used instead.
- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and a full stop is used.
- The reporting verb is in the past tense; thus, make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: Simple present tense changes to simple past tense.
- "Here" will be changed to "there".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect speech will be: **The hungry child exclaimed with surprise that there was so much food to eat there.**

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

108. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **This picture has been drawn by my brother.**

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

109. C

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

Virtue = behavior showing high moral standards.

E.g. :- Patience is a virtue.

Vice = immoral or wicked behavior.

E.g. :- Greed, pride, envy, and lust are considered to be vices.

Curse = an offensive word or phrase used to express anger or annoyance.

Morality = principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behaviour.

Lure = to tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by offering some form of reward.

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

110. D

Sol. Rules for changing direct speech into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- "Said to" changes to "told" in indirect speech as it is followed by an object.
- The reporting verb is in the past tense, we make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: "will" changes to "would".
- The first-person pronoun (we) changes according to the subject (they) of reporting speech; 'We' will change to 'they'.
- The second person pronoun (your) changes according to the object (him) of reporting speech. 'Your' will change to 'his'.

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **They told him that they would destroy his homestead.**

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

111. A

Sol. Rules for changing the direct speech into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- 'Said to' changes to "told" in indirect speech as it is followed by an object.
- As the reporting verb is in the past tense, we will make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: Present perfect to the past perfect tense.
- The first-person pronoun (I) will change according to the subject (Hansa) of reporting speech; "I" will change to "she".
- The second person pronoun (you) changes according to the object (Ankur) of reporting speech; "You" will change to "he".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **Hansa told Ankur that she had seen them, and so had he.**

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

112. A

Sol.

- While changing the sentence from direct to indirect speech, if the tense of the reported verb is in simple present tense then it changes into simple past tense so, the reported verb of direct speech should be in the simple past tense.

Option A: The tense of the reported speech is in the past simple tense.

Option B: The tense of the reported speech is in the present simple tense.

Option C: The tense of the reported speech is in the present simple tense.

Option D: “to leave” is missing in the sentence.

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **Anne said that it was time to leave for the meeting.**

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

113. A

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

- The underlined part has “since” as the preposition of time. It is used for specific point of time.
- Here, “last ten years” is not a specific time. Thus, usage of “since” is wrong.
- Proper time preposition “for” should be used as it shows period of time.

For example:

He has been living here for five months.

He has been living here since April.

- Also, ordinals take definite article “the” before them.
- Hence, “**for the last ten years**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **As per the Intel reports, an Italian fugitive has been living in Delhi for the last ten years.**

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

114. 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: **The Best Actor award was won by my brother in the inter-college drama competition.**

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

115. D

Sol. Option D has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The sentence given here shows a regular action or truth.
- The simple present tense is used to state facts, how things exist or behave.
- Therefore, simple present tense should be used here.
- To make the sentence correct, we should replace "have been lived" with "live".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Since most of the urban people live in polluted areas, they suffer from severe diseases caused by pollution.**

116. B

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

- The use of "ideally" is contextually incorrect in the given sentence.
- Ideally means in the best possible way; perfectly.
- Option A is also incorrect on the same basis.
- Option C is incorrect as the word "idly" is an adverb while the sentence requires an adjective.
- The correct phrase word is "idle hours".
- "Idle" is an adjective which has been used for the noun "hours".
- "Idle hours" mean hours spent without a purpose or effect.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **They spent many idle hours just sitting in the Sun.**

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

117. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The fire has been lit by someone.**

PS: We can omit the subject of the action in passive structure if it is an indefinite pronoun. So another possible passive structure can be: **The fire has been lit.**

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

118. B

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

Fleeting = lasting for a very short time

e.g. "For a fleeting moment, I saw the face of a boy."

Complete = finish.

Momentary = temporary.

e.g. "There was a momentary vacillation even in Rome."

Ready = prepared.

Lasting = permanent.

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

119. C

- Sol. • Asset means a useful or valuable quality of a person or thing; an advantage or resource.
- Here, 'firm' refers to a company or a place of work.
- Thus, "asset" is the correct choice of word.

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

120. B

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

- Here, the usage of 'which' is incorrect.
- The pronoun "which" is wrong here as it is used for non-living things.

- The correct pronoun here would be “who” (for the noun ‘students’).
- Thus, **replace ‘which’ with ‘who’** to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **The teacher punished the students who did not complete their homework on time.**

121. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **active voice**. It is an **interrogative sentence** and is in the **present perfect tense**.

The structures for active and passive voice are:-

Active voice: Has + subject + verb(IIIrd form) + object.

Passive voice: Has + object + been + verb(IIIrd form) + by + subject.

Thus, the sentence in the passive form will be: **Has the gate been broken by somebody?**

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

122. B

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

- The underlined part has “be+V1” which is wrong since sentence is in passive voice. Hence, “be+V3” should be used.
- Also, **“take something off” is the correct phrasal verb** which means to remove something, especially a piece of clothing or shoes. Thus, it is wrong to use preposition “away” with it.

For example:

Please **take off** your caps for proper identification at the exam centre.

- Hence, **“are requested to take off”** is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Visitors are requested to take off their shoes before entering the holy shrine to maintain the sanctity.**

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

123. A

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

- The underlined part needs the object of the verb “serve”.
- “**Summon**” is a **verb** and a verb cannot be the object.
- So, we need noun here i.e. “summons”.
- Please note that though it may appear that “**summons**” is a plural noun, it is actually a singular noun. Its plural form is “summonses”
- Also, “in” is a preposition of place which should not be used here. “Against” is the correct preposition.
- For example:

They took out a summons against her for noise nuisance.

- Hence, “**summons against him**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The police is unable to serve summons against him over his alleged role in money laundering.**

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

124. A

Sol. The sentence is of direct narration. The reporting verb is in the past tense. Therefore, the following changes will be made in the reporting speech:

- Inverted commas will be removed and “**asked**” will be used in place of “**said**”.
- “**If**” will be used to connect the two parts of the sentence.
- The inversion form of the interrogative sentence will be changed to the assertive form, i.e. Subject and then noun.

- "Can" will be changed to "could".
- "These" will be changed to "those"
- The first person pronoun "me" will be changed according to the subject (Neha). "Me" will change to "her".

The sentence in Indirect Speech will be :- **Neha asked me if I could do those questions for her.**

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

125. C

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **assertive sentence**. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Subject + V2 + Object

Passive Voice: Object + was/were + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The boys who had not done their homework were punished by the teacher.**

PS: in option B, the adjective clause "who had done their homework" which gives a description of "boys" is put away from it. Adjective Clause and Noun should be placed together as mentioned in the question.

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

126. B

Sol. **Bale** = a large wrapped or bound bundle of paper, hay, or cotton.

Chapel = a small building or room used for Christian worship.

Cache = a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.

Brood = a group of young birds all born at the same time.

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

127. C

Sol. The idiom "**pink slip**" means a piece of paper giving notice of dismissal from employment; any dismissal from employment.

e.g. Thousands of factory workers have gotten the **pink slip** in recent months.

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

128. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- According to the subject-verb agreement, the verb should agree with the subject in number, i.e. a singular subject will take a singular verb and a plural subject will take a plural verb.

e.g. He *is* playing in the garden.

e.g. They *are* playing in the garden.

- The subject of the given sentence is singular i.e. 'my carping mother-in-law'.

So, a singular auxiliary verb should be used i.e. 'is'.

- The tense of the given sentence is present continuous tense and its structure is :-
sub. + is/am/are + verb (ing) + obj.

So, 'criticizing' should be used.

To describe the verb 'criticizing', we need an adverb and that will be 'constantly' (in place of 'constant').

- Possessive pronoun - is used instead of a noun.

e.g. Julie's car is red. Mine is blue.

Possessive adjective - is usually used to describe a noun, and it comes before it, like other adjectives.

e.g. My car is bigger than her car.

We don't need a possessive pronoun "mine" here; therefore, replace it with a possessive adjective 'my'.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **My carping mother-in-law is constantly criticizing my housekeeping skills.**

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

129. C

Sol. * The first sentence should be **S** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'data scientists'.

* The sentence **P** then tells how data scientists work on the data to provide the relevant information.

* The sentence **Q** further mentions what is done on the mined data i.e. it is synthesized and communicated to key stakeholders to drive strategic decision-making in the organization.

* The sentence **R** finally talks about how businesses use data scientists to manage the unstructured data.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Data scientists examine which questions need answering and where to find the related data. They have business acumen and analytical skills as well as the ability to mine, clean, and present data. Results are then synthesized and communicated to key stakeholders to drive strategic decision-making in the organization. Businesses use data scientists to source, manage, and analyze large amounts of unstructured data.**

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

130. C

Sol. • When the simple past and the past continuous tenses are used together, it shows us that the past simple action happened in the middle of the past continuous action, while it was in progress.

- We do not change the tense in such cases.
- Remove the inverted commas and "that" will be used.

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **He said that Rahul slipped when he was trying to escape from the burglar.**

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

131. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + is/are/am + verb (ing) + object...

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into a passive voice: **The patient is being treated by the doctor.**

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

132. C

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

- We regret for something we did not do in the past.
- It is used for an activity which we wanted but could not do in the past.
- Therefore, to use the present verb "learn to play" is incorrect in the sentence and requires improvement.
- Options A and B are incorrect due to incorrect grammar.

- "Having" is used to show that the action of something has finished in the past.
- So, "**I really do regret having not learned to play**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **I really do regret having not learned to play the violin when I had so many opportunities to learn and practice in school.**

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

133. A

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

- With "one of", we use plural noun/pronoun i.e. "those skills" should be used.
- Adverbs are generally used to modify adjectives and verbs. Here adverb "eternally" should be used instead of the adjective "eternal" as the following word is a verb.
- Thus, the best suited is "those skills you can eternally get".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Creative writing is one of those skills you can eternally get better at, but often suck at when you start.**

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

134. C

Sol. The given blank need to be filled with the proper use of tense.

- The given sentence is in the simple past tense.
- Here, the verb "have" will be used as a main verb and not as an auxiliary verb.
- Since the sentence is in the simple past tense, we will take the verb's second form of "have", i.e. **had**.
- The use of conjunction "but" shows the opposite of what was expected in the first part of the sentence.

- Therefore, we will use "**none**" here.

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

135. D

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically and contextually correct.

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

136. B

- Sol.
- Part P introduces the topic, 'Wikipedia'. It is only sensible to make it the first part of the passage.
 - Both S and Q refer to Wikipedia and give more information about its whereabouts. Part S uses 'which' to give more details regarding Wikipedia, while part Q uses 'it' to refer. The part referred to by 'which' must be present just before it, else it would not make sense. Hence part S follows part P and is followed by part Q.
 - Part R gives a general update (mentioning the number of articles). Part R cannot come before S or Q because Q and S give fundamental information about the topic.

Thus, the correct sequence is **PSQR**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Wikipedia is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia that is based on a model of openly editable content. Which is the largest and most-popular general reference work on the Internet and is named as one of the most popular websites. It is owned and supported by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non-profit organization which operates on whatever money it receives from its annual fund drives. As of March 2017, Wikipedia has about 40,000 Featured Articles and Good Articles that cover vital topics.**

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

137. B

- Sol.
- The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Cell components**. Thus, **Q** will be the first sequence.
 - **P** will be the next in the sequence as it shows location of cytoplasm and nucleus.

- **S** will be the next as it add details to “plasma membrane” mentioned in Sentence P.
- **R** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by mentioning the function of plasma membrane.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **The basic components of a cell are cell membrane, cytoplasm and nucleus. The cytoplasm and nucleus are enclosed within the cell membrane, called the plasma membrane. The membrane separates cells from one another and also the cell from the surrounding medium. The plasma membrane is porous and allows the movement of substances or materials both inward and outward.**

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

138. C

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

- Here, the usage of the participle is incorrect.
- The use of the past participle "prevented" is wrong in the sentence.
- The verb "**help**" can be followed by a gerund of a to-infinitive / bare infinitive but it cannot be followed by a past participle.
 - E.g. :- Could you help me (to) find my earphones? **OR** I cannot help thinking about the same incident.
- Thus, '**prevented**' must be replaced with '**prevent**' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Serious nuclear accidents have been few and far between but their stories will help prevent future catastrophes.**

139. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice:- **My new slippers were chewed by the little puppy.**

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

140. B

- Sol. • The above paragraph mentions a story of a horse and a wolf. The story should begin with statement S as sets the premise of the story.
- This should be followed by statement R as in this statement horse gave the fox a reply that he couldn't eat him as he had a passport.
- In statement Q, the wolf asked the horse about the passport to which the horse replied to him in sentence P.

Thus, the correct sequence is **SRQP**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A foolish wolf saw a horse grazing in a field and decided to eat him. When the horse saw the wolf, it said, "You cannot eat me, I have a passport." "What is the passport?" asked the wolf. "If you come and stand behind me, I will show you what a passport is" replied the horse.**

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

141. A

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

Opprobrium = severe criticism and blame.

E.g. :- International opprobrium has been heaped on the country following its attack on its neighbours.

Adulation = excessive praise.

E.g. :- As a born performer, she loves the excitement and she loves the adulation.

Ignominy = public disgrace.

Mystical = inspiring a sense of spiritual awe and fascination.

Preclude = to prevent something from happening.

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

142. C

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

- Here, the usage of tense is incorrect.
- From the former verbs of the sentence, i.e. "originated" and "spread" we can understand that it is in the past tense.
- The **Past Simple Tense** is used to refer to actions that were completed in a time period before the present time.
- The process of performing the action is not important. What matters is that the action was completed in the past.
- Thus, '**declines**' must be replaced with '**declined**' to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Buddhism originated in Ancient India around 6th and 4th centuries BCE, from where it spread through most of Asia, and then it declined in India during the Middle Ages.**

143. D

Sol. **Imagination** = the faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not

present to the senses.

Amalgamation = the action, process, or result of combining or uniting.

Illumination = lighting or light, spiritual or intellectual enlightenment.

Aberration = a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one.

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

144. B

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

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

- **Timeline** = a plan that shows how long something will take or when things will happen.
 - **Guideline** = information intended to advise people on how something should be done or what something should be.
 - **Deadline** = a time or day by which something must be done.
 - **Decline** = when something becomes less in amount, importance, quality, or strength.
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- The sentence talks about a time limit by which the article should get finished. In this context, only the word "**deadline**" would fit.
 - So, "**deadline to finish**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The editor gave me a deadline to finish the article.**

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

145. C

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

Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Perception** = a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem.
 - **Departure** = the fact of a person or vehicle, etc. leaving somewhere.
 - **Apprehension** = worry about the future, or a fear that something unpleasant is going to happen.
 - **Evolution** = the development of things.
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- Train services are usually hampered in monsoons due to landslides.
 - **Apprehension** is a fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
 - Therefore, **train services are suspended due to the fear of landslides.**

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

146. B

- Sol.
- Sentence **R** is the best fit for the opening sentence as it introduces the team which investigated how carnivorous plants evolved.
 - This eliminates options A and D.
 - Sentence **P** is the best for the second position as it elaborates on the procedure of their investigation.
 - It will be followed by **QS** as they tell the results of the discovery.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **RPQS**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **An international team of botanists and biologists led by Jorg Schultz, Associate Professor, at the University of Wurzburg, Germany investigated how carnivorous plants evolved. This team compared the genomes and anatomy of three modern meat-eating plants, all members of the Droseraceae family. After analyzing these plants, the team discovered the process toward carnivory. The process stated that about 70 million years ago, an early non-carnivorous ancestor of the three modern plant carnivores underwent whole-genome duplication, generating a second copy of its entire DNA, or genome.**

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

147. A

Sol. • The given sentence is in **Direct Speech**.

- We notice that the reporting verb is in the Past tense ('said').

Hence, a change will be made in the tense of the reported speech. The modal "can" will change to "could".

- Also, the first person of the reported speech is changed according to the subject of reporting speech.

In the given question, the pronoun "I" is changed to 'she'.

- The second person pronoun is changed according to the object. Thus, "you" will change to "him"

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect speech will be: **Reema told Shyam that she could dance better than him.**

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

148. A

Sol. • The given sentence is of question tag.

- Since the first part of the sentence is negative, its question tag will be positive.

- The same auxiliary "will" will be used in the question tag.
- And the pronoun "it" will be used.
- Thus, "**will it**" will be used in the given sentence.

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

149. A

Sol. The idiom "**cheek by jowl**" means very close together.

e.g. They lived **cheek by jowl** in a one-room flat.

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

150. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **interrogative sentence**. The sentence is in **past indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Question word + Helping Verb (did) + Subject + Main Verb + Object?

Passive Voice: Question word + Helping Verb (was/were) + Object + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject?

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Why was he scolded so badly by her?**

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

151. B

Sol. **Cannibal** = a person who eats the flesh of other human beings.

Brigand = a member of a gang that ambushes and robs people in forests and mountains.

Chauvinist = a person displaying aggressive patriotism.

Coquette = a flirtatious woman.

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

152. A

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of an **interrogative sentence**.

The sentence is in **present indefinite tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:-

Active Voice: **Question word + Helping Verb (do/does) + Subject + Main Verb + Object?**

Passive Voice: **Question word + Helping Verb (is/am/are) + Object + Verb (V3 form) + by + Subject?**

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Why is time wasted by you?**

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

153. A

Sol. Below are the rules for changing the sentences that have suggestions in them to direct speech:

- The verb "suggested" will change to "said".
- Since the above sentence is 'suggesting' something, we will change "should" to "let".
- The pronoun "we" will change to "us".
- Inverted commas will be introduced.

Thus, the above sentence in the direct form will be: **She said to us, “Let us have some music.”**

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

154. A

Sol. • Sentence S1 mentions the impact of drinking on the social life of a person.

- **S** must be the first statement after S1 as it states how a person begins drinking.
- Sentence **P** clearly conveys a picture of how the habit of drinking increases.
- So, **P** must follow **S** and precede **R** as **P** states the fact and **R** mentions the result.
- **Q** mentions the final consequence.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **SPRQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Addiction to alcoholic drinks affects the social life of the people. A person begins to drink just for the fun of it. Gradually drinking becomes a habit. When once it becomes a habit, it is difficult to give up. The person becomes an addict. If he doesn't have his bottle of drink, he becomes restless.**

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

155. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration in assertive form.

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to 'told' in indirect speech because of the object given after the reporting verb.
- Inverted commas ("..") will be removed and the conjunction 'that' will be used in the indirect speech.
- The verb "will" of the reporting speech will be changed to "would" in indirect speech.
- 'This week' is the time expression that will be changed to 'that week'.
- The second person pronoun "you" will change according to the object "father" to "him".

Thus, the above sentence in the indirect form will be: **I told my father that I would certainly take him to the 'statue of unity' that week.**

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

156. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + Verb (V1 form) + Object**

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **English is spoken all over the world.**

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

157. A

Sol. **Acrophobia** = the fear of heights.

Xenophobia = to the dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.

Autophobia = the fear of isolation.

Zoophobia = the fear of animals; it applies to both vile and harmless animals.

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

158. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- We normally say a hundred, a thousand, a million.
- Numbers, such as 100, 200, 1,000, etc., do not take plural -s when we use them as determiners.

e.g. There were about two hundred people at the meeting.

- However, we use the plural forms hundreds, thousands, millions + of + noun to refer to large, non-specific numbers:

e.g. Millions of people live in poverty.

- Here, we are using 'two lakh' as a determiner.
- Hence, "lakhs" should be replaced with "lakh".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Two lakh people attended the meeting held in the Parade ground.**

159. C

Sol. This is an assertive sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Said will remain the same** because of the absence of an object in the reporting speech.
- There will be no change in tense as we know that if there are any universal truth, habitual fact in the reporting speech, no changes are made to the reported verb's tense.
- In the given sentence, the reported speech **consists of a proverb said by Socrates**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **Socrates said that virtue is its own reward.**

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

160. C

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

- Here, the usage of phrase 'why was' is incorrect.
- The question word "why" is working as a conjunction in the given sentence.

- So, any part written after it should be written in the simple assertive form and not in the question format.
- The use of "was" should be done after the pronoun "she".
- Thus, **replace 'was she' with 'she was'** to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Madhuri did not reply when I asked her why she was weeping.**

161. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: **Subject + has/have + been + Verb (- ing form) + Object**

Passive Voice: **No passive possible**

Passive voice of present perfect continuous is not possible since when we try to make it passive it will have two forms of verb "be" together i.e. "been" and "being". It is grammatically wrong to have both perfect and continuous forms of verb "be".

So it wrong to convert them into present continuous (in option A), present perfect (in option B and C).

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

162. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- Here, the subject (A technical view) is singular.
- So, the verb will agree according to the subject which is singular.
- The verb 'differ' is plural, so the singular form of the verb 'differs' will be used.

The correct sentence will be used: **A technical view of new gadgets sometimes differs from an economic perspective.**

163. C

Sol.

- Sentence 1 tells us about perishable foods. Sentence Q introduces the banana as an example of perishable foods. Thus, it should come first in the sequence.
- "They" in P is referred to as "Bananas", so P will follow Q.
- S tells us the logic behind keeping the bananas under cool temperatures.
- R will follow S as it tells that the precaution taken during the loading of the green bananas.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Most of the perishable foods are shipped by refrigerator ships. Some of those foods are bananas. They are placed in the refrigerated hold of the ship. The cool temperatures keep the bananas from getting ripe during the trip. As the green bananas are loaded, a man watches closely the signs of yellow on them. Ripe bananas are poor travelers and even one ripe banana at the start of the trip can spoil a whole shipload of fruit.**

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

164. B

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

- The reporting verb "said" will be changed to "asked".
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- Since the reported speech is in YES/NO question form, if/whether is used before the reported speech.

- The reported verb is made assertive; i.e. it is kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- "Here" will be changed to "there".

So, with the help of above rules, we can convert the given sentence into indirect speech: **Mohan asked me whether the boys were there.**

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

165. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **active voice**. It is in the **past continuous tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + was/were + verb (ing) + object...

Passive: Object + was/were + being + verb (lIld from) + by + subject...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into a passive voice: **The dog next door was being teased by our cat.**

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

166. A

Sol. **Altitude** = the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level.

Rectitude = morally correct behaviour or thinking; righteousness.

Latitude = the position north or south of the equator from 0 degree to 90 degree.

Longitude = the distance of a place east or west of an imaginary line between the North Pole and the South Pole, measured in degrees.

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

167. A

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

- Here, the usage of verb 'broke' is incorrect.
- An adjective is a word naming an attribute of a noun; so an adjective is needed in part a, to qualify the noun "arm".
- But "broke" is not appropriate to use here (Broke as an adjective means to be penniless).
- It should be the **past participle** "broken" as it also behaves as an adjective.
- Thus, **replace 'broke' with 'broken'** to form a grammatically correct sentence.

The correct sentence should be :- **Dean's broken arm was set in plaster by the doctor.**

168. C

Sol. **Option C** has the misspelt word. The correct spelling is "negligible". It means something so small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant.

Meanings of the other words are:

Committee = a group of people appointed for a specific function by a larger group and typically consisting of members of that group.

Jeopardy = danger of loss, harm, or failure.

Ingenuity = the quality of being clever, original, and inventive.

169. D

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

* The sentence **S** further explains what is done by the data mining programs.

* The sentences **P** and **Q** form a mandatory pair as they collectively provide an example of how data mining can be used i.e. in a restaurant.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Data mining is a process used by companies to turn raw data into useful information. Data mining programs analyze relationships and patterns in data based on what users' request. To illustrate, imagine a restaurant wants to use data mining to determine when it should offer certain special discounts. It looks at the information it has collected and creates classes based on when customers visit and what they order.**

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

170. B

Sol. * The first sentence should be **Q** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'emotional intelligence'.

* The sentence **S** then further elaborates emotional intelligence and its importance.

* The sentences **R** and **P** form a mandatory pair as they tell how emotional intelligence helps a person.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **Emotional intelligence (EI) refers to the ability to perceive, control, and evaluate emotions. The ability to express, understand, interpret, and respond to the emotions of others is essential. Emotional intelligence helps you build stronger relationships, and achieve your career and personal goals. It can also help you to connect with your feelings, and make informed decisions about what matters most to you.**

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

171. A

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

- The subject of the sentence is 'The Nohsngithiang Falls' which is a singular entity.
- Thus, the verb must also be singular in nature i.e. "is".

- Also, the noun following the phrase "one of the" is always a plural noun.
- Therefore, it should be 'waterfalls' instead of 'waterfall'.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The Nohsngithiang Falls is one of the largest waterfalls in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.**

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

172. C

Sol. **Procrastination** = the action of delaying or postponing something.

Degeneration = the process by which something gets worse.

Inflation = a sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time.

Regression = a return to a former or less developed state.

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

173. C

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

- When "said" is followed by an object, it takes the preposition "to" with it.
- So, the underlined part would have been correct, if it had been written as "she said to me".
- The verb "told" directly takes the object after it. The preposition "to" is not required.
- Thus, replace the underlined part with "told me about".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **She told me about her holiday in Kerala.**

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

174. A

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

- **Said** is changed to **asked**.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- Since the reported speech is a YES/NO question, **if** is used before the reported speech.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- "**May**" changes to "**might**".
- The first-person pronoun (I) changes according to the subject (the girl) of reporting speech. "**I**" changes to "**she**".

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **The girl asked if she might come in.**

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

175. B

Sol. The idiom "**to face the music**" means to be confronted with the unpleasant consequences of one's actions.

e.g. If she lied to me, then she'll just have to **face the music**.

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

176. C

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

- The underlined part has "can" as a modal.

- The given sentence is in past, so past form of modal i.e. "could" should be used.
- Also, the base form of verb is used after the modal verbs. Thus, usage of "helped" is wrong.

For example:

She can vote in the upcoming elections.

- Hence, "**could help him**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Rakhi asked him if she could help him in the project that was previously assigned to her.**

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

177. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The use of "neither" is incorrect here as it is used to choose between two people or things while the context is of three sons in the given sentence.
- Therefore, "neither" should be replaced by "none" as it is used when the selection is between more than two entities.

See example:

None of the students scored well in the examination.

Neither of the two thieves was caught by the police.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **He is a university professor but of his three sons, none has any merit.**

178. B

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice: Subject + Verb (V1 form) + Object

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

So, with the help of the above instructions, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The dogs are fed every day by Peepal Farm.**

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

179. D

Sol. The idiom "**swan song**" means the final accomplishment or performance, one's last work.

e.g. I'm resigning tomorrow; this project was my **swan song**.

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

180. C

Sol. This is an assertive sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Said to** will be changed to **told** because of the presence of an object in the reporting speech.
- '**Are**' will be changed to **were** in the indirect narration as the reporting verb is in past (said).
- The second person pronoun is changed according to the object of the reporting speech i.e. **your** will be changed to **my** and **you** will be changed to **me**.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **Ashok told me that my parents were waiting for me.**

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

181. C

Sol. This is an assertive sentence. The given sentence is in direct speech and we will convert it into indirect

speech.

- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- **Wrote** will be the same because of the absence of an object in the reporting speech.
- '**Will**' will be changed to '**would**' in the indirect narration as the reporting verb is in past.
- The third person pronoun will remain the same.

So, following the above rules, the indirect narration of the given sentence would be: **Raju wrote that he would be going to Mumbai the next weekend.**

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

182. C

- Sol.
- Sentence 1 talks about the bacteria which are beneficial for the soil and the plants.
 - Sentence R adds that there are millions of bacteria in a cubic inch of fertile soil. So, R should follow 1.
 - The next statement should be P as it tells us that the goal of every farmer is to make the soil more favourable for crops.
 - Sentence S tells us that there are some bacteria which are harmful too.
 - The last statement should be Q as it contradicts the previous statement by telling their uses.

Thus, the correct sequence is **RPSQ**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **The tiny bacterial plants that live in the soil help to prepare food for the plants we cultivate. There are millions of bacteria in a cubic inch of fertile soil. The farmer works very hard to make the soil favourable. Some kinds of bacteria are harmful. But these soil bacteria are very necessary and helpful. They do not need sunlight as do**

most plants.

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

183. C

- Sol. • In this sentence, the policeman is looking with eyes actively.
- So, the adverb "suspiciously" is the correct answer. Suspiciously means in a way that makes you think that something is wrong.
- Adverbs are used to qualify a verb and they usually come after the main verb.

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

184. B

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

- The correct idiom is '**move (someone) to tears**' which means to **affect (someone) so strongly that he or she cries**.
 - E.g. :- His story moved us to tears.
- So, "**moved to**" is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Everyone was moved to tears by their performance.**

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

185. C

- Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Natural gas**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.
- **Q** will be the next in the sequence as it shows how it is stored.
- **R** will be the next as it mentions the use of CNG.

- **S** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it concludes by adding more uses of CNG with logical reason for its use.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Natural gas is a very important fossil fuel because it is easy to transport through pipes. It is stored under high pressure as compressed natural gas (CNG). CNG is used for power generation. It is now also being used as a fuel for transport vehicles because it is less polluting.**

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

186. D

Sol. The phrase "**Every cloud has a silver lining**" means every difficult situation has a comforting aspect even though it may not be immediately apparent.

e.g. He told us about his resignation—an absolute disaster at the time, but **every cloud has a silver lining** because it led to my appointment.

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

187. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part.

- The auxiliary verb "have" is followed by the third form of the verb.
- So, "discussing" should be replaced by "discussed".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **We have just discussed all the known mechanisms of physical growth.**

188. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part.

- "Approve of" should be followed by gerund form of the verb, i.e., (verb + ing form).
- Thus, 'to go' should be replaced with 'going'.

E.g. She doesn't approve of my gambling.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Her mother does not approve of her going to the party without dressing formally.**

189. D

- Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Cloning**. Thus, **R** will be the first sequence.
- **Q** will be the next in the sequence as it mentions the first successful example of cloning.
- **S** will be the next as it further describe the name of animal being 'cloned'.
- **P** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it shows the end result of cloning by mentioning the date of birth.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Cloning is the production of an exact copy of a cell, any other living part, or a complete organism. Cloning of an animal was successfully performed for the first time by Ian Wilmut and his colleagues. They successfully cloned a sheep named Dolly. Dolly was born on 5th July 1996.**

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

190. D

Sol. The idiom "**win laurels**" means to win great honour, distinction or prestige.

e.g. Anand is a very hard-working boy, he is sure to **win laurels** in life.

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

191. D

Sol. **Option D** has the misspelt word. The correct spelling is "Fastidious" which refers to giving careful attention to detail; hard to please; excessively concerned with cleanliness.

Meanings of other words are:

Fascism = A political theory advocating an authoritarian hierarchical government

Fashion = The latest and most admired style in clothes and cosmetics and behavior

Fascination = The state of being intensely interested (as by awe or terror)

192. D

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

Arduous = something difficult; needing a lot of effort and energy.

e.g. Reaching Kedarnath takes an arduous journey.

Fervent = having or displaying a passionate intensity.

Enthusiastic = having or showing intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

Strenuous = requiring or using great effort or exertion.

e.g. Mountaineering is a strenuous job.

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

193. A

Sol. * The first sentence should be **P** as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'a rocket'.

* The second sentence should be **S** as it talks about the engines mentioned in P.

* The sentence **R** then elaborates what does engines do when they complete their tasks.

* The sentence **Q** then finally mentions the end activity of the engine.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be - **A rocket consists of multiple stages (sets of engines) that are stacked vertically. Each engine has a different level of performance and contributes to getting the payload to space. Once the respective engine completes its task, it detaches itself from the rocket and lets the next one continues the journey. Towards the end, the final engine takes the satellite to its determined orbit and accomplishes the mission.**

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

194. B

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

- The verb "abstain" is followed by the preposition "from" and then the continuous form of main verb.

e.g. The doctor said I should abstain from smoking.

- Thus, the underlined part should be written as "from speaking".

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **You should abstain from speaking ill to others.**

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

195. A

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

Renaissance = a revival of or renewed interest in something.

E.g. :- Opera is enjoying a long-awaited renaissance.

Decadence = moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

E.g. :- Western decadence.

Pestilence = a fatal epidemic disease, especially bubonic plague.

Prehistoric = relating to or denoting the period before written records.

Immorality = the state or quality of being immoral; wickedness.

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

196. C

Sol. • The first in the sequence should be the one that introduces us to the theme of the passage. Here, the passage is about **Burning of coal, diesel and petrol**. Thus, **P** will be the first sequence.

• **R** will be the next in the sequence as it tells us about the bad effects of sulphur dioxide gas.

- **S** will be the next as it talks about petrol engines and the gas they release.
- **Q** will be the final sentence of the sequence as it combines the negative effect of burning coal, diesel and petrol.

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

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be: - **Burning of coal and diesel releases sulphur dioxide gas. It is an extremely suffocating and corrosive gas. Moreover, petrol engines give off gaseous oxides of nitrogen. Oxides of sulphur and nitrogen dissolve in rain water and form acids.**

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

197. C

Sol. **Appalling** = causing shock or dismay; horrific.

Mischievous = behaving in a way, or describing behaviour, that is slightly bad but is not intended to cause serious harm or damage

Remarkable = unusual or special and therefore surprising and worth mentioning.

Frivolous = behaving in a silly way and not taking anything seriously.

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

198. A

Sol. The verbs *think, believe, say, report, know, expect, consider, understand* etc are used in the following passive patterns in personal and impersonal constructions:

It + passive + that-clause

EXAMPLE:

Active: People believe that he lied in court.

Passive: It is believed (that) he lied in court.

Thus, the passive of the given sentence will be: **It is considered that India holds the key to the success of democracy in the world.**

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

199. C

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

- The underlined part has preposition “by” which is wrong since it is used for any medium of transport.
- Preposition “to” should be used which is used for directing towards somebody/some location. Here, it directs/points out to “animal”.
- Also, sentence is **talking about “equal effect (fatal) of steroids” over animal and man.**
- This is clear from the word “as” used before “man”. So, “**as**” should be used in place of “enough” in the underlined part.

For example: My sister is **as tall as** me.

- Hence, “**as fatal to**” is the correct improvement.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The recent study shows that an overdose of steroids is as fatal to an animal as to a man.**

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

200. B

Sol. **Fastidious** = to a person who is very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail. Such a person is not easily persuaded by anything.

Gullible = someone who is easily persuaded.

Amenable = friendly.

Innocent = (of a person) not guilty of a particular crime.

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