



SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II

English : Mock Test 3

Mock Test Questions & Solutions

Mock Test Solutions in English

Questions

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

If you are an Italian food lover, you might have heard about the recent research claiming that pasta is a good option for a healthy diet. This has come as a surprise as we had always associated it with unhealthy diet - full of carbs and cheese. But, this study shunned these notions and we are quite happy about it. The research found that intake of pasta led to better diet quality for kids and adults, and also helped women with weight loss.

The study titled, "Pasta Consumption is Linked to Greater Nutrient Intake and Improved Diet Quality in American Children and Adults, and Beneficial Weight-Related Outcomes Only in Adult Females" was carried out by Nutritional Strategies, Inc. on behalf of the National Pasta Association. The benefits of eating pasta include a better overall diet quality (as measured by USDA's Healthy Eating Index-2010 scale). It results in lower body weight, waist circumference, and body mass index (BMI) in adult women. Eating pasta in moderation can help women lose weight.

If these findings are to be believed, all those women who used to avoid their beloved pasta-fearing weight gain, no longer have to look the other way. But before you go all out and start bingeing on your favourite pasta, let's see what the experts have to say about it. Nutritionist and Macrobiotic Health Coach, Shilpa Arora says, "No food group is good or bad; moderation is the key. A balanced approach to eating and energy expenditure is critical. We have this huge fuss around diets but the real problem is with modern lifestyles and spending time not outdoors but with gadgets, limiting movement and energy expenditure. So enjoy your pasta or dosa but move around to stay active. Limit phone time, do simple chores in your house, skip or walk or cycle and eat well."

Traditionally, pasta is considered as:

- A. Healthy
- B. Protein rich
- C. Full of carbs
- D. Oily

2. Which of the following is the root cause of weight gain?

- A. Modern lifestyle
- B. Limiting movements
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B

3. What does the author want to convey in the passage?

The sun, while going on his daily rounds saw a princess and fell in love with her. Whenever he could slip away from the heavens he would take human form and go down to the princess to spend some time with her. The princess too became quite fond of him and would wait for him to come. One day the sun decided to send her a blood-red ruby as a token of his love for her. He put the gem in a silk bag, and calling a crow

that was flying past, asked the bird to deliver the gem to his beloved. Crows had milky white feathers in those days and it was considered auspicious if a crow came anywhere near you. So, the sun was pleased that he had found a crow to deliver the gem. As the crow sped through the sky with the silken bag, the aroma of food lured him, looking down the crow saw that a wedding feast was in progress, and immediately it was distracted from its mission. Food was one thing it could never resist. Alighting in a tree nearby, it hung the bag in a twig and went off to find some food. While the crow was feasting, a merchant passing by saw the bag on the tree and knocked it down with a pole. When he opened the bag and saw its contents he almost swooned in joy. Quickly pocketing the ruby, he filled the bag with dry cow dung that was laying there, and then deftly returned the bag to the branch. It was all done so quickly that the crow missed all the action. After having its fill, it flew up to the tree and picking up the bag to the bag took to the person it was intended for. The princess was in the garden. When the crow gave her the bag, she took it eagerly knowing that it was from the sun. But when she saw its contents she reeled back in shock and anger. Believing that it was the sun's way of telling her that he did not care for her, she flung the bag away, rushed to her palace, and never came out again. When the sun learnt of what had happened he was furious. So, great was his anger that when he turned his scorching gaze on the crow, its feathers were burned black. Its feathers have been black ever since. The ruby did not stay with the man who stole it, it fell out of his pocket and rolled into a deep pit. Men have been trying to dig it out ever since. Many precious stones have been found in the process, making Myanmar one of the richest sources of rubies and sapphires, but the ruby that Sun sent to the princess is yet to be found.

What did the sun send for the princess as a token of his love?

Sugarcane is one of the most grown commercial crops all over the world. However, growing sugarcane is not a hardworking job, but it requires good care and management to produce optimum since this crop is very susceptible to the climate conditions, type of soil, manure and fertilizers, the way of irrigation, pests, insects, diseases, and their controlling measures.

Sugarcane crop is a perennial grass crop that grows the most in tropics and subtropics region which produces multiples of stems having a diameter of about 3 to 5 cm and height about 5 m. However, this

crop belongs to the bamboo family. Stems of these crops grow into cane stalk formed, and contribute about more than 70 % of the total plant when matured. A mature sugarcane stem contains about 11 to 18 % water-soluble sugar, 10 to 16 % of fibers, about 3 to 4 % of non-sugars content along with more than 70 % of water content in it.

This commercial crop is native to India which is mainly grown or cultivated for producing sugar the most. Apart from this, it also supplies raw materials for making alcohol and other beverages. The rest residue of sugarcane is also used as nutritious fodder for dairy cattle. The scientific name of sugarcane is *Saccharum officinarum*.

One can create a huge income via growing sugarcane with suitable techniques and technology. So, let's learn commercial sugarcane farming or cultivation and earn millions of this.

How much non-sugar content is found in a mature sugarcane?

- A. 10%-16%
 - B. 70%
 - C. 3%-4%
 - D. 1%
22. According to the passage, which one of the following industries is NOT using sugarcane in its products?
- A. Alcohol industries
 - B. Beverages companies
 - C. Fodder industries
 - D. IT sector
23. Which of the following type of region is good for growing sugarcane?
- A. Tropics and subtropics
 - B. Coastal and wetlands
 - C. Dry areas
 - D. Rocky regions
24. Sugarcane is a:
- A. Food crop
 - B. Plantation crop
 - C. Commercial crop
 - D. Horticulture crop
25. According to the passage, to create a huge income via growing sugarcane which of the following is the important aspect?
- A. Using more water
 - B. Growing in bulk
 - C. Good seed
 - D. Using suitable techniques and technology
26. **Direction:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Petroleum is nature's gift all through our past and life to our future. A century ago, petroleum – what we

call oil, was just an obscure commodity; today it is almost as vital as water to human needs.

The Land of barren desert, the UAE (United Arab Emirates), was just a small inhabitation of fishermen community which today stands as an epic land of luxury, wonders of manmade possibilities, and a top financial destination of the world. All this has been possible in UAE's fate just because of petroleum, which allowed it to sell billions of barrels around the world and enrich its economy. Such marvels have been possible due to petroleum but no doubt, it's not infinitely found on Earth. In fact, it is being used at such a high rate that it shall hardly last for the next few decades. This has to be taken as an alarm and necessary coordinated efforts should be made on a global scale.

Today, we are driving almost every part of our life through petrol and other oil products, but it is a tragic irony that each one of us is contributing in our so-called comfortable ways to the depletion of fuels which means a threat to our future.

Conservation of Petroleum has to be taken far more than seriously now and its use must be minimized. The most important role has to be played by the youth. They are the ones who have the choice to accept something as right or wrong. If they take this challenge, they may be able to save enough fuel resources for their future generations and hence, lead sustainable development.

If we start indulging in conservation right from our day-to-day activities, we could be able to save more than enough resources. Walking up to nearby places, cycling to school or office, using public transport are just small keys to the main idea. We should give major emphasis on alternative sources of energy.

Some well-known forms present around us are wind, solar and hydro energy. Wind energy can be useful near coastal, hilly or windy regions. Many countries including India have installed a considerable capacity of wind energy and are constantly expanding. This is a good sign of conservation of petroleum and must be encouraged in several other countries.

What is the main theme of the passage?

- A. Development of UAE
 - B. Role of youth
 - C. Wind energy
 - D. Conservation of Petroleum
27. Which of the following group is the most important part of the conservation of Petroleum?
- A. World leaders
 - B. Youth

- C. Children D. Diplomats

28. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a feature of modern UAE?
A. epic land of luxury B. wonders of manmade possibilities
C. a top financial destination of the world D. cultural hub

29. What is the common name for Petroleum for the masses?
A. Oil B. Gas
C. Diesel D. Petrol

30. According to the passage, which of the following is not an alternative source of energy?
A. Wind energy B. Solar energy
C. Hydro energy D. Nuclear energy

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

As is _____ (1) of most joint families, our grandparents were cared for, and consulted by, their children and loved and respected by their grandchildren. However, with the turbulent changes in society, respect for elders is _____ (2). Industrialisation, urbanisation and globalisation have _____ (3) their shadow on traditional values and norms. Nuclear families, migration for better opportunities, and the increased participation of women in the workforce have _____ (4) the elderly in India. Many of them are _____ (5) to live lives of humiliation, without financial, medical or emotional support. The National Policy on Older Persons (1999), following a UN General Assembly resolution, envisaged state support to _____ (6) financial and food security, and services to improve the quality of their lives and _____ (7) them from abuse and exploitation. However, the policy is yet to be fully _____ (8). Of the total population of the elderly, 70% are _____ (9) the poverty line. With the introduction of the direct benefit transfer (DBT), the situation has _____ (10) considerably; but we still have a long way to go.

Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1.

Confucius was _____ (1) about his family background. He said that, because he was "poor and from a lowly station," he _____ (2) not enter government service as easily as young men from _____ (3) families and so he had to become "skilled in many menial things". Records of the time suggest that, as minister of crime, Confucius was effective in _____ (4) problems of law and order but was _____ (5) more impressive in diplomatic assignments.

Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1.

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| A. natural | B. shy |
| C. spontaneous | D. candid |

42. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 2

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| A. can | B. would |
| C. will | D. could |

43. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 3

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| A. prominent | B. efficient |
| C. deficient | D. lovable |

44. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 4

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| A. handle | B. to handle |
| C. handling | D. handles |

45. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 5

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| A. even | B. better |
| C. evenly | D. too |

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

Corruption is a major problem in developing countries. One of the _____ (1) why countries such as India and China haven't been able to come at par with the developed nations even after having a pool of talented minds is that corruption lies at the core of these countries. The general public in India is forced to _____ (2) in corrupt practices at various phases in life. One of these is the time when the parents want to get their children _____ (3) to a good school. School admission is a major problem especially in the country's capital, Delhi. Good education is the right of every child but is _____ (4) education a smooth process for children? The first step is extremely difficult. Parents _____ (5) to get their children admitted to good schools.

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

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| A. beliefs | B. reasons |
| C. retorts | D. assertions |

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

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| A. indulge | B. accede |
| C. avail | D. endure |

48. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.
A. certified B. acknowledged
C. affirmed D. admitted

49. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.
A. recognising B. forfeiting
C. acquiring D. approving

50. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5.
A. struggle B. torment
C. hanker D. oppose

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

The General Election of the world's largest functioning democracy is around the corner. The Election Commission is _____ (1) up to organize an exercise of stupendous, gargantuan proportion, involving men and machines of diverse kinds, electoral personnel, security forces, EVMs, even airborne vehicles in its _____ (2) attempt to reach out to voters across the country. The voter is all set to exercise his or her voting right and thus justify the fact that he is a proud citizen of a republic. Its founders had granted universal adult suffrage to the teeming millions, largely _____ (3) in poverty, hunger and illiteracy at a time when many advanced democratic countries like the USA, Canada and Switzerland did not give their citizens such extensive voting rights. Indian democracy, despite many, has _____ (4) the vicissitudes of a turbulent polity, a society caught in the cauldron of casteist, communal and sectarian tensions, and an economy floundering _____ (5) many decades with single-digit growth. Much of the credit goes to the citizens who have inculcated the spirit of democracy.

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

A. tossing B. looking
C. gearing D. holding

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

A. assailed B. colossal
C. lax D. expropriate

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

A. tantalized B. eland
C. niche D. steeped

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

- A. withstand
- C. withstood

- B. standing
- D. stand

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

- A. for
- C. in

- B. to
- D. with

56. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. To make him succeed the correct thing to do is to punish him until he does not try.

- A. To make him succeed
- C. is to punish him

- B. the correct thing to do
- D. until he does not tries

57. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- A. pneumonia
- C. xenophobia

- B. diarrhoea
- D. amnesia

58. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. The World Economic Forum has singled out 10 key global challenges that, if they are to be addressed, requires cooperation from the public and private sectors.

- A. has singled out 10 key
- C. if they are to be addressed

- B. requires cooperation from
- D. No error

59. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The university will have to conduct the examination.

- A. The university have to conduct the examination.
- C. The university can be conduct the examination.

- B. The examination would have to be conducted by the university.
- D. The examination will have to be conducted by the university.

60. Given below are six sentences 4 of which are jumbled. The first and the last sentence are given. Pick the option that gives the logically correct order of the four sentences. S1: With a tremendous roar from its rocket engine, the satellite is sent up into the sky.

P: Its radio begins to transmit a staggering amount of information about the satellite's orbital path.

Q: Minutes later, at an altitude of 300 miles, this tiny electronic moon begins to orbit about the Earth.

R: Information of all kinds races back to Earth.

S: No human being could possibly copy down all of these facts, much less remember and organize them.

S6. But an electronic computer can.

- A. PQRS

- B. QPSR

C. QRPS

D. QPRS

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

P. As winter approaches and the availability of food drops, the birds move south again.

Q. Escaping the cold is a motivating factor but many species, including hummingbirds, can withstand freezing temperatures.

R. Birds that nest in the Northern Hemisphere tend to migrate northward in the spring.

S. They tend to take advantage of burgeoning insect populations, budding plants, and an abundance of nesting locations.

A. SQRP

B. RQSP

C. PRQS

D. RSPQ

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

She poured the cream until it reached the brim.

A. unless it reach the brim

B. until it reaches brim

C. until it will reach the brim

D. No improvement

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

The King should have shown some _____ on the people.

A. mercy

B. merciful

C. forgiving

D. lenient

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

P. It went on for centuries with the same glory.

Q. Education in India had a glorious beginning.

R. One of the changes was the introduction of English as the medium of instruction.

S. But after the British rule, it faced many changes.

A. PQRS

C. PQSR

B. QPSR

D. SRPQ

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

Under a cloud

A. sheltered from the sun

C. out in the open

B. under suspicion

D. get wet

66. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. The news about his father's health that I have received already is not good.

A. The news about his father's

B. health that I have received

C. already is not good

D. No Error

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

She announced that they had selected Yash as their head of committee.

A. She said, "Yash is our head of committee."

B. She announced, "We have selected Yash as our head of committee."

C. She announced, "Let us select Yash as our head of committee."

D. She declared, "Yash had been selected as our head of committee."

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

He was obliged to resign.

A. He was made to resign.

B. To resign was his obligation.

C. Circumstances obliged him to resign.

D. Resignation obliged him.

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

Kaikai said to Dashrath, "Do you want to send Ram to the forest or not?"

A. Kaikai wished to Dashrath that he wanted to sent Ram to the forest.

B. Kaikai want to know that he wanted to send Ram to the forest.

C. Kaikai asked Dashrath whether or not he wanted to send Ram to the forest.

D. Kaikai asked Dashrath if he wants to sent Ram to the forest.

70. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

A. oscillate

B. deliberate

C. ennumerate

D. narrate

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

improvement required, select ‘No Improvement’.

My father consoled me and asked me not to worry about money

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

I have watched that movie last year but I do not remember its story.

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

To free somebody from all blame

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| A. highbrow | B. exonerate |
| C. escapism | D. henpeck |

74. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. All the questions could have been attempted by girls.

- A. Girls could have attempted all the questions.
B. Girls might had attempted all the questions.
C. Girls will has attempted all the questions.
D. Girls can was attempted all the questions.

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

"How old is your grandmother?", Navneet asked her.

- A. Navneet asked her how old her grandmother is. B. Navneet asked her how old her grandmother has been.

C. Navneet asked her how old her grandmother was. D. Navneet asked her how old is her grandmother.

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

"Do we require such an enlarged building?" Rajesh said to Ronish.

- A. Rajesh asked Ronish whether we requires such an enlarged building

B. Rajesh asked Ronish whether they required such an enlarged building.

C. Rajesh asked Ronish that they required such an enlarged building.

D. Rajesh asked Ronish if they require such an enlarged building.

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

USURP

- A. restore
- B. encroach
- C. coup
- D. seize

78. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** The students should attend the class.
- A. The students should attended the classes.
 - B. The class shall be attend by the students.
 - C. The class should be attended by the students.
 - D. The students will be attended by the students.
79. **In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

Asif, along with his brothers, are going to the nearest market to sell their cattle.

- A. Asif, along with his brothers
- B. are going to the nearest market
- C. to sell their cattle
- D. No Error

80. **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. One hot day, an ant was searching for some water, after walking around for some time, she came to a spring.

- P. While making her way up, she slipped and fell into the water.
- Q. To reach the spring, she had to climb up a blade of grass.
- R. She could have drowned if a dove up a nearby tree had not seen her.
- S. Seeing that the ant was in trouble, the dove quickly plucked a leaf and dropped it into the water near the struggling ant.

S6. The ant moved towards the leaf and climbed up onto it, and the leaf drifted to dry ground, and the ant jumped out, and she was safe at last.

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

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

CONTEND

- A. comply
- B. oppugn
- C. grapple
- D. vie

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

No sooner had they completed the work, when they demanded the wages.

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

The man along with the group ____ captivated by the robbers six days ago.

84. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. The document contain varied proposals including a possible amalgamation of the two schools.

- A. contains varied proposals
 - B. contain various proposals
 - C. contains various proposals
 - D. No Improvement

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

All the students has passed out the final examination.

86. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Natasha asked quickly in a whisper, afraid to move lest she will rouse the dozing baby.

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

Line at which the earth or sea and sky seem to meet

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| A. nadir | B. zenith |
| C. horizon | D. trivet |

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

The professor said to the students, "Work hard if you want to pass the test".

- A. The professor said to the students work hard if they wanted to pass the test.
B. The professor said to the students work hard if they want to pass the test.
C. The professor advised the students to work hard if they wanted to pass the test.
D. The professor informed the students to work hard if you want to pass the test.

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

I am still having the car I bought with my first salary

- A. I am still having the car
B. I bought with my
C. first salary
D. No Error

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

The film Jurassic Park was directed by Steven Spielberg.

- A. Steven Spielberg is the director of the film Jurassic Park.
B. Steven Spielberg directed the film Jurassic Park.
C. The film Jurassic Park directed Steven Spielberg.
D. Steven Spielberg has been directing the film Jurassic Park.

91. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
The student said, "I must study hard."

- A. The student said that he had to study hard.
B. The student says that he had to study hard.
C. The student says that he must study hard.
D. The student say that he had to study hard.

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

Tina said to him, "Please wait here till I return."

- A. Tina asked him to stay there.
B. Tina requested him to wait there till she returned.
C. Tina request him to wait until she comes.
D. Tina says he should wait there till her returned.

93. **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.

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

Puneet said, "I have been reading a storybook".

- A. Puneet said he has been reading a storybook.
- C. Puneet said that he has been reading a storybook.
- B. Puneet said that he had been reading a storybook.
- D. Puneet said that he had read a storybook.

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

Children like to eat sweets, isn't it?

- A. do they?
- C. don't they?
- B. is it?
- D. no improvement

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

Ravi said, "If you do not get promotion, will you leave the job?"

- A. Ravi want to know that he will leave the job if he did not get promoted.
- C. Ravi asked me whether I would leave the job if I did not get promotion.
- B. Ravi asked me that if I do not get promotion I will be leaving the job.
- D. Ravi told to me I will leave the job if the get the promotion.

97. **Given below are six sentences 4 of which are jumbled. The first and the last sentence are given. Pick the option that gives the logically correct order of the four sentences.**

S1: Most of our meat comes from two great grain producing countries, the United States and Argentina.

P: Because in the two countries, great herds of hogs and cattle are fattened for the market.

Q: Between them, the Netherlands is famous for butter and cheese and other dairy products.

R: This is because the cool, damp climate of this country grows fine grass for dairy cattle.

S: Usually countries do not rear animals for meat unless they produce enough grain to feed them.

S6: But a few countries, like Denmark, buy grain to feed their hogs and cattle.

- A. RSQP
- B. SRPQ

C. PRSQ

D. PQRS

98. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** They used carbon dating tests to _____ the claim that the skeleton was two million years old.

A. witness

B. authenticate

C. investigation

D. initiate

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

Jonathan Edwards, a very stern Calvinist, is one of the few first-rate genii of America.

A. a very stern Calvinist

B. is one of the few

C. No Error

D. first-rate genii of

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

He said, "If anyone is ready?"

A. He inquired whether anyone was ready.

B. He said if anyone would be ready.

C. He told whether anyone will ready.

D. He asked if anyone is ready.

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

P. Love is one of the earliest of human passions. It is also one of the sweetest.

Q. Love should be directed towards a worthy object.

R. But, like all strong passions it may, if not well regulated and controlled, lead us into misery.

S. Or it will prove in the end a source of bitterness. It looks forward to reciprocation.

A. RQPS

B. PRQS

C. PQSR

D. QRPS

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

She will bring cakes.

A. Cakes will be brought by her.

B. Cakes are to be bought by her.

C. Cakes will to be brought by her.

D. Cakes should be brought by her.

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

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P. The West Frankish king Charles the Bald assembled a smaller army in response, but the Vikings defeated them.

Q. These Viking forces were led by a Danish chieftain named "Reginherus".

R. The Siege of Paris and the Sack of Paris of 845 was the culmination of a Viking invasion.

S. Reginherus's fleet of 120 Viking ships, carrying thousands of men, entered the Seine in March.

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

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

Just punishment for wrongdoing

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| A. dandy | B. nemesis |
| C. prodigy | D. wagon |

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

"My train will reach by noon," he explained.

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| A. He explained that his train will reach by noon. | B. He explained that his train would reach by noon. |
| C. He explained that his train will have reached by noon. | D. He explained that his train would have had reached by noon. |

106. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Do you think war is justifiable in certainly circumstances?

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| A. certainly circumstances | B. justifiable in |
| C. Do you think | D. No error |

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

"The taxi is here," said the watchman.

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| A. The watchman said that the taxi is there. | B. The watchman said that the taxi was here. |
| C. The watchman said that the taxi is here. | D. The watchman said that the taxi was there. |

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

Live internet streaming requires an form of source media and an encoder to digitize the content.

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| A. an form of source media | B. and an encoder to digitize the content |
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- C. No error D. Live internet streaming requires

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

A. An order was given by someone. B. Order was given.
C. Order given by somebody. D. Let the order be given.

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

P. It's so big that if the super volcano erupted during the last few thousand years, it could have disrupted civilizations around the world.

Q. A mysterious, previously undiscovered super volcano may be lurking beneath Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

R. Though, the discovery, not yet confirmed, has emerged from several pieces of evidence.

S. A new study suggests a wide crater, connects at least four existing volcanoes.

A. RSPQ B. PRSQ
C. QSPR D. PSRQ

Given below are six sentences 4 of which are jumbled. The first and the last sentence are given. Pick the option that gives the logically correct order of the four sentences. S1: In order to attract and keep their customers, supermarkets have tried to make shopping as pleasant as possible.

P: Some of them have flowers and trees in the parking lots.

Q: Special spotlights make meat and vegetable displays more attractive.

R: Some have roofs over the walks so that shoppers can walk from their cars to the store without having to worry about snow or rain or hot sun.

S: Some have fronts that are made with colourful marble and tiles, and inside walls that are painted in soft colours.

S6: And most of the stores are air-conditioned.

A. PRSQ B. SRPQ

C. PQRS

D. PSQR

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

Go out of one's way

A. did not want to

C. do everything possible

B. ran away

D. tried to avoid someone

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

Promises should be kept.

A. You should have kept your promises.

B. One should keep promises.

C. You had to keep promises.

D. Promises should have been kept.

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

The coach said to the child, "Don't make the water muddy."

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| A. The coach commanded the child don't make the water dirty. | B. The coach commanded to the child not to make the water dirty. |
| C. The coach commanded the child not to make the water dirty. | D. The coach commanded to the child don't make the water dirty. |

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

P. As they speed along they tend to go straight off into space.

Q. They are artificial satellites made by man and very much smaller than the moon.

R. Today, the earth has many satellites besides the moon.

S. The artificial satellites do not fall because they are going too fast to do so.

A. QPSR

B. PRQS

C. SPQR

D. RQSP

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

The reward was not commensurate _____ the work done by us.

A. for

B. on

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

Rita said, "Alas! I am undone."

- A. Rita said that she was undone.
B. Rita told me that she was undone.
C. Rita exclaimed sadly that she was undone.
D. Rita said that alas, she was undone.

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

Sunita is _____ tallest girl in the class.

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

Alarms and Excursions

- A. value for money and time
 - B. confused activity and uproar
 - C. source of fun or amusement
 - D. derive excitement or pleasure from

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

Mohan said, "Let them die."

- A. Mohan told them to die as he don't care.
B. Mohan said that they should die.
C. Mohan expressed indifference to their death.
D. Mohan ordered them to their death.

121. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. That which cannot be satisfied

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| A. camouflage | B. insatiable |
| C. undecipherable | D. tenacious |

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

The teacher said to the students, "Do you want to write letter or an application?"

- A. The teacher asked the students whether they wanted to write a letter or an application.

B. The teacher told the students whether they want to write a letter or an application.

C. The teacher mentions the students whether they will want to write a letter or an application.

D. The teacher said to the students whether they are wanted to write a letter or an application.

123. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Discretion is the greater part of valour

great things

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

The punishment of being kept in school after hours

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| A. pretension | B. isolate |
| C. detention | D. blender |

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

The opening note in the conference got delayed because of the repeated technical glitches in the sound department.

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

I said to my wife, "These showpieces look nice."

- A. I told my wife that these showpieces looked nice. B. I told my wife that those showpieces looked nice.
C. I told my wife that those showpieces look nice. D. I told my wife that these showpieces look nice.

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

One who lives on fish

- A. carnivorous
 - B. baccivorous
 - C. herbivorous
 - D. pescatarian

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

improvement required, select ‘No Improvement’. During the turmoil of the second great war, the greater part of the building had been destroy and was never restored to it's formerly glory.

- A. destroying and was never restored to its former
B. destroyed and was never restored to its former
C. destroyed and was never restored to its former
D. No improvement

129. Select the correctly spelt word.

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| A. discrepancy | B. anarchy |
| C. monarchy | D. hierarchy |

130. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Our success or our failure largely depend upon our actions.

P. I was quite unaccustomed to talking, and except one all the other passengers in the second saloon were English.

Q. But as the days passed, I became fidgety.

R. I could not speak to them.

S. I felt shy even in speaking to the steward.

S6. For I could rarely follow their remarks when they came up to speak to me.

132. 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. Love for the country is a necessity.

P. But it should in no way exceed the limits and take the shape of jingoism.

Q. Similarly, nationalism has to be sacrificed at the altar of internationalism.

R. There is no reason why the nations of the world cannot treat one another as belonging to one family of nations.

S. Provincialism has to be sacrificed in the interest of the nation as a whole.

S6. God created the globe, but man drew lines on it to demarcate countries and sow the seeds of hatred and enmity on it.

C. RQPS

D. SPRQ

133. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** Be in the red

- A. to be very angry
- C. to be in debt

- B. close to death
- D. always energetic

134. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** Miriam borrowed the methodology book from her classmate.

- A. The methodology book borrowed by Miriam from her classmate.
- C. The methodology book was borrow for Miriam from her classmate.
- B. The methodology book is borrowed by Miriam from her classmate.
- D. The methodology book was borrowed by Miriam from her classmate.

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

INCRIMINATE

- A. inculpate
- C. allege
- B. attribute
- D. exonerate

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

Her and I are planning to take a trip to Agra.

- A. Her and I
- C. Take a trip to Agra
- B. Are planning to
- D. No error

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

Radha said to me, "I warn you of the coming danger."

- A. Radha warned her of the coming danger.
- C. Radha advised me of the coming danger.
- B. Radha told me of the coming danger.
- D. Radha warned me of the coming danger.

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

My mother blessed me, "May you live long".

- A. My mother told me that I might live long.
- C. My mother said to me that he may live long.
- B. My mother blessed me that I might live long.
- D. My mother asked me that you may live long.

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

To go through fire and water

A. to scold someone

B. to experience many dangers in order to achieve something

C. to act without restraints

D. something which hurts

140. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. How can anyone sympathize with you when what you say is hard gullible?

A. you said is hardly credulous

B. you say is hardly credible

C. you saying is hardly incredible

D. No improvement

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

Lie face-down; stretch your arms in front.

A. You are face down, arms are to be outstretched.

B. You should be lying face down, with arms outstretched.

C. You should be lying face down; let arms stretch out.

D. You are suggested to lie the face down and arms to be stretched out.

142. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. The gypsies had left village a few days ago.

A. have left a village

B. would have left the village

C. left the village

D. No improvement

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

A lion does not eat grass, however hungry he may be.

A. Grass is not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.

B. Grass is not being eaten by a lion, however hungry he maybe.

C. Grass is eaten not by a lion, however hungry he may be.

D. Grass is being not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.

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

The watchman said, "Thief! Thief! Catch him!"

A. The watchman shouted to the crowd to catch the thief.

B. The watchman shouted to the crowd, thief, thief, catch him.

- C. The watchman shouted to the crowd, catch the thief.
D. The watchman shouted to the crowd, thief, catch him.

145. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. One motor is placed at each end of the span to operate the eccentrics and also to release the latches and raising the rails in the steam track.

- A. raise the rails of
B. raising the rails of
C. raise the rails in
D. No Improvement

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

- A new word coined by an author.
A. novelty
B. innovation
C. neologism
D. inception

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

- "I am proud of you," father said to me.
A. Father told me that he is proud of me.
B. Father told me that he was proud of me.
C. Father told me this that he was proud of me.
D. Father told me that I am proud of you.

148. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. My father took me to the movies for my birthday.

- A. My father was taken to the movies for my birthday.
B. They took me to the movies for my birthday.
C. I was taken to the movies by my father for my birthday.
D. I have been taken to the movies by my father for my birthday.

149. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. It is a documentary worth watching and you must not miss it.

- A. It is a
B. documentary worth watching
C. you must not miss it
D. No Error

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

My younger sister Alisha had read Oliver Twist while he had been fourteen years old.

- A. when he had become
B. No improvement
C. when she was
D. when she been

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

Mania for travel

- A. dromomania
- B. hypomania
- C. megalomania
- D. nymphomania

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

Priyanka said to me, "I don't trust you."

- A. Priyanka said she don't trust me.
- B. Priyanka didn't trust me.
- C. Priyanka told me that she didn't trust me.
- D. Priyanka told me that she doesn't trust me.

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

"Where do you come from?" asked the stranger.

- A. The stranger enquired about my location.
- B. The stranger enquired where I came from.
- C. The stranger says where do I come from.
- D. The stranger asked where did I came from.

154. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. You were to be helped by Soaham.

- A. Soaham were to help you.
- B. Soaham will help you.
- C. Soaham was to help you.
- D. We can help Soaham.

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

I have been waiting _____ last year September.

- A. at
- B. during
- C. since
- D. while

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

My neighbour described his history to me.

- A. His history had been described by my neighbour to me.
- B. His history were described to me by my neighbour.
- C. Description of his history to me was done by my neighbour.
- D. His history was described to me by my neighbour.

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

- P. It Contains 42 burned ostrich eggshell fragments and 22 palm-sized or smaller calcite crystals.

Q. Other GHN finds included hundreds of stone tools, prepared rock chunks a piece of red pigment bearing scrape marks.

R. Excavations at Ga-Mohana Hill North Rockshelter, or GHN, uncovered an ancient sediment layer.

S. These calcite crystals were probably collected from local rock sources, which lies about 2.5 kilometres from the rock-shelter.

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

Dia said to Pari, "Do you like oranges?"

- A. Dia asked Pari that did she like oranges. B. Dia asked Pari if she likes oranges.
C. Dia asked Pari that whether she liked oranges. D. Dia asked Pari if she liked oranges.

159. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. He had hardly restore Macedonian prestigious in this quarter when he heard that Greece was aflame.

- A. restore Macedonian prestige B. restored Macedonian prestigious
C. restored Macedonian prestige D. No Improvement

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

Certificates are signed by a number of organizations that will vouch of the authentic of the website you visit.

161. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. This letter will have to be brought by you.

- A. This letter will have to be brought by you.
B. You will have to bring this letter.
C. This letter will bring by you.
D. You can bring this letter to me.

162. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Whereas he didn't wante to hold back important information, neither did he wish to unduly upset the nervous woman any further.

- A. Whereas he didn't want
- B. While he didn't wanted
- C. While he didn't want
- D. No Improvement

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

He says, "I go for a walk every morning."

- A. He says that he goes for a walk every morning.
- B. He said that he used to go for a walk every morning
- C. He said that he goes for a walk every morning
- D. He says he went for a walk every morning.

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

- P. Such patients are the most vulnerable to COVID-19
- Q. People in polluted places are more likely to have chronic illnesses.
- R. In the places where the air met national standards, pollution was linked to higher death rates.
- S. Air pollution can weaken the immune system and inflame the airways, leaving the body less able to fight off a respiratory virus.
- A. SQPR
- B. SPRQ
- C. SPQR
- D. RQSP

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

If they were knowing about the crabs, they would not have decided to picnic there.

- A. had known about
- B. knew about
- C. did know about
- D. No Improvement

166. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Be on the air

- A. broadcast over the radio or on TV
- B. float like a bird
- C. to pass bodily gases
- D. be very arrogant

167. In the sentence, identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. I and John think that the two of you are really making progress now.

- A. I and John think
- B. the two of you
- C. are really making
- D. No error

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

- A diamond in the rough
- A. someone or something with potential or talent but lacking training or polish.
- B. a person who dresses shabbily.
- C. a diamond will shine out even when it is not polished.
- D. a person of character will shine through even in tough times.

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

A person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others.

- A. egoist
- B. unselfish
- C. altruist
- D. welfarist

170. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Francis executed a extreme slack rescue, and I was back in my kayak by the time the next person came down swimming.

- A. an extremely slick rescue
- B. an extreme slick rescue
- C. an extremely slack rescue
- D. No Improvement

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

P. When an insect flies behind the dangling arachnid, the spider swings backward, casting the web toward the prey.

Q. This behind-the-back hunting technique proves that the spiders can hear a wide range of sounds.

R. The ogre-faced spider uses its sense of hearing to take its web to the prey.

S. Hanging upside down, the spider weaves a rectangular web between its legs.

- A. PRQS
- B. PQSR
- C. RPSQ
- D. RSPQ

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

Head of monks in an abbey

- A. padre
- B. dean
- C. abbot
- D. deacon

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

improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. The case first came under consideration when Cardinal Pole returned to England early in Mary rein with legate authority for reconciling the realm to the Holy See.

- A. Mary's reign with legatine
- B. Mary's reign with legate
- C. Mary's rein with legatine
- D. No Improvement

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

INTERFERENCE

- A. honour
- B. obstruction
- C. fearful
- D. deference

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

PRECARIOUS

- A. perilous
- B. salubrious
- C. innocuous
- D. inoffensive

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

Why did you not agree to my proposal?

- A. Why were the proposal not agreed to?
- B. Why was my proposal not agreed by you?
- C. Why my proposal was not agreed to by you?
- D. Why was my proposal not agreed to by you?

177. 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 buzzer sounded.

P. The lights dimmed and the curtain went up again.

Q. The third act was about to begin.

R. Now Ken and Kathy felt as if they were right on the stage.

S. Ken and Kathy hurried back to their seats.

S6. Ken was the angry businessman who got the wrong order, and Kathy was the secretary who was trying to take dictation and to answer the telephone at the same time.

178. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Anonymous gold coins is also fair commonly, though they must have passed out of use very early, as the laws give no hint of their existence.

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

She left the keys on the table.

- A. The keys were left on the table by her.
B. She has left the keys on the table.
C. The keys have been left on the table by her.
D. The keys is left on the table by her.

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

IMBROGLIO

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| A. misery | B. censure |
| C. composure | D. dilemma |

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

Someone saw him picking up a gun.

- A. He was seen pick up a gun by someone. B. He was seen picking up a gun by someone.
C. He was seen when he was picking up a gun. D. He was seen by someone pick a gun.

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

It is time we should have done something useful.

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

P. The history of a single square foot of Manhattan can yield lifetimes of information.

Q. Moreover, they revel in the flights of fancy that Manhattan has inspired.

R. In “Decoding Manhattan”, the editors Antonis Antoniou and Steven Heller don’t dutifully outline or summarize the island’s history or geography.

S. They mix eras, genres, and media to tell a story about an infinitely layered place.

184. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Each college is founded by royal decree, and consists of a president, with not less then ten and not more than twenty members.

- A. fewer then ten
 - B. fewer than ten
 - C. less than ten
 - D. No Improvement

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

P. Agriculture is the main occupation of these people.

Q. India was very backward before independence. But after independence, India has made tremendous progress.

R. India is mostly the land of villages.

S. Most of the people live in villages.

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| A. SRQP | B. RSPQ |
| C. PRSQ | D. QPRS |

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

Men say they love independent in a woman, but they don't waste a second demolishing it brick by brick.

- A. men say they love independent
C. demolishing it brick by brick

B. in a woman but they don't waste a second
D. No Error

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

He is not only known for his wealth but also for his learning.

188. 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.

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

We reached his house on time, but he was already left for the airport.

190. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The minister had to attend the meeting.

- A. The meeting had to be attended by the minister. B. We can attend the minister with meeting.
C. The minister had to be attended by the meeting. D. The meeting has to be attended by the minister.

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

A stately or impressive building housing a tomb or group of tombs

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| A. mausoleum | B. shanty |
| C. hovel | D. tepee |

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

He as well as you like to go.

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

improvement required, select ‘No Improvement’.

As of the revised notice, all the candidates needs to give the test at Friday.

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

The vivid photos of majestic animals and colorful birds from the wild-life park a graphic depiction of what is beautiful in the continent of Africa.

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

She said, "There is no need to get involved with these imaginary situations".

- A. She said that there is no need to get involved with B. She said that there was no need to get involved
those imaginary situations. with those imaginary situations.

C. She said that there was no need to get involved D. She told that there was no need to get involved
with these imaginary situations. with those imaginary situations.

196. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. No one could explain how a calm and balanced person like him could penetrate such a mindless act on his friends.

- A. perpetuate such a mindless act in his friends B. perpetrate such a mindless act on his friends
C. precipitate so a mindless act in his friends D. No improvement

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

P. The British finally surrendered in 1781 at Yorktown, Virginia.

Q. As a government official, Washington spoke out against unfair laws.

R. Also, he served as the head of the army as the Revolutionary War against the British raged.

S. In 1774 and 1775, he was one of Virginia's representatives at the First and Second Continental Congresses.

- A. PRQS
- B. PQRS
- C. RSQP
- D. QRSP

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

- P. While there are many differences among the species, all seals have feet shaped like fins.
 - Q. There are 33 species of pinnipeds alive today, most of which are known as seals.
 - R. Those fin-shaped feet make them supreme swimmers, and all pinnipeds are considered semi-aquatic marine mammals.
 - S. In fact, the word pinniped means "fin-footed" in Latin.
- A. SPQR
 - B. QPSR
 - C. SPRQ
 - D. PSQR

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

My friend said to me, "For me running is like therapy."

- A. My friend told me this that for her running is like
- B. My friend told me that for her running was like therapy.
- C. My friend told me that for her having ran was like
- D. My friend tells me that for her running is like therapy.

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

_____ you do not work hard, you will not qualify for the competition.

- A. Unless
- B. Although
- C. Until
- D. If

Solutions

1. C

Sol. The first line of the given passage says that "**this has come as a surprise as we had always associated it with unhealthy diet - full of carbs**". It means that in traditional sense pasta is considered as "full of carbs" food which is similar to option C.

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

2. C

Sol. As the passage suggests "**We have this huge fuss around diets but the real problem is with modern lifestyles and time spent not outdoors but with gadgets, limiting movement and energy expenditure.**" We can see here the real causes of weight gain are modern lifestyle and limiting movements with gadgets. Hence, both options A and B are correct.

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

3. C

Sol. The whole argument of the passage is summed up in the last paragraph that **having food in moderate quantity leads to a healthier life**. Therefore, the message of the passage is to eat in moderate quantities.

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

4. A

Sol. In second passage it is mentioned that **USDA measures the diet quality**. Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

5. C

Sol. The whole passage revolves around the fact how **eating PASTA and how it can help in weight loss**. It also mentions a study related to this.

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

6. A

Sol. Third line of last paragraph suggests that "**A balanced approach to eating and energy expenditure is critical.**" Therefore, it can be said that "**balanced approach to diet**" is the most critical.

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

7. B

Sol. In the **second** paragraph, it is clearly mentioned that the **Nutritional Strategies Inc** conducted the study.
Hence **option B** is the correct answer.

8. D

Sol. The last line of the paragraph says that "**So enjoy your pasta or dosa but move around to stay active. Limit phone time, do simple chores in your house, skip or walk or cycle and eat well.**" It includes all the options mentioned.

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

9. D

Sol. **Let's learn the meaning of each word:**

Restraint: a measure or condition that keeps someone or something under control

Self-control: the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires, especially in difficult situations

Temperance: abstinence from alcoholic drink

Excess: an amount of something that is more than necessary, permitted, or desirable

Moderation: the avoidance of excess or extremes, especially in one's behaviour or political opinions

After seeing the meaning of each word, it can be concluded that "**excess**" is the antonym of "moderation".
Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

10. B

Sol. In the last line of the **second** paragraph, it is clearly mentioned that the full form of BMI is **body mass index**, because BMI is given within the bracket referring to the short form.

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

11. C

Sol. It is stated in the following statement of the passage, "**One day the sun decided to send her a blood-red ruby as a token of his love for her**".

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

12. C

Sol. From the passage, we can understand that by the time the bag reached the princess, the merchant had stolen the ruby and put cow dung in the bag. When she found the cow dung in the bag, she flung it away.

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

13. A

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statements of the passage, "**The ruby did not stay with the man who stole it, it fell out of his pocket and rolled into a deep pit. Men have been trying to dig it out ever since. Many precious stones have been found in the process, making Myanmar one of the richest sources of rubies and sapphires, but the ruby that sun sent to the princess is yet to be found**".

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

14. D

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statements of the passage, "**As the crow sped through the sky with the silken bag, the aroma of food lured him, looking down the crow saw that a wedding feast was in progress, and immediately it was distracted from its mission**".

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

15. C

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statements of the passage, "**Crows had milky white feathers in those days and it was considered auspicious if a crow came anywhere near you. So, the sun was pleased that he had found a crow to deliver the gem.**"

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

16. B

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statement of the passage, "**The ruby did not stay with the man who stole it, it fell out of his pocket and rolled into a deep pit**".

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

17. B

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statements of the passage, "**When the sun learnt of what had happened he was furious. So, great was his anger that when he turned his scorching gaze on the crow, its feathers were burned black. Its feathers have been black ever since**".

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

18. C

Sol. Since the passage talks about the sun and the princess majorly, the most appropriate title of the passage is "The sun and the princess".

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

19. A

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statement of the passage, "**He put the gem in a silk bag, and calling a crow that was flying past, asked the bird to deliver the gem to his beloved**".

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

20. D

Sol. It can be inferred from the following statements of the passage, "**But when she saw its contents she reeled back in shock and anger. Believing that it was the sun's way of telling her that he did not care for her, she flung the bag away, rushed to her place, and never came out again**".

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

21. C

Sol. The line "**A mature sugarcane stem contains about 11 to 18 % water-soluble sugar, 10 to 16 % of fibres, about 3 to 4 % of non-sugars content**" makes it clear that a matured sugarcane has 3 to 4% of non-sugar content.

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

22. D

Sol. The line "**Apart from this, it also supplies raw material for making alcohol and other beverages. The rest residue of sugarcane is also used as the nutritious fodder for the dairy cattle**" makes it clear that sugarcane is not used in the IT sector.

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

23. A

Sol. The line "**sugarcane crop is a perennial grass crop that grows the most in the tropics and subtropics region**" makes it clear that tropics and subtropics are suitable for sugarcane.

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

24. C

Sol. The line "**Sugarcane is one of the most grown commercial crops**" makes it clear that Sugarcane is a commercial crop.

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

25. D

Sol. The line “**One can create a huge income via growing sugarcane with suitable techniques and technology**” makes it clear that by using suitable techniques and technology huge income can be generated.

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

26. D

Sol. The whole passage talks about the alternative to **petroleum energy and the Conservation of Petroleum**. So the main theme of the passage would be “**Conservation of Petroleum**”.

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

27. B

Sol. The line “**Conservation of Petroleum has to be taken far more than seriously now and its use must be minimized. The most important role has to be played by the youth**” makes it clear that youth is the most important part of this.

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

28. D

Sol. The line “**The Land of barren desert, the UAE (United Arab Emirates), was a just a small inhabitation of fishermen community which today stands as an epic land of luxury, wonders of manmade possibilities and a top financial destination of the world**” makes it clear that it is not a cultural hub.

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

29. A

Sol. The line “**Petroleum is nature's gift all through our past and life to our future. A century ago, petroleum – what we call oil, was just an obscure commodity**” makes it clear that the common name for petroleum is oil.

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

30. D

Sol. The line “**We should give major emphasis on alternative sources of energy. Some well-known forms present around us are wind, solar and hydro energy**” makes it clear that nuclear energy is not a

part of alternative sources of energy according to the passage.

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

31. C

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

Actual = existing in fact; real.

True = in accordance with fact or reality.

Accentuate = make more noticeable or prominent.

Unrealistic = not realistic.

- The word 'true' is the correct fit for the given blank.
- If you say that a fact **is true of a particular person or situation**, you mean that **it is valid or relevant for them**.
- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that **it is correct that in most joint families, the grandparents were cared for, and consulted by, their children and loved and respected by their grandchildren**.

Other options do not impart correct meaning to the above sentence.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

32. B

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

Deepening = becoming deeper.

Neglecting = fail to care for properly.

Dwindling = gradually diminishing in size, amount, or strength.

Increasing = becoming greater in size, amount, or degree; growing.

- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that with the turbulent changes in society, **the respect for elders is decreasing.**
- '**However**' in the sentence shows us that the blank should be filled by a word which makes this sentence **contradictory with the first sentence (the first sentence pointed out the fact that the grandparents were respected and cared for.)**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

33. A

- Sol.
- The blank needs **a main verb** after the use of the auxiliary 'have'.
 - Let's first see the options:

Produce (a verb)= make or manufacture from components or raw materials.

Religion (a noun)= the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods.

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

Cast (a verb)= cause (light or shadow) to appear on a surface.

- We can only use a **V3 form** in the blank. This eliminates 'produce'.
- The correct phrase is '**cast a shadow/light**' which means **to make light, a shadow, etc. appear in a particular place.**
- Here, the word '**cast**', is the correct fit for the given blank.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

34. D

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

Marginalised = treat (a person, group, or concept) as insignificant or peripheral

Depressed = (of a person) in a state of unhappiness or despondency.

Retarded = less advanced in mental, physical, or social development than is usual for one's age.

Influenced = have an influence on.

- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that due to various reasons **elderly in India are neglected**.

Other options do not impart correct meaning to the above sentence.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

35. A

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

Forced = obtained or imposed by coercion or physical power; make (someone) do something against their will.

Motivated = provide (someone) with a reason for doing something.

Encouraged = give support, confidence, or hope to (someone).

Persuaded = induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument.

- None of the elders could be **persuaded, encouraged or motivated** to lead a lonely life full of humiliation that too without financial, medical or emotional support.
- This situation in any body's life **could only be brought against someone's will**.
- So the most appropriate fit for the given blank will be '**forced**'.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

36. B

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

Order = give an authoritative instruction to do something.

Dictate = state or order authoritatively.

Ensure = make certain that (something) will occur or be the case.

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

- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that The National Policy on Older Persons (1999) envisaged state support **to make sure that financial and food security and services are provided to improve the quality of lives of the elderly population.**
- And '**ensure**' is the only word from the given options which imparts the meaning in the given blank. Other options do not impart correct meaning to the above sentence.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

37. D

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

Protect = keep safe from harm or injury.

Immunity = protection or exemption from something, especially an obligation or penalty.

Vulnerable = exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

Reduce = make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size.

- The **blank needs a verb**. Out of the given options, only 'protect' and 'reduce' are the verbs. "Immunity" is a noun whereas "vulnerable" is an adjective.

- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that The National Policy on Older Persons (1999) envisaged state support to ensure financial and food security, and services to improve the quality of lives of elderly population and **protect them from abuse and exploitation**.
- **The elderly population needs to be protected from abuse and exploitation as most of them are vulnerable to being abused and exploited.**
- The word '**protect**' is the correct fit for the given blank.

Other options do not impart correct meaning to the above sentence.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

38. D

Sol. • **Policies are always implemented and laws come into force.**

- '**Loaded**' and '**used**' are out of context and, if used will bring no sense to the above sentence.
So, the most appropriate fit for the given blank is '**Implemented**'.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

39. B

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

Beneath = at a lower level or layer than.

Below = lower than (a specified amount or standard).

Surpass = exceed; be greater than.

Align = put (things) into correct or appropriate relative positions.

- The preposition '**below**' is generally used with "**poverty line**".
- The author, through the above sentence, wants to say that of the total population of the elderly, **70% are below the poverty line**.

Other options like 'align', 'surpass' or 'beneath' do not impart correct meaning to the above sentence.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

40. D

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

Enhance = to improve something or to make something look better

Boost = to increase something in number, value or strength

Improved = to become or to make something better

Better = of a higher quality or level or more suitable than somebody/something

- The blank **needs a main verb** after the **auxiliary 'has'**.
- We know that '**have/has**' is followed by the **V3 form of the verb**.
- Among the given options only the word '**improved**' is in its third form.
So, it is the correct fit for the given blank.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

41. D

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

Candid = marked by honest sincere expression; saying exactly what you think

Spontaneous = done or happening suddenly; not planned

Shy = nervous and uncomfortable about meeting and speaking to people; showing that somebody feels like this

Natural = usual or normal

- The passage is about the Chinese philosopher '**Confucius**'.
- In the next sentence, he has stated that he was poor and from a lowly station.
- The blank needs **an adjective** for the noun Confucius.
- The fact that he could tell that he came from a poor background, shows that **he was honest and open about himself**.
- Thus, the word '**candid**' is appropriate for the blank.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

42. D

Sol. • The sentence is telling about **a past event**.

- Thus, the use of '**will**' and '**can**' is not appropriate here.
- Between '**would**' and '**could**', '**could**' is more appropriate as:

Could = talk about past ability

Would = refer to typical habitual actions and events in the past.

Confucius, due to his poor background, **could not** enter government services (because of his ability).

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

43. A

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

Deficient = not having enough of something

Lovable = having a personality or appearance that is easy to love

Efficient = able to work well without making mistakes or wasting time and energy

Prominent = important or famous

- The blank needs **an adjective** for the **noun 'families'**.
- Confucius **could not** enter the government services easily **as he was poor**.
- The use of '**as easily as**' shows that **a comparison** has been made here.
- Since Confucius was poor, the **young men who could enter the government easily** should belong to **good (rich) families**.
- The word '**prominent**' is appropriate for the blank.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

44. C

Sol. • The blank needs a noun after the preposition 'in'.

- Out of the given options, '**handling**' (**a gerund**) is the appropriate one.
- Both "**handles**" and "**handle**" are verb forms.
- The infinitive '**to handle**' can be used as a noun but we cannot use it here.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

45. A

Sol. Let's first see the options given to us:

Even (an adverb) = used to show that something is surprising, unusual, unexpected, or extreme; used to

emphasize a comparison

Better (an adjective) = of a higher standard, or more suitable, pleasing, or effective than other things or people

Evenly (an adverb) = in or into equal amounts; in a continuous or regular way; to speak without showing emotion

Too (an adverb) = more than is needed or wanted; more than is suitable or enough

- We need **an adverb** here to describe **the adjective 'more impressive'**.
- In the given sentence, we are **emphasizing a comparison**; i.e. **how Confucius was better in handling problems related to diplomatic assignments than in handling problems of law and order.**
- Thus, 'even' fits in the blank perfectly.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

46. B

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

Retorts = to say something in answer to a remark, typically in a sharp, angry, or witty manner.

Assertions = a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief.

Beliefs = an acceptance that something exists or is true, especially one without proof.

Reasons = the cause of an event or situation or something that provides an excuse or explanation

- The second statement is an explanation or justification of the first statement, for which '**reasons**' will best suit the purpose.

- The second sentence gives **an explanation why countries such as India and China haven't been able to come at par with the developed nations.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

47. A

- Sol.
- We need a verb in the blank that will **specify the involvement of India in corrupt practices.**
 - Let's first see the meanings of the words given in the options:

Indulge = to be involved in something; to allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of something.

Accede = agree to a demand, request, or treaty.

Avail = use or take advantage of (an opportunity or available resources)

Endure = suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

- The correct verb that fits in the context of the sentence is "**indulge**".

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

48. D

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

Certified = to give somebody a certificate to show that he/she has successfully completed a course of training for a particular profession; to say formally that something is true or correct

Acknowledged = to accept or admit that something is true or exists

Affirmed = to say formally or clearly that something is true or that you support something strongly

Admitted = to allow somebody/something to enter; to take somebody into a place

- The passage is about **corruption**.
- It talks about the **corrupt practices that we see in various phases** of our lives.

- One such time is when **a parent is looking for a good school** for his child.
- Thus, the word '**admitted**' is contextually correct.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

49. C

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

Acquiring = refers to learning or receiving.

Forfeiting = lose or give up (something) as a necessary consequence of something else.

Approving = showing support or admiration for something

Recognising = to know again somebody/something that you have seen or heard before

- The sentence **asks a question** here.
- Getting a good education is a right of every child but **whether or not the process of receiving it, is a smooth process**.
- Thus, the only word that fits in the blank is '**acquiring**'.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

50. A

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

Torment = severe physical or mental suffering.

Hanker = feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Struggle = to strive to achieve or attain something in the face of difficulty or resistance.

Oppose = to disagree with somebody's beliefs, actions or plans and to try to change or stop them

- The first step in getting a good education is **to get a child admitted to a good school**.
- As stated in the passage, it is **an extremely difficult step**.

- Thus, parents '**struggle**' in this first step itself.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

51. C

- Sol. • The blank is followed by '**up**'. Together with the word in the blank, they will make a phrasal verb.

Let's first see the meanings of the phrasal verbs:

Gear up = to get ready or cause to get ready for a coming action or event.

Tossing up = tossing of a coin to make a decision between two alternatives or a situation in which any of two or more outcomes or options is equally possible or equally attractive.

Holding up = to withstand, to survive. It also means to fulfill or complete one's part of an agreement.

Looking up = to search for information.

- In the context of the sentence, it is clear that the **Election commission is preparing to conduct elections at a very large scale**; thus, **gearing up** is the most suitable response.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

52. B

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

Colossal = of a bulk, extent, power, or effect approaching or suggesting the stupendous or incredible.

Assailed = to attack violently, criticize strongly.

Lax = not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful.

Expropriate = (of the state or an authority) take (property) from its owner for public use or benefit.

- The blank **needs an adjective for the noun 'attempt'**, i.e. what kind of an attempt is made by the election commission.
- The Election Commission is taking care of **all the elements involved in General Election** from electoral personnel, security forces, EVMs to even airborne vehicles in its attempt to reach voters across the country.
- The adjective '**colossal**' is the most suitable response.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

53. D

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

Steeped = being or characterized by a rapid and intensive decline or increase or to have a lot of a particular quality or thing.

Tantalized = torment or tease (someone) with the sight or promise of something that is unobtainable.

Elan = vigorous spirit or enthusiasm.

Niche = a place, employment, status, or activity for which a person or thing is best fitted.

- In the context of the sentence, it is clear that in India, right to vote is granted to all citizens, regardless of property ownership, income, and race, or ethnicity, subject only to minor exceptions.
- So even that section of **the population, who is in deep poverty, is also entitled to vote.**
- The phrase '**steep in something**' means **to be completely surrounded by or involved in it.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

54. C

Sol. • The blank needs a **main verb** after the **auxiliary 'has'**.

- We use **the third form of the verb** after the auxiliary 'has'.
- Thus, only '**withstood**' which means **to be strong enough, or not be changed by something, or to oppose a person or thing successfully**, is suitable for the blank.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

55. A

- Sol. • **Floundering** means to struggle, show or feel great confusion, be in serious difficulty.
- The sentence is referring to an economy struggling for many decades for growth.
 - The blank is followed by the time phrase '**many decades**'.
 - The preposition '**for**' is used **to show an amount of time or distance**.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

56. D

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

- Until means **up to the point in time or the event mentioned**.

For example:

He was the headteacher until he retired in 1968.

- "Until" itself means **not till** so using "**not**" or **any other negative** words with until makes the sentence **superfluous**.

For example:

I'm going to study hard until I do not complete my graduation. **[INCORRECT]**

I'm going to study hard until I complete my graduation. **[CORRECT]**

- In this sentence as well, "until he does not try" is incorrect for the same reason.

- Therefore, replace "does not try" with "tries" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **To make him succeed the correct thing to do is to punish him until he tries.**

NOTE: We don't use **not** with **unless** as well for the same reason. For example, **Unless we know where to look we will not find where his base is.**

57. B

Sol. Option B has incorrectly spelt word. The correct spelling is '**diarrhoea**' which is a **condition in which faeces are discharged from the bowels frequently and in a liquid form.**

The meanings of the other words are:-

Pneumonia = an infection of the lungs with a range of possible causes.

Xenophobia = extreme dislike or fear of foreigners.

Amnesia = a partial or total loss of memory.

58. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the singular verb '**requires**'.

- According to the **subject-verb agreement rule**, subjects and verbs must **AGREE with one another in number** (singular or plural). Thus, if a subject is singular, its verb must also be singular and vice-versa.

e.g. He **is** playing.

e.g. They **are** playing.

- Here, our subject is "**10 key global challenges**"; it is a plural subject.
- Thus, replace '**requires**' with its plural form '**require**' to make the sentence grammatically incorrect.

The correct sentence will be: **The World Economic Forum has singled out 10 key global challenges that, if they are to be addressed, require cooperation from the public and private sectors.**

59. D

Sol. The given sentence is in active form of future tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- **Subject + will/shall + have + to + verb (Ist form) + object.**

Passive Voice :- **Object + will/shall + have + to + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- **The examination will have to be conducted by the university.**

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

60. D

- Sol. • When arranging sentences in a sequence it is important to understand the central idea or the event being talked about. This can be best solved by the **elimination method**.
- **S** makes perfect sense before statement 6 because in statement 6 **BUT** is used to connect ideas that contrast and **S** has the different idea that humans cannot do what computers can as per the last statement.
- No other part except **Q** fits in after statement 1 because "**this tiny electronic moon**" refers to the satellite mentioned in **statement 1**.
- With **Q** and **S** as the first and the last statement of the order, we can **rule out options A and B**.
- Between **R** and **P**, **P follows Q** since it states '**its radio**' which refers to the tiny electronic moon mentioned in **Q**. Hence, option C is also ruled out.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **With a tremendous roar from its rocket engine, the satellite is sent up into the sky. Minutes later, at an altitude of 300 miles, this tiny electronic moon begins to orbit about the Earth. Its radio begins to transmit a staggering amount of information about the satellite's orbital path. Information of all kinds races back to Earth. No human being could possibly copy down all of these facts, much less remember and organize them. But an electronic computer can.**

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

61. D

Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be **R** as it introduces the main theme i.e., '**the tendency of migratory birds**'. Sentence R gives the primary idea about the paragraph.
- After this, the next will be sentence **S** that can be easily identified as the sentence starts with the **pronoun "they"** that defines the **noun Birds**.
- Sentence **P** will be the third one in the sequence as it further explains their life.
- The last sentence will be **Q**, which is in continuation with sentence P. Sentence Q adds more information.

o Thus, the **correct sequence is RSPQ**.

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **Birds that nest in the Northern Hemisphere tend to migrate northward in the spring. They tend to take advantage of burgeoning insect populations, budding plants and an abundance of nesting locations. As winter approaches and the availability of food drops, the birds move south again. Escaping the cold is a motivating factor but many species, including hummingbirds, can withstand freezing temperatures.**

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

62. D

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

- **Until** = up to (the time that)
- **Unless** = used to say what will or will not happen if something else does not happen or is not true; except if

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

63. A

Sol. ◦ The given **blank needs a noun**.

- The adjective '**some**' is used with either mass nouns or plural count nouns **to indicate an unspecified number or quantity**.
- To modify the adjective 'some' we need a noun and that will be mercy.

Let us understand the meaning of the given words with some examples :-

- **Merciful (an adjective)** = showing or giving mercy.

E.g. :- A merciful god.

- **Forgiving (an adjective)** = inclined or able to forgive and show mercy.

E.g. :- A kindly forgiving nature.

- **Lenient (an adjective)** = tolerant or lenient.

E.g. :- Lenient parents risk spoiling their children.

- The only word that fits in the blank is '**mercy**'.

- Thus, the correct sentence will be: "**The King should have shown some mercy on the people.**"

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

64. B

- Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.
- Sentence Q should be the first sentence of the sequence as it talks about the glory of Indian education in the beginning.
 - Use of "it" in sentence P is for "education in India" mentioned in sentence Q.
 - This makes it the obvious sentence to come after Q.
 - Sentence S starts with the conjunction "but" to show the contrast in Indian education before and after the British rule.
 - Therefore, it will follow sentence P. The only option with the sequence QPS is option B.
 - Thus, the correct sequence is **QPSR**.

After arranging the sequence would be :- **Education in India had a glorious beginning. It went on for centuries with the same glory. But after the British rule, it faced many changes. One of the changes was the introduction of English as the medium of instruction.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

65. B

- Sol. The idiom '**under a cloud**' means **being suspected of something**.

E.g. :- Until proven innocent, every manager of the company is under a cloud.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

66. D

- Sol. The sentence is **grammatically correct**. There is no error.

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

67. B

Sol. The given sentence is indirect speech, and we need to convert it into direct speech. The sentence is in past perfect tense.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The conjunction ‘that’ will be replaced by inverted commas in direct narration.
- ‘Announced’ will remain the same.
- Past perfect tense changes to present perfect tense i.e. ‘had selected’ will be changed to ‘have selected’.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, ‘they’ will be changed to ‘we’ and ‘their’ will be changed to ‘pur’.

The sentence in direct speech will be :- **She announced, “We have selected Yash as our head of committee.”**

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

68. C

Sol. The given sentence has **no object**. So, to convert it into active voice, we've to create an object explicitly. The sentence indicates that **resignation was not his choice and he was compelled to do this**. So, we can take the subject as **circumstances**.

The structures for active and passive voices:-

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

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

So, the active voice of the given sentence would be:- **Circumstances obliged him to resign.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

69. C

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- 'Said to' will be changed to '**asked**' in indirect speech.
- As the reported speech is in yes/no question form, **if/whether** is used before the reported speech. And here, we will connect it with 'whether', as the teacher asked the students to make a choice.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (said), **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense** i.e. 'want' will be changed to 'wanted'.
- **Second person pronoun changes to third person pronoun** according to the **object** of reporting speech (Dashrath) i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'he'.
- Question mark (?) will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Kaikai asked Dashrath whether or not he wanted to send Ram to the forest.**

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

70. C

Sol. **Option C** has the incorrectly spelt word. Its correct spelling is "**enumerate**" which means to **name things separately, one by one**.

Other words with meanings are:-

Oscillate = to move repeatedly from side to side or up and down between two points.

Deliberate = done consciously and intentionally.

Narrate = to tell a story, often by reading aloud from a text, or to describe events as they happen.

71. D

Sol. The underlined part of the given sentence is **grammatically correct** and it needs no improvement.

- In the indirect speech a negative command is written as "**not+to+v1**".
- Refer to the following example:

He said, "do not move". **[Direct]**

He commanded not to move. **[Indirect]**

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

72. B

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

- The sentence talks about an event of last year which means it must be written in the past tense.
- The first verb in the sentence is "**have watched**" which refers to the **present perfect tense**, as in "**I have done the job**".
- Thus the correct tense to be used here is "**simple past tense**".
- The correct structure of the sentence in simple past tense is:

Subject + V2 + object

e.g. *Ram painted the wall.*

- Therefore, replace "**have watched**" with "**watched**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **I watched that movie last year but I do not remember its story.**

NOTE: The second verb is correctly in the present tense because the process of remembering is still going on.

73. B

Sol. **Highbrow** = a person who possesses or has pretensions to superior learning or culture.

Exonerate = to show or state that someone or something is not guilty of something.

Escapism = a way of avoiding an unpleasant or boring life.

Henpeck = to nag and domineer over (one's husband).

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

74. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form of perfect tense with a modal verb**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice: **Subject + could + have + verb (IIIrd form) + object...**

Passive Voice: **Object + could + have + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice :- **Girls could have attempted all the questions.**

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

75. C

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- 'Asked' remains the same in indirect speech.
- As the reported speech is **in the form of WH-Question** (How), no conjunction is used before the question word. **The question word itself works as a conjunction**.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (asked), **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense** i.e. 'is' will be changed to 'was'.
- **Second person pronoun changes to third person pronoun** according to the **object** of reporting speech (her) i.e. 'your' will be changed to 'her'.
- Question mark (?) will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Navneet asked her how old her grandmother was.**

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

76. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The reporting verb "**said**" is changed to "**asked**" as it is an interrogative sentence.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- The reported speech is in **YES/NO question form**; so "**if/whether**" is used before the reported speech.
- Reported verb is made assertive; i.e. **it is kept in the order of subject + verb**.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and a full stop is used.

- The reporting verb (**said**) is in **the past tense**, therefore, we will make changes to the reported verb as per the rule: **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense ("require" changes to "required")**.
- The **first-person pronoun 'we'** will change according to the **subject**; "we" will change to "they".

Thus, the indirect form will be: **Rajesh asked Ronish whether they required such an enlarged building.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

77. A

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

Usurp = to take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

E.g. Some people have accused city council members of trying to usurp the mayor's power.

Restore = return to its original or usable and functioning condition.

E.g. The police restored law and order.

Encroach = to take control or possession of something in a gradual way and often without being noticed.

Coup = a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.

Seize = to take hold of suddenly and forcibly.

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

78. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form of indefinite tense with a modal verb**

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

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

Passive Voice: **Object + should + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- **The class should be attended by the students.**

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

79. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect and the **error lies in option B**. The error is related to **subject-verb agreement**.

- If the subject is connected with, '**along with**', '**accompanied by**', '**as well as**', then the verb will agree with the 1st subject only.

For example:

Ram, along with his parents, goes to the local temple every Tuesday.

Ram, accompanied by his parents, goes to the local temple every Tuesday.

Ram, as well as his parents, goes to the local temple every Tuesday.

- In this question, 'Asif' is the first subject, and it is a singular subject so the verb to agree with it must be singular too.
- But the verb "are" is plural, hence is incorrect.
- Therefore, replace "**are going**" with "**is going**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Asif, along with his brothers, is going to the nearest market to sell their cattle.**

80. D

- Sol.
- In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme and it is given in S1.
 - The sentence following S1 should be Q since it tells what the ant did to reach the spring mentioned in S1.

- The sentence P should follow Q as it tells what happened to her on her way to the spring.
- The sentence P tells that the ant slipped and fell into the water.
- The sentence R should be the next sentence as it tells the ant could have drowned when she fell into the water.
- Sentence S should be the next sentence since it further tells that the dove helped the ant by plucking a leaf and dropping it into the water to save her.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QPRS**.
- After arranging the sequence would be :- **One hot day, an ant was searching for some water, after walking around for some time, she came to a spring. To reach the spring, she had to climb up a blade of grass. While making her way up, she slipped and fell into the water. She could have drowned if a dove up a nearby tree had not seen her. Seeing that the ant was in trouble, the dove quickly plucked a leaf and dropped it into the water near the struggling ant. The ant moved towards the leaf and climbed up onto it, and the leaf drifted to dry ground, and the ant jumped out, and she was safe at last.**

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

81. D

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

Contend = to compete in order to win something.

E.g. :- He contended that Communism had no future.

Oppugn = to question the truth or validity of.

Grapple = to engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons; wrestle.

Vie = to compete eagerly with someone in order to win or achieve something.

E.g. :- Iran also faces Japan as they vie for the Asian seat.

Comply = an act in accordance with a wish or command.

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

82. B

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

- *No sooner* is used to show that one thing happened immediately after another thing.
- It is often used with the past indefinite or past perfect.
- The correct conjunction, usually following it, is 'than'.
- Its structure is: **No sooner + did/ had + Subject + verb (1st form) ++ than +**
- **Example: No sooner did I arrive at the station than the train came.**
- Thus, the use of "when" is incorrect in the sentence.
- Therefore, "**when**" should be replaced by "than" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: "**No sooner had they completed the work, than they demanded the wages.**"

83. C

Sol. The given **blank needs an auxiliary verb**.

- When two nouns or pronouns are joined by "**as well as, along with, together with, with, in addition to, besides etc**", the verb is kept according to the **first noun**.

For example:

Ram, along with his parents, goes to the local temple every Tuesday.

Riyaz, accompanied by his brother, is playing in the field.

The hikers, as well as their guide, are ready for their next adventure.

- Since the first noun is "**the man**" in the above sentence which is **singular**, so the verb should be **singular**.
- Options A and D are eliminated on this basis as they have **plural verbs**.
- Now, the sentence talks about an event that is **past six days**; so, the verb should be of **past tense** which is given in **option C** only.
- Thus, the correct sentence will be: **The man along with the group was captivated by the robbers six days ago.**

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

84. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first see the difference in the meanings of the two words "varied" and "various".

Varied: incorporating a number of different types or elements; showing variation or variety.

For example, my routine is varied enough so that I don't get bored.

Various: more than one; several.

For example, police seized various books and tapes.

- The subject in the sentence is singular i.e. 'document'. So, a singular verb (contains) must be used to maintain the subject-verb agreement.
- The sentence implies that the document contained **many** proposals including a possible union of the two schools.

Thus, the correct sentence will be '**The document contains various proposals including a possible amalgamation of the two schools.**'

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

85. C

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

- The subject of the sentence is a plural subject, i.e. **All the students**.
- But **has** is a singular verb that does not agree to the subject.
- Thus, **have** is the correct verb to use.
- **Pass out** means leaving a military college after successfully finishing the course.
- **Pass on** and **pass away** means dying.
- Thus none of the phrasal verbs fit the context of the sentence.
- **PASS** is the correct verb to use here.

The correct sentence will be: **All the students have passed the final examination.**

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

86. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of 'will'.

- "**Lest**" is a **conjunction** which means **in order to prevent something from happening**.

e.g. He gripped his brother's arm lest he be trampled by the mob.

e.g. Lest anyone should doubt my story, I have brought documents to attest to its truth.

- Lest usually takes a verb in the **subjunctive**. It is also acceptable to use **should**.
- Thus, replace 'will' with 'should' in the above sentence to make it grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Natasha asked quickly in a whisper, afraid to move lest she should rouse the dozing baby.**

87. C

Sol. **Nadir** = the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation.

Zenith = the time at which something is most powerful or successful.

Trivet = an iron tripod placed over a fire for a cooking pot or kettle to stand on.

Horizon = the line at which the earth, sea, or sky seem to meet.

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

88. C

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- This is an imperative sentence.
- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration are removed in the indirect narration and the preposition "to" is used before the main verb to join the reporting verb with the verb 'work'.
- The reporting verb "**said**" is in the **V2 form**; thus, we will change **the tense of the reported speech from the simple present to simple past**.
- The second-person pronoun (you) changes according to the object (students) i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**they**'.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **The professor advised the students to work hard if they wanted to pass the test.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

89. A

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

- **HAVE** is used stative verb that usually relates to thoughts, emotions, relationships, senses, states of being and measurements.
- These Verbs are not used in **Continuous Tenses**. **Simple / indefinite Tense** is used for them.

For example:

I am having three children. **[Incorrect]**

I have three children. **[Correct]**

- Some stative Verbs are : **agree, appear, seem, be, feel, see, etc.**
- Therefore, replace "**is still having**" with "**still has**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **I still have the car I bought with my first salary.**

90. B

Sol. The following rules should be considered while changing passive form to active voice:

- Identify the subject of the sentence - who is doing an action?
- Rewrite the sentence so the subject is performing the action.

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: **Steven Spielberg directed the film Jurassic Park.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

91. A

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

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- ‘Said’ will remain the same.
- Present tense changes to past present tense i.e. ‘must’ will be changed to ‘had to’.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, ‘I’ will be changed to ‘he’.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **“The student said that he had to study hard.”**

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

92. B

Sol. This is a **direct** speech of an **imperative sentence**. In this sentence a **request** is being made. Rules for changing imperative sentences in indirect speech:

- **Said to** changes to **requested** as per the sense of the sentence.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and to is used before the main verb.
- The words like kindly, please are removed. Thus "**please**" will be removed here.
- **First-person pronoun** changes to **third person pronoun** according to the subject of reporting speech (Tina) i.e. "I" will change to "she".
- The word '**here**' becomes '**there**'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be:- **Tina requested him to wait there till she returned.**

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

93. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: "**The fire has been lit by someone.**"

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

94. B

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and '**that**' conjunction is used.
- Said would remain the same in indirect speech as they are not followed by an object.
- Since the reporting verb is in past tense (said), the tense of the speech will change i.e. **present perfect continuous** changes (i.e. have been reading) will change to **past perfect continuous** (i.e. had been reading).
- **First-person pronoun** changes to **third person pronoun** according to the subject of reporting speech (Puneet) i.e. "I" will change to "he".

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Puneet said that he had been reading a storybook.**

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

95. C

Sol. The underlined part of the given sentence is grammatically correct.

- Question tags are short questions at the end of statements that are used to confirm that something is true or not or to encourage a reply from the person we are speaking to.
- When a question tag is used in a sentence, it follows the 'inversion of the verb' rule. It means that the verb is kept before the subject.
- There is a **basic rule to use the question tag** in the sentence given below:
 - a. The affirmative statement is followed by the negative question tag.
 - b. The negative statement is followed by the affirmative question tag.
 - The given sentence is of **simple present affirmative tense**. So, the question tag will be of the **negative form (in the simple present tense)**.
 - So, the most suited one should be "**don't they**".
 - Thus, the correct sentence will be :- "**Children like to eat sweets, don't they?**"

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

96. C

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in simple present tense. And it is in interrogative form.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- If the reported speech is in yes/no question form, then if/whether is used before reported speech. And here, we will connect it with 'whether' and as condition is given 'if' will also be used later in the sentence.
- 'Said to' will be changed to 'asked' in indirect speech.
- Present tense changes to past tense i.e. 'do not' will be changed to 'did not' and 'will' should be changed to 'would'.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'I'.
- Question mark will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Ravi asked me whether I would leave the job if I did not get promotion.**

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

97. D

Sol.

- The first statement to follow S1 is **P** as it shows the reason **why** most of the meat comes from two countries.
- **QR** is a pair as "**this country**" in R refers to the **Netherlands** mentioned in Q. **Thus R follows Q.**
- On the other hand, **S** makes perfect sense before statement 6 because in statement 6 **BUT** is used to connect ideas that contrast, and **S6 has the different idea that what other countries do in contrast to the Netherlands as mentioned in S.**
- Thus, **S appropriately is followed by S6.**
- Also, **QR** perfectly follows **P** as it does not fit at any other place.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **Most of our meat comes from two great grain producing**

countries, the United States and Argentina. Because in the two countries, great herds of hogs and cattle are fattened for the market. Between them, the Netherlands is famous for butter and cheese and other dairy products. This is because the cool, damp climate of this country grows fine grass for dairy cattle. Usually countries do not rear animals for meat unless they produce enough grain to feed them. But a few countries, like Denmark, buy grain to feed their hogs and cattle.

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

98. B

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

Initiate = to start something

Investigation = an official examination of the facts about a situation, crime, etc.

Authenticate = to produce evidence to show that something is genuine, real or true

Witness = to see something happen and be able to tell other people about it later

- The sentence needs a **verb** to form **an infinitive (to+V1)**. Thus, we can eliminate option C as it is a noun.
- Out of all the remaining options, only '**authenticate**' is suitable for the blank.

99. D

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

- Here the use of the noun 'genii' is incorrect.
- Here, 'genii' is used which is a plural form of 'genius' but there are some nouns which give different meaning when used in their plural form, genius is one of them.

- 'Genius' is someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality. And its plural form is 'geniuses'.
- And 'genii' is a magic spirit believed to take human form and serve the person who calls it.
- Thus, **replace "genii" with "geniuses"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: "**Jonathan Edwards, a very stern Calvinist, is one of the few first-rate geniuses of America.**"

100. A

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in present tense. And it is in interrogative form.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- If the reported speech is in Yes/No question form, then if/whether is used before reported speech.
- 'Said to' will be changed to 'inquired' in indirect speech.
- Present tense changes to past tense i.e. 'is' will be changed to 'was'.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, 'anyone' will remain same.
- Question mark will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- "**He inquired whether anyone was ready.**"

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

101. B

Sol. • The given context is all about "**Love**" which is referred to as **one of the earliest of human passions.**

Sentence **P** will be the first sentence as it introduces love as a passion.

- The next sentence will be **R** which starts with "but" stating its negative outcomes if not regulated properly.
- The next sentence should be **Q**, as suggestions have been made that it should be directed towards a worthy object else it would lead to bitterness (**S**).
- Thus, sentences **Q** and **S** will come one after the other.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Love is one of the earliest of human passions. It is also one of the sweetest. But, like all strong passions it may, if not well regulated and controlled, lead us into misery. Love should be directed towards a worthy object. Or it will prove in the end a source of bitterness. It looks forward to reciprocation.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

102. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active Voice : **Subject + will/shall + verb (Ist form) + object.**

Passive Voice : **Object+ will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into passive voice : "**Cakes will be brought by her.**"

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

103. B

Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be **R** as it introduces the main theme i.e. '**the siege of Paris done by the Viking community**'.
- After this, next will be sentence **Q** that informs the reader about the main leader of the Vikings.
- Sentence **S** will be the third one in the sequence as it keeps producing more information about the topic.
- The last sentence will be **P**, which concludes the given sentences i.e. the Viking community had defeated the army of Paris.
 - o Thus, the **correct sequence is RQSP.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- **The Siege of Paris and the Sack of Paris of 845 was the culmination of a Viking invasion. This Viking forces were led by a Danish chieftain named "Reginherus". Reginherus's fleet of 120 Viking ships, carrying thousands of men, entered the Seine in March. The West Frankish king Charles the Bald assembled a smaller army in response, but the Vikings defeated them.**

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

104. B

Sol. **Dandy** = an excellent thing of its kind.

Nemesis = the just punishment for a wrongdoing.

Prodigy = a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

Wagon = a vehicle used for transporting goods or another specified purpose.

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

105. B

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

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- ‘Explained’ will remain the same.
- Present future tense changes to past future tense i.e. ‘will’ will be changed to ‘would’.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, ‘my’ will be changed to ‘his’.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **“He explained that his train would reach by noon.”**

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

106. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of 'certainly'.

- **Certainly** is an **adverb**.
- It is used when **agreeing or disagreeing strongly to a request** or when something **is very likely to happen**.

e.g. She will **certainly** win the election if the opinion polls are accurate.

- But in the above sentence, **we need an adjective for the noun 'circumstances'**.
- Thus, we will replace '**certainly**' with its adjective form '**certain**'.

The correct sentence will be: **Do you think war is justifiable in certain circumstances?**

107. D

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

present tense.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- ‘Said’ will remain the same.
- Present tense changes to past present tense i.e. ‘is’ will be changed to ‘was’.
- Words like ‘here’ will be changed to ‘there’ in indirect speech.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **“The watchman said that the taxi was there.”**

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

108. A

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

- We know article ‘**a**n’ is used before noun starting with **vowels ‘a,e, i,o,u’** only.

For example:

An owl, an arm, an egg, an idol, an orange, an umbrella.

- Article A is used before the words starting with consonants.

For example:

A tree, a house, a bottle etc.

- But, in this sentence **An** is used before noun ‘**form**’ hence is incorrect.

- Therefore, replace "an" with "a" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Live internet streaming requires a form of source media and an encoder to digitize the content.**

109. D

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive voice of imperative sentences which is referring to an order.**

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active voice: **Verb + object**

Passive voice: **1. Let + object + be + past participle**

2. You are ordered + to + verb (1st form) + object

If we convert the given sentence in passive voice going by the first way, then the sentence would be: **Let the order be given.**

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

110. C

Sol. * In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be Q as it introduces the main theme i.e. 'a newly born super volcano in Alaska'.
- After this, next will be sentence S that elaborates what does a new study says about the volcano.
- Sentence P will be the third one in the sequence as it further explains the nature and the possibilities regarding the volcano.
- The last sentence will be R, which concludes the given sentences despite not being confirmed about the presence of the volcanoes, there are several shreds of evidence to prove the existence of these super volcanoes.

o Thus, the **correct sequence is QSPR.**

* After arranging the sequence would be :- "A mysterious, previously undiscovered super volcano may be lurking beneath Alaska's Aleutian Islands. A new study suggests a wide crater, connects at least four existing volcanoes. It's so big that if the super volcano erupted during the last few thousand years, it could have disrupted civilizations around the world. Though, the discovery, not yet confirmed, has emerged from several pieces of evidence."

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

111. A

Sol.

- P should be the first statement as "**some of them**" is referred to the **supermarkets** mentioned in **sentence 1**. It is also the first sentence because it mentions the specifications of supermarkets from the outside area which is parking lots.
- Next sentence is R as it mentions the specifications of the **entry point**.
- Next should be S as it mentions **things inside of supermarket** like colourful marble and tiles, and inside walls.
- Last sentence is Q as it tells us **what the supermarket does** to make meat and vegetable displays more attractive to the customers.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **In order to attract and keep their customers, supermarkets have tried to make shopping as pleasant as possible. Some of them have flowers and trees in the parking lots. Some have roofs over the walks so that shoppers can walk from their cars to the store without having to worry about snow or rain or hot sun. Some have fronts that are made with colourful marble and tiles, and inside walls that are painted in soft colours. Special spotlights make meat and vegetable displays more attractive. And most of the stores are air-conditioned.**

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

112. C

Sol. The idiom '**go out of one's way**' means to **try everything which is possible in all possible ways**.

E.g. :- Mrs. Mott went out of her way to be courteous to Sara.

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

113. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **passive voice** and **indefinite tense with a modal verb**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

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

Passive Voice: **Object + should + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...**

Note: as the subject is embedded here, we can assume the subject as "**One**".

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **One should keep promises.**

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

114. C

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in the present tense. The given sentence is an imperative sentence.

In such sentences, order, request, advice, or negative command is given.

The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:-

- In negative command, the reported speech starts with **Do not** or **Don't**.
- 'Said' will change to 'commanded' in indirect speech.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and **not to** is used before the main verb i.e. **to + verb (first form)**

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **"The coach commanded the child not to make the water**

dirty."

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

115. D

Sol. • The passage talks about **man-made or Artificial Satellites**.

- Sentence R states that the earth has many satellites besides the moon. This will be the first in the sequence.
- The next sentence will be Q as it starts with 'They' which is used for the **satellites previously mentioned in the sentence R**.
- Sentence S will follow the sentence Q because **it states the specifications of the man-made satellites** (that they do not fall as they go very fast).
- P will be the last in the sequence.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Today, the earth has many satellites besides the moon. They are artificial satellites made by man and very much smaller than the moon. The artificial satellites do not fall because they are going too fast to do so. As they speed along they tend to go straight off into space.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

116. C

Sol. The given **blank needs a preposition**.

- The correct preposition to be used in the blank is "with".
- The adjective '**commensurate**' is generally preceded by the preposition 'with'.

E.g. :- A salary that is commensurate with skills and experience.

- 'Commensurate' means in a correct and suitable amount compared to something else. And 'with' is used to indicate being together or being involved.
- The only word that fits in the blank is '**with**'.
- Thus, the correct sentence will be: "**The reward was not commensurate with the work done by us.**"

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

117. C

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration are removed and "that" is used in Indirect Narration.
- **Said** is changed to "**exclaimed sadly**" because of "Alas", it expresses grief.
- "Alas" will be removed.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (asked), **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense** i.e. 'am' will be changed to 'was'.
- **First person pronoun** changes to **third person pronoun** according to the **subject** of reporting speech (Rita) i.e. 'I' will be changed to 'she'
- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and full stop is used.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Rita exclaimed sadly that she was undone.**

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

118. B

Sol. The given **blank needs an article**.

- We use a superlative to say that a thing or person is the most of a group.
- When we use **a superlative adjective** ('the tallest student') **before the noun**, we generally use it with '**the**'.

E.g. :- This bowl is **the biggest** one.

She's **the most** beautiful girl I've ever seen.

Burj Khalifa is **the tallest** building in the world.

- The only article that fits in the blank is "the".
- Thus, the correct sentence will be: "**Sunita is the tallest girl in the class.**"

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

119. B

Sol. '**Alarums and Excursions**' is a term that means **confused activity and uproar**.

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

120. C

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration are removed in the indirect narration.
- The reported speech here shows **someone's indifferent behaviour towards some other person** (mohan will not get much affected even if they die).

- ‘Said’ will be changed to ‘expressed his indifference’.
- Conjunction ‘to’ should be used to connect the reporting verb to reported speech; the verb ‘die’ will be changed to ‘to death’.
- Pronoun ‘them’ will be changed to the pronoun ‘their’.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **Mohan expressed indifference to their death.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

121. B

Sol. **Camouflage** = to hide or disguise the presence.

Insatiable = appetite or desire impossible to satisfy.

Undecipherable = not able to be read or understood.

Tenacious = tending to keep a firm hold of something.

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

122. A

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

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- ‘Said to’ will be changed to ‘asked’ in indirect speech.
- As the reported speech is in yes/no question form, **if/whether** is used before the reported speech. And here, we will connect it with ‘whether’, as the teacher asked the students to make a choice.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (said), **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense** i.e. ‘want’ will be changed to ‘wanted’.

- **Second person pronoun** changes to **third person pronoun** according to the **object** of reporting speech (the students) i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'they'.
- Question mark (?) will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **The teacher asked the students whether they wanted to write a letter or an application.**

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

123. B

Sol. The idiom '**discretion is the greater part of valour**' means it's better to avoid a dangerous situation than to confront it.

E.g. :- The man I admire the most has always taught me that discretion is the greater part of valour.

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

124. C

Sol. **Pretension** = a claim or belief that you can succeed or that you are important or have serious value.

Isolate = leave or desert someone.

Detention = the punishment of being kept in school after hours.

Blender = a person or thing that mixes things together, in particular, an electric mixing machine used in food preparation for liquidizing, chopping, or pureeing.

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

125. B

Sol. Option B has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the verb '**delay**'.

- A verb used after "**get**" is always in its **past participle form** to describe an action performed by another person or by yourself.

e.g. Have you **got** the work **done**? (not do).

- We can use **get + -ed** form to describe things that happen to us, often things which are **unfortunate** and which **we don't want to happen**. We call this pattern the **get passive**.

e.g. The cottage **got** really badly **damaged** in the floods last year.

- Thus, '**delay**' needs to be replaced with '**delayed**'.

126. B

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

The rules for changing such sentences 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’ will change to ‘told’ in indirect speech.
- Present simple tense changes to past present tense i.e. ‘look’ will be changed to ‘looked’.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, ‘these’ will be changed to ‘those’.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- “**I told my wife that those showpieces looked nice.**”

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

127. D

Sol. **Carnivorous** = an animal feeding on another animal.

Baccivorous = eating or having a diet based on berries.

Herbivorous = one who feeds on plants.

Pescatarian = a person who does not eat meat but does eat fish.

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

128. B

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

- As the sentence is in the past perfect tense and the correct structure is "**had+been+V3**".
- But the verb **Destroy** is the V1 form.
- The correct V3 form is **Destroyed**.
- "It's" is a contraction of "**it is**" or "**it has**".

For example

It's raining.

It's been raining.

- "Its" is a possessive determiner we use to say that something belongs to or refers to something

For example

The cat is licking its tail.

Its colours are beautiful.

- "**Glory**" is a **noun** and it needs an adjective to be modified.
- Formerly is an adverb which means in the past; in earlier times, as in "**Mumbai, formerly Bombay is the financial capital of the country**".
- The correct adjective is **Former** which means of or occurring in the past.

For example:

The seafarers of former times did not need a compass to find way.

The correct sentence will be: **During the turmoil of the second great war, the greater part of the building had been destroyed and was never restored to its former glory.**

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

129. A

Sol. **Option A** has the correctly spelt word. **Discrepancy** means a **difference between conflicting facts, claims or opinions**.

Other words with their correct spellings and meanings are:-

Anarchy = a situation in which there is no organization and control, especially in society, because there is no effective government.

Hierarchy = a system in which people or things are arranged according to their importance.

Monarchy = a country that has a king or queen.

130. B

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect and the **error lies in option B**. The error is related to **subject-verb agreement**.

- If the singular subjects are connected with 'or', the verb used is a **singular verb**.

For example:

Rahul or his brother is going to take part in the competition.

- In this question, both "our success" and "our failure" are **singular nouns**.
- So the use of the verb "**depend**" is **incorrect** as it is a **plural verb**.

- Therefore, replace "**depend**" with "**depends**" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Our success or our failure largely depends upon our actions.**

131. B

- Sol. • The writer is talking about **his journey on a ship**. Seasick means suffering from sickness or nausea caused by the motion of a ship at sea.
- Statement 1 should be followed by **Q** as "**but**" in Q shows contradiction to 1 which makes sense.
 - Statement **P** elaborates why the writer became restless, so it should follow Q.
 - **R** should be the next sentence as it shows the **result of the writer's being uneasy**.
 - **S** becomes the last sentence.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **But as the days passed, I became fidgety. I was quite unaccustomed to talking, and except one all the other passengers in the second saloon were English. I could not speak to them. I felt shy even in speaking to the steward. For I could rarely follow their remarks when they came up to speak to me.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

132. A

- Sol. • **But** is used to connect ideas that contrast. Sentence **P** contrasts with statement 1, so P will follow 1.
- The word "**Provincialism**" means **narrowness of mind, ignorance, or the like, considered as resulting from lack of exposure to cultural or intellectual activity**.

S adds details to statement P so it will follow P.

- Q will be the next statement as it drives similarity between **nationalism** and **Provincialism**.
- R becomes the last statement preceding 6.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **But it should in no way exceed the limits and take the shape of jingoism. Provincialism has to be sacrificed in the interest of the nation as a whole. Similarly, nationalism has to be sacrificed at the altar of internationalism. There is no reason why the nations of the world cannot treat one another as belonging to one family of nations. God created the globe, but man drew lines on it to demarcate countries and sow the seeds of hatred and enmity on it.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

133. C

Sol. If a person or organization is '**in the red**', they **owe money to someone or to another organization**.

E.g. :- Some of them seem to be in the red now, but it could be supporting other parts of the business.

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

134. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The methodology book was borrowed by Miriam from her classmate.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

135. D

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

Incriminate = to make someone seem guilty.

E.g. :- The neighbours incriminated the man of spousal abuse.

Inculpate = suggest that someone is guilty.

Attribute = regard something as being caused by.

Allege = claim or assert that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically without proof.

Exonerate = to show or state that someone or something is not guilty of something.

E.g. :- The suspect was exonerated of the murder charges.

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

136. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the objective pronoun '**her**'.

- **An object pronoun** is a type of personal pronoun that is normally used as a grammatical object, either as the **direct or indirect object of a verb**, or as the **object of a preposition**.

e.g. Our grandparents gave **us** some candies.

- **Subject pronouns** are those **pronouns** that perform the action in a sentence.

Any noun performing the main action in the sentence, like these **pronouns**, is a **subject** and is categorized as subjective case (nominative case)

e.g. **She** and I went to the movies.

- In the above sentence, we need a **subject pronoun**.

- Thus, replace '**her**' with '**she**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **She and I are planning to take a trip to Agra.**

137. D

Sol. This is the **direct speech** of an **imperative sentence**. In this sentence, a warning is given. Rules for changing imperative sentences in indirect speech:

- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and to is used before the main verb.
- Say/said to changes to warned as per the sense of the sentence.
- **Second person pronoun** changes to **first person pronoun** according to the **object** of reporting speech (me) i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'me'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Radha warned me of the coming danger.**

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

138. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- It is **an optative sentence**.
- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration are removed in the indirect narration and "**that**" conjunction is used.
- 'Blessed me' will remain the same.
- As the reporting verb 'said' is the V2 form, the tense of the reported speech will change from the present tense changes to the past tense i.e. '**may**' will change '**might**'.

- The **second-person pronoun (you)** changes according to the **object (me)** of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**I**'.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **My mother blessed me that I might live long.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

139. B

Sol. The idiom "**to go through fire and water**" means to **undergo great difficulties in order to achieve something**.

E.g. :- They were always ready to go through fire and water for the sake of the friends.

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

140. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Gullible = easily persuaded to believe something; credulous.

Credulous = having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.

Credible = able to be believed; convincing

Incredible = impossible to believe.

- The word "**gullible**" is **used for a person, not for someone's statement**. So, it is incorrectly used in the sentence.
- The correct word here will be '**credible**'.
- For the **adjective 'credible'**, we need **an adverb** to describe it.

- In the above sentence, **people find it difficult to sympathize with the person as he is not credible.**

Thus, we need a **negative adverb** here. "**Hardly**" fits in the sentence perfectly.

The correct sentence will be: **How can anyone sympathize with you when what you say is hardly credible?**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

141. D

Sol. The given sentence is in passive voice of imperative sentences which is referring to a suggestion.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active voice: **Verb + object...**

Passive voice: **You are suggested + to + verb (1st form) + object...**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **You are suggested to lie the face down and arms to be stretched out.**

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

142. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The sentence has the adverb '**ago**' in it.
- It is a definite sign that we need the sentence in **the simple past tense**.

e.g. He left the house over an hour **ago**.

- Also, the village that they left, is a definite place.

Thus, we need **a definite article** before the noun '**village**'.

The correct sentence will be: **The gypsies left the village a few days ago.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

143. A

Sol. The given sentence is of simple present.

The active/passive structure of such sentences is given below:

Active Voice : **Subject + do/does not + verb (Ist form) + object.**

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

So, the passive voice of the sentence would be: "**Grass is not eaten by a lion, however hungry he may be.**"

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

144. A

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The above is of **imperative nature** as the watchman is calling out to the crowd (a kind of instructions) to catch the thief.
- We will change the reporting verb '**said**' to '**shouted**'.
- We will **connect the reporting verb 'shouted' with the main verb of the speech 'catch' with the help of the preposition 'to'**.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **The watchman shouted to the crowd to catch the thief.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

145. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The verb 'raising' lacks parallelism.

Parallelism uses similar words, phrases, or clauses to show that ideas have the same level of importance.

It is the use of components in a sentence that are grammatically the same; or similar in their construction, sound, meaning.

- In the given sentence, '**release**' is in the **infinitive form** while '**raising**' is in the **gerund form**.

Hence, '**raising**' should be replaced with '**raise**' to maintain parallelism.

- Now, let us understand the meaning of two prepositions:

In: expressing the situation of something that is or appears to be enclosed or surrounded by something else.

Of: indicating an association between two entities.

- In the given sentence, **an association between rails and the steam track is mentioned.**

Hence, '**of**' should be used instead of '**in**'.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **One motor is placed at each end of the span to operate the eccentrics and also to release the latches and raise the rails of the steam track.**

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

146. C

Sol. **Novelty** = the quality of being new, original, or unusual.

Innovation = the action or process of innovating.

Neologism = a newly coined word or expression.

Inception = the establishment or starting point of an institution or activity.

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

147. B

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

The rules for changing such sentences 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’ will change to ‘told’ in indirect speech.
- Present tense changes to past present tense i.e. ‘am’ will be changed to ‘was’.
- Person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. here, ‘I’ will be changed to ‘he’ and ‘you’ will be changed to ‘me’.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **“Father told me that he was proud of me.”**

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

148. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **I was taken to the movies by my father for my birthday.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

149. D

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically correct.

- Please note that "**worth having/doing something**" is a phrase which is **used after the noun and not before it**.

e.g. It is a novel **worth reading**.

e.g. Shimla is a place **worth visiting**.

150. C

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

- **While** refers to a period of time, as in "**The period while the animal remains alive**".
- **When** refers at or during the time that.

For example:

"I loved maths when I was at school"

- **Fourteen years old** shows a particular age. Thus, **When** is the correct conjunction to use.
- **He** is the incorrect pronoun here.
- The subject **My younger sister Alisha** is a female subject.
- Thus, **SHE** is the correct pronoun to refer to the female subject of the sentence.
- The verb "had been" shows that it is in the past perfect tense.
- Now, the past perfect tense is used for an action that had already finished when another action happened.

For example:

We had left before she reached.

- So, past perfect tense does not fit the context of the sentence.
- It must be written in the simple past tense to state a past event in general.
- We use to be verbs like "was" and "were" in the simple tense.
- In the given sentence, we should use the past verb "was" to show the age of the girl.

For example: **He was five year old when her parents died.**

The correct sentence will be: **My younger sister Alisha had read Oliver Twist when she was fourteen years old.**

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

151. A

Sol. **Dromomania** = an uncontrollable psychological urge to wander(travel).

Hypomania = a mild form of mania, marked by elation and hyperactivity.

Megalomania = obsession with the exercise of power.

Nymphomania = uncontrollable or excessive sexual desire in a woman.

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

152. C

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

- 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 they are followed by the object (me).
- Since the reporting verb is in past tense (said), the tense of the speech will change i.e. **simple present** changes (i.e. don't trust) will change to **simple past** (i.e. didn't trust).
- **First-person pronoun** changes to **third person pronoun** according to the subject of reporting speech (Priyanka) i.e. "I" will change to "he".
- **Second-person pronoun** changes to **first person pronoun** according to the subject of reporting speech (me) i.e. "you" will change to "me".

The sentence in indirect speech will be:- **Priyanka told me that she didn't trust me.**

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

153. B

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- '**Asked**' will be changed into "**enquired**" in indirect speech.
- As the reported speech is **in the form of WH-Question** (where), no conjunction is used before the question word. **The question word itself works as a conjunction.**
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (asked), **Simple present tense changes to simple past tense** i.e. 'come' will be changed to 'came'.
- **Second person pronoun** changes to **first person pronoun** i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'I'.
- Question mark (?) will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **The stranger enquired where I came from.**

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

154. C

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

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Passive Voice :- Object + was/were + to + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.

Active Voice :- Subject + was/were + to + verb (Ist form) + object.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Soaham was to help you.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

155. C

Sol. The given **blank needs a preposition**.

- The correct preposition to fill in the blank is "Since".
- At expresses the time when an event takes place.

For example:

The children go to bed at nine o'clock.

- **During** refers to throughout the course or duration of (a period of time).

For example:

The restaurant is open during the day.

- But these two options can be ruled out as the sentence is in perfect continuous tense and we generally use **SINCE** and **FOR** in this particular tense.
- 'Since' is used when a specific point of time is mentioned.

For example:

I have been working since morning.

- 'For' is used to signify the total time period.

For example:

He has been suffering from fever for three days.

- Thus, the correct sentence will be: **I have been waiting since last year September.**

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

156. D

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **His history was described to me by my neighbour.**

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

157. B

Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be R as it introduces the main theme i.e. ' Ga-Mohana Hill North Rockshelter '. Sentence R, describes the geographical speciality of this place.
- After this, next will be sentence P that provides a few more information about this area.
- Sentence Q will be the third one in the sequence as it further explains the place.
- The last sentence will be S, which concludes with the sources of calcite crystals in that place.

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

* After arranging the sequence would be :- "**Excavations at Ga-Mohana Hill North Rockshelter, or GHN, uncovered an ancient sediment layer. It Contains 42 burned ostrich eggshell fragments and 22 palm-sized or smaller calcite crystals. Other GHN finds included hundreds of stone tools, prepared rock chunks a piece of red pigment bearing scrape marks. These calcite crystals were probably collected from local rock sources, which lies about 2.5 kilometers from the rock-shelter.**"

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

158. D

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration is removed in the indirect narration and '**that**' conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb 'said to' will be changed to '**asked**' since it is an interrogative sentence.
- The reported speech is in **YES/NO question form**; therefore, **if/whether** is used before the reported speech.
- Since the reporting verb 'said' is in the V2 form, we will change the tense of the reported speech from the **simple present to the simple past**.
- The **second-person pronoun** (you) changes according to the **object** (Pari) of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**she**'.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **Dia asked Pari if she liked oranges.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

159. C

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

- We use third form of the verb after 'had'.
- For example, the telephone rang after we had left the house.
- Now, let us understand the meanings of the two words, 'prestigious' and 'prestige':

Prestigious: inspiring respect and admiration; having high status.

For example, **the prestigious honor society only sent invitations to students with very impressive grades.**

Prestige: widespread respect and admiration felt for someone or something on the basis of a perception of their achievements or quality.

For example, **the firm has recently gained considerable prestige.**

- In the give sentence, a noun should be used after the adjective 'Macedonian' as an adjective is used to modify the noun.
- 'Prestigious' is an adjective while 'prestige' is a noun.

The correct sentence will be '**he had hardly restored Macedonian prestige in this quarter when he heard that Greece was aflame**'.

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

160. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first see the difference in the meanings of the two words "authentic" and "authenticity".

Authentic: of undisputed origin and not a copy; genuine.

Authenticity: the quality of being authentic.

- 'Vouch' means 'to assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience that something is true or accurately so described'. Also, the word 'vouch' is always followed by the preposition 'for'.

For example, the explosive used is of my own formulation, and I can vouch for its efficiency.

- We need a subject to make the sentence grammatically correct. In the given sentence, an adjective is used while a noun is required as an adjective is used to modify a noun. Here, 'Authentic' is an adjective while 'authenticity' is a noun.

- Moreover, we use noun-of-noun i.e. 'authenticity of the website'.

Thus, the correct sentence will be '**Certificates are signed by a number of organizations that will vouch for the authenticity of the website you visit**'.

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

161. B

Sol. The given sentence is in passive form of future tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Passive Voice :- Object + will/shall + have + to + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.

Active Voice :- Subject + will/shall + have + to + verb (Ist form) + object.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice :- **You will have to bring this letter.**

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

162. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let us first understand the meaning of the two conjunctions:

Whereas: in contrast or comparison with the fact that.

e.g. all of my sisters are doctors, **whereas** I am a teacher.

While: in spite of the fact that; although.

e.g. **while** I wouldn't recommend a night-time visit, by day the area is full of interest.

- We use the **first form of the verb after 'did'**.

e.g. he didn't study for the exam.

- Therefore, '**wanted**' should be replaced with '**want**' to make it grammatically correct.
- The given sentence implies that although the subject did not want to hold back important information, he did not want to upset the nervous woman any further.
- Hence, '**while**' should be used to convey the required meaning.

Therefore, the correct sentence will be '**While he didn't want to hold back important information, neither did he wish to unduly upset the nervous woman any further**'.

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

163. A

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The reporting verb '**says**' is in the present tense; thus, **we will not change the tense** of the reported speech.
- The **first-person pronoun 'I'** will change according to the **subject (He)**.

"I" will change to "he".

- For the subject 'he', the verb 'go' will change to 'goes'.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **He says that he goes for a walk every morning.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

164. A

Sol.

- In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.
- The first sentence will be **S** as it introduces the **main theme i.e., "the side effects of air pollution".**
- Sentence **S**, defines that **what does air pollution does to our respiratory system.**
- After this, next will be sentence **Q** as it sheds light on the **condition of people in an air polluted area.**
- Sentence **P** will be the **third one** in the sequence as it further explains **the term.**
- The last sentence will be **R**, which concludes that the **final situation** of the localities where the air pollution rates are high.

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

After arranging the sequence would be :- **Air pollution can weaken the immune system and inflame the airways, leaving the body less able to fight off a respiratory virus. People in polluted places are more likely to have chronic illnesses. Such patients are the most vulnerable to COVID-19. In the places where the air met national standards, pollution was linked to higher death rates.**

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

165. A

Sol. The underlined part of the given sentence is grammatically correct.

- The given sentence is an example of a **third conditional sentence**.
- Third conditional sentences are used to explain that present circumstances would be different if something different had happened in the past.
- When using the third conditional, we use the **past perfect (i.e., had + past participle) in the if-clause**.
- The modal auxiliary (**would, could, should, etc.**) + **have + past participle in the main clause** expresses the theoretical situation that could have happened.

E.g. :- If I **had known** about the rainy weather, I **would not have gone** hiking.

- Thus, the correct sentence will be :- "**If they had known about the crabs, they would not have decided to picnic there.**"

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

166. A

Sol. The phrase '**be on the air**' means **to be live broadcasted over the radio channel or the television**.

E.g. :- There was great excitement in the air at the clock struck midnight.

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

167. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the **incorrect order in 'I and John'**.

- While expressing a positive idea or a praise, the sequence of the personal pronouns should be the **second-person first**, the **third-person next**, and the **first-person last**; i.e. **231**.

e.g. Jerry and I are going to paint the house ourselves.

- Thus, we will correct the order of the pronouns as "**John and I**" in the above sentence.

The correct sentence will be: **John and I think that the two of you are really making progress now.**

168. A

Sol. The idiom '**a diamond in the rough**' means **a person whose positive qualities are hidden by rough circumstances**.

E.g. :- Her singing voice is beautiful, but she needs help with her gestures; she's a diamond in the rough.

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

169. C

Sol. **Altruist** = a person who has an unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

Unselfish = a selfless noble person.

Egoist = a self-centered or selfish person (opposed to altruist).

Welfarist = a supporter of the politics or principles of the welfare state.

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

170. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first see the difference in the meanings of the two words "slick" and "slack".

Slick: done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way.

For example, rangers have been entertaining crowds with a slick passing game.

Slack: not taut or held tightly in position; loose.

For example, the string around the parcel was slack.

Therefore, **slick** should be used in the given sentence.

- An adverb should be used to modify the adjective 'slick'. However, in the given sentence, an adjective, 'extreme', is used. Therefore, 'extreme' should be replaced with 'extremely'.
- We use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound and "an" before words that start with a vowel sound. Since the adverb 'extremely' starts with a consonant sound, we will use the indefinite article 'an' (and not "a") in the underlined part.

Thus, the correct sentence will be '**Francis executed an extremely slack rescue, and I was back in my kayak by the time the next person came down swimming**'.

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

171. D

Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be R as it introduces the main theme i.e. 'the nature of the particular kind of spider'. Sentence Q, defines the capability.
- After this, next will be sentence S that elaborates what does these kinds of spiders do.
- Sentence P will be the third one in the sequence as it explains the techniques of the spiders after weaving their nest and how they use it to hunt their meal.
- The last sentence will be Q, which concludes that with this nature it can be understood that spiders have auditory capabilities.

o Thus, the **correct sequence is RSPQ**.

* After arranging the sequence would be :- "**The ogre-faced spider uses its sense of hearing to take its web to the prey. Hanging upside down, the spider weaves a rectangular web between its legs. When an insect flies behind the dangling arachnid, the spider swings backward, casting the web toward the prey. This behind-the-back hunting technique proves that the spiders can hear a wide range of sounds.**"

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

172. C

Sol. **Padre** = the title of a priest or chaplain in some countries.

Dean = the head of a university faculty or department or of a medical school.

Abbot = a man who is the head of an abbey of monks.

Deacon = a member of the clerical order next below that of a priest.

Abbey = the building or buildings occupied by a community of monks or nuns.

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

173. A

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

- Let's first see the difference in the meanings of the two words "rein" and "reign".

Rein: a long, narrow strap attached at one end to a horse's bit, typically used in pairs to guide or check a horse in riding or driving.

Reign: hold royal office; rule as monarch.

- The given sentence talks about the ruler. Hence, 'reign' should be used to convey the correct meaning.
- The given sentence shows possession of royal office by Mary.
- Hence, an apostrophe should be used to show that one person/thing owns or is a member of something. Therefore, it should be 'Mary's' instead of 'Mary'.
- Now, let us understand the meaning of 'legate' and 'legatine':

Legate: a member of the clergy, especially a cardinal, representing the Pope.

Legatine: relating to a legate, especially a member of the clergy representing the Pope.

- In the given sentence, we need an adjective to modify the noun 'authority'.
- 'Legate' is a noun while 'legatine' is an adjective. Hence, 'legatine' should be used.

The correct sentence will be '**The case first came under consideration when Cardinal Pole returned to England early in Mary's reign with legatine authority for reconciling the realm to the Holy See**'.

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

174. B

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

Interference = the action of interfering or the process of being interfered with.

E.g. :- He hates interference with his work.

Deference = polite submission and respect.

Honour = the quality of knowing and doing what is morally right.

Obstruction = a thing that impedes or prevents passage or progress; an obstacle or blockage.

E.g. :- With the obstruction removed, water plunged down the creek bed, dragging debris with it.

Deference = respect and esteem due to a superior or an elder.

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

175. A

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

Precarious = not safe or certain; dangerous.

E.g. :- I'm in a precarious situation here.

Perilous = full of danger or risk.

E.g. :- Putting out wildfires is a very perilous job.

Salubrious = health-giving; healthy.

Innocuous = not harmful or offensive.

Inoffensive = not objectionable or harmful.

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

176. D

Sol. The given sentence is in **active voice of an interrogative sentence** and it is in **simple past tense**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active voice: **Wh-question word + did + subject + verb (1st form) + object...?**

Passive voice: **Wh-question word + was/ were + object + verb (IIIrd from) + by + subject...?**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Why was my proposal not agreed to by you?**

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

177. A

Sol.

- In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme and it is given in S1.

- When arranging sentences in a sequence it is important to understand the central idea or the event being talked about.

- This can be best solved by the elimination method. This is tricky.

- Since it is stated in R that Ken and Kathy were the actors which can also be inferred from part S6, they need to be present at the stage before the curtain goes up.

- So, R would follow P and S would precede P.

- This means that SPR is a mandatory sequence that is satisfied only in option A. When put in sequence, it makes sense.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **QSPR**.

After arranging the sequence would be :- **The buzzer sounded. The third act was about to begin. Ken and Kathy hurried back to their seats. The lights dimmed and the curtain went up again. Now Ken and Kathy felt as if they were right on the stage. Ken was the angry businessman who got the wrong order, and Kathy was the secretary who was trying to take dictation and to answer the telephone at the same time.**

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

178. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The subject (**gold coins**) in the sentence is **plural**.
- The verb must agree with the main subject and not with the intervening plural object of a preposition or any other intervening plural.

Hence, 'is' should be replaced with 'are' to maintain the **subject-verb agreement**.

- **An adverb is used to modify the adjective.** However, in the given sentence, an adjective is used to modify the adverb which is erroneous.
- Therefore, it should be '**fairly common**' to make the grammatical construction correct.

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **Anonymous gold coins, resembling Frankish trientes in type and standard (21 grains), are also fairly common, though they must have passed out of use very early, as the laws give no hint of their existence.**

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

179. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The keys were left on the table by her.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

180. C

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

Misery = a state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort.

Imbroglio = An intricate and confusing interpersonal or political situation.

E.g. :- The president's first term in office was tainted by one imbroglio after the other.

Censure = to express severe disapproval of someone or something.

Composure = the state or feeling of being calm and in control of oneself.

E.g. :- He accepted their problems with composure and she with equanimity.

Dilemma = a difficult situation or problem.

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

181. B

Sol. The given sentence is of simple past.

The active/passive structure of such sentences is given below:

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

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

So, the passive voice of the sentence would be: "**He was seen picking up a gun by someone.**"

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

182. B

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

- Here the use of the verb-phrase 'should have done' is incorrect.
- The expression "**it's time**" is followed by "**subject + past verb**" to refer to the present moment.

E.g. :- Gosh! It's almost midnight. It's time we went home.

- It's time with a verb in the to-infinitive form can refer to the speaker and the listener together.

E.g. :- Come on. It's time to start packing. We have to leave in two hours.

- Thus, **replace "should have done" with "did"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: "**It is time we did something useful.**"

183. C

Sol. • In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.

- The first sentence will be P as it introduces the main theme i.e., '**the history of the city Manhattan**'.
- After this, the next will be sentence R that tells about **the role of the two writers while writing on Manhattan's history or geography.**
- Sentence S will be the third in the sequence as it is in continuation to R.

- The last sentence will be **Q**, which concludes the given sentences (easily recognizable with the word '**moreover**'). It finally concludes that the book "**Decoding Manhattan**" deals with the history of Manhattan with the flights of fancy which means something extremely imaginary.

o Thus, the **correct sequence is PRSQ.**

After arranging the sentences, the passage will be :- "The history of a single square foot of Manhattan can yield lifetimes of information. In "Decoding Manhattan," the editors Antonis Antoniou and Steven Heller don't dutifully outline or summarize the island's history or geography. They mix eras, genres, and media to tell a story about an infinitely layered place. Moreover, they revel in the flights of fancy that Manhattan has inspired."

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

184. B

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

- We use the quantifiers less and fewer to talk about quantities, amounts and degree.
- Less and fewer are comparative words.
- Less is the comparative form of little. Fewer is the comparative form of few.
- We usually use 'less' with uncountable nouns. We use fewer with plural nouns.
- For example:

I do less work at weekends than I used to.

Better cycle routes would mean fewer cars and fewer accidents.

- Also, 'than' is used when you're talking about comparisons; 'then' is used when you're talking about something relating to time.

For example:

**Lawmakers would then turn their attention to a financial regulatory overhaul.
My breakfast is better than yours.**

The correct sentence will be '**Each college is founded by royal decree, and consists of a president, with not fewer than ten and not more than twenty members**'.

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

185. B

- Sol. ◦ In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the theme.
- R is the opening sentence as it points out the fact that India is the land of villages.
- S is the second statement after R because it describes why India is the land of the village.
- P should follow S because the noun "these people" is referred to the people mentioned in sentence S.
- Q should be the next sentence as it tells us the state of India before and after independence.
- Thus, the correct sequence is **RSPQ**.

After arranging the sequence would be :- **India is mostly the land of villages. Most of the people live in villages. Agriculture is the main occupation of these people. India was very backward before independence. But after independence, India has made tremendous progress.**

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

186. A

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

- Here the use of the adjective 'independent' is incorrect.
- It should be 'independence' which is **an abstract noun that clarifies the state of a woman** rather than 'independent' which is an adjective.

E.g. :- She has an independent income. (Adjective 'independent' is being modified by noun 'income'.)
She doesn't want to lose her independence. (Here, 'independence' is a noun)

- o Thus, **replace "independent" with "independence"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: "**Men say they love independence in a woman, but they don't waste a second demolishing it brick by brick.**"

187. C

Sol. The underlined part of the given sentence is grammatically correct.

- o The conjunction pair of "not only but also" follows the parallelism rule.
- o It means if '**but also**' is used with the verb or the object then '**not only**' should also be used before the verb or the object.
- o So, the use of "not only" should be done before the object "for his wealth".

E.g. :- He is not only handsome but also intelligent.

Mark works *not only careless but also hasty*.

- o Thus, the correct sentence will be :- "**He is known not only for his wealth but also for his learning.**"

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

188. C

Sol. The given sentence is of simple past.

The active/passive structure of such sentences is given below:

Active Voice : **Subject + verb (Ind form) + object.**

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

So, the passive voice of the sentence would be: **The boys who had not done their homework were punished by the teacher.**

Note: Despite having the same structure, option B is incorrect as the relative pronoun "who" has been used for the wrong subject here.

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

189. B

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

- Here the use of the auxiliary verb 'was' is incorrect.
- The past perfect tense is used to show **that it happened before other actions** in the same sentence that **are described by verbs in the simple past tense.**
- The action given in the second part happened first; thus it **will be in the past perfect tense.**

E.g. :- John had gone out when I arrived in the office.

- Thus, **replace "was" with "had"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: "**We reached his house on time, but he had already left for the airport.**"

190. A

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

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- Subject + had + to + verb (Ist form) + object.

Passive Voice :- Object + had + to + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The meeting had to be attended by the minister.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

191. A

Sol. **Mausoleum** = a stately or impressive building housing a tomb or group of tombs.

Shanty = a rhythmical work song originally sung by sailors.

Hovel = small crude shelter used as a dwelling.

Tepee = a Native American tent; usually of conical shape.

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

192. B

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

- Here the use of the verb 'like' is incorrect.
- If the conjunction 'and' is replaced by "**together with/ along with/ accompanied by/ as well as**", the verb will have no effect on the later part of these expressions.
- The words/noun prior to these expressions are/is the subject. Here, for the **singular noun 'he'**, we need **singular verb**.

E.g. :- **He** as well as his sister **is** well-educated.

- Thus, **replace "like" with "likes"** to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence will be: "**He, as well as you, likes to go.**"

193. B

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

- The subject of the sentence is a plural subject, i.e. **All the candidates**.
- But **needs** is a singular verb that does not agree to the subject.
- Thus, **need** is the correct verb to use.
- **To give a test** means that you are the one creating.
- But, a candidate does not create the test, he is the one answering the test.
- **To take a test** means that you are answering the questions.
- To improve the sentence, “**take**” should come in place of **Give**.
- Preposition **AT** is also incorrect to use here.
- We use **AT** before **time**, as in **AT 6pm**.
- Before days like, **Sunday, Monday, Thursday** etc. preposition **ON** is used.

The correct sentence will be: **As of the revised notice, all the candidates need to take the test on Friday.**

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

194. B

Sol. The underlined part of the given sentence is grammatically correct.

- The sentence here talks about the photos of various animals and birds from the wildlife park which is in the plural form i.e. **our subject is plural**.
- So, we **need a plural verb or auxiliary verb** after it and that will be '**are**'.
- As there are **many photos of majestic animals**, thus, there should be **more than one depiction** i.e. it should be 'graphic depictions'.
- Article 'a' doesn't come before a plural noun.

- Thus, the most suited one should be '**are graphic depictions of what is beautiful in**'.
- Thus, the correct sentence will be :- "**The vivid photos of majestic animals and colorful birds from the wildlife park are graphic depictions of what is beautiful in the continent of Africa.**"

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

195. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration are removed in the indirect narration and "**that**" conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb "**said**" will remain the same in the indirect form as **it is not followed by any object**.
- The reporting verb (said) is in **the V2 form**, so we will make the changes to the reported verb as per the rule: **The simple present tense changes to the simple past tense. ("is" will change to 'was')**
- The word '**these**' will change to '**those**'.

Thus, the indirect form will be: **She said that there was no need to get involved with those imaginary situations.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

196. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first see the meanings of the words:

Penetrate = gain access to (an organization, place, or system), especially when this is difficult to do

Perpetrate = carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action)

Precipitate = make something happen suddenly or sooner than expected.

Perpetuate = to cause something to continue

- The sentence talks about a mindless act which is a kind of behaviour. This gives us a hint that only the adjective "**perpetrate**" would fit in the sentence.
- Also, for the noun 'friends', we need **an adjective**.
- A **possessive pronoun "HIS"** can also work as an adjective. Thus, we will replace '**him**' with '**his**' from the underlined part.
- The correct preposition that we will use after the noun 'act' is 'on' **to show that the mindless act was towards the friends.**
- We can use **so** with an **adjective or adverb** to make it stronger.

e.g. It's **so** hot today!

- With a **noun or adjective + noun**, we use **such** to make it stronger.

e.g. You're **such** an angel!

Thus, the correct sentence will be: **No one could explain how a calm and balanced person like him could perpetrate such a mindless act on his friends.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

197. D

- Sol.
- In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to **find the theme**.
 - The first sentence will be **Q** as it **introduces the main theme** i.e., 'George Washington'.

- After this, next will be sentence **R** that elaborates what did Washington **contribute to the army**.
- Sentence **S** will be the **third one** in the sequence as it further describes the **deeds of Washington**.
- The last sentence will be **P**, which concludes that with the **efforts and strategy of George Washington**, finally, the British people surrendered.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **"As a government official, Washington spoke out against unfair laws. Also, he served as the head of the army as the Revolutionary War against the British raged. In 1774 and 1775, he was one of Virginia's representatives at the First and Second Continental Congresses. The British finally surrendered in 1781 at Yorktown, Virginia."**

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

198. B

Sol.

- In order to arrange the given sentences in an orderly manner, we need to find the **theme**.
- The first sentence will be **Q** as it introduces the main theme i.e., '**the species of pinnipeds**'. Sentence **Q** leads the introductory information about pinnipeds or seals.
- After this, next will be sentence **P** that **elaborates the specialty** of the pinnipeds in spite of belonging to different species.
- Sentence **S** will be the third one in the sequence as it **further explains the term**.
- The last sentence will be **R**, which concludes the given sentences i.e., it is **concerned with analyzing** known clinical abnormalities.

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

After arranging the sequence would be:- **"There are 33 species of pinnipeds alive today, most of which are known as seals. While there are many differences among the species, all seals have feet**

shaped like fins. In fact, the word pinniped means "fin-footed" in Latin. Those fin-shaped feet make them supreme swimmers, and all pinnipeds are considered semi-aquatic marine mammals."

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

199. B

Sol. The given question is of direct narration and we need to change it into the indirect form with the help of the following rules:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in the direct narration are removed in the indirect narration and "**that**" conjunction is used.
- The reporting verb "**said**" is changed to "**told**" in indirect speech as it is followed by an object.
- Since the reporting verb '**said**' is in the **V2 form**, we will change the **tense of the reported speech from the simple present tense to the simple past tense**.
- The **first-person pronoun "me"** will change according to the **subject** (my friend) of reporting speech. Thus, "**me**" will change to "**her**".

Thus, the indirect form will be: **My friend told me that for her running was like therapy.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

200. D

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

Until = up to the time or the event mentioned

Unless = if... not; except if

Although = in spite of the fact that

If = used in sentences in which one thing only happens or is true when another thing happens or is true

- The conjunctions "**until**" and "**unless**" are negative in meanings; thus, **should not be followed by "not"** as given in the sentence.
- "**Although**" does not give proper meaning to the sentence.
- The correct conjunction to be used in the sentence is "**if**" as **the said person cannot qualify if he doesn't study.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.