



SSC CGL 2020-21 Tier II

English : Mock Test 1

Mock Test Questions & Solutions

Mock Test Solutions in English

Questions

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

Some people define life's goals in terms of material achievements, while others would say they want (1) _____. Probe those seeking happiness on what (2) _____ mean by happiness and they, too, would list out things they want. The state of (3) _____ those things, for the latter, is happiness. In both cases, happiness is mistaken (4) _____ pleasure. Pleasure is achieved with substances. Happiness is about (5) _____ we enjoy what we have.

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

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| A. sadness | B. happiness |
| C. creativity | D. morality |

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

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| A. those | B. this |
| C. they | D. that |

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

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| A. achieving | B. creating |
| C. mentioning | D. elaborating |

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

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| A. inside | B. to |
| C. by | D. for |

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

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| A. which much | B. how much |
| C. who that | D. whose that |

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

Every morning, nine-year-old Khushi becomes guardian to her five-year-old sister Ankita as (1)_____ hold hands and cross the railway tracks to (2)_____ the school. The sisters leave home (3)_____ 7 am with school bags larger (4)_____ their torsos. The 2 km route

they walk on foot (5)_____ to school includes walking past a railway crossing and through the lanes of an industrial area used by mini trucks and carrier vehicles.

Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1

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| A. them | B. she |
| C. they | D. we |

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

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| A. reach | B. arrive |
| C. go | D. come |

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

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| A. at | B. on |
| C. from | D. in |

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

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| A. than | B. to |
| C. with | D. from |

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

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| A. hardly | B. daily |
| C. widely | D. evenly |

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

It is (1)_____ to get your car monsoon ready. With the onset of the monsoon, having a set of tyres with a good amount of tread is a must. Wet roads (2)_____ heavily compromised traction, made (3)_____ by water occasionally mixing with leaked oil and other vehicular fluids. The treads (4)_____ your tyres help in channeling this mix (5)_____ from contact surfaces, thereby improving grip.

Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 1

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| A. trivial | B. fiddling |
| C. cardinal | D. shallow |

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

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| A. have | B. had |
| C. has | D. being |

13. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 3
 - A. bad
 - B. better
 - C. worst
 - D. worse
14. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 4
 - A. below
 - B. on
 - C. in
 - D. for
15. Select the most appropriate option for blank No. 5
 - A. into
 - B. away
 - C. inside
 - D. over
16. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Before the invention of the wheel, large or heavy objects were typically dragged on some form of sled. Now you might be thinking, “But hey, monuments like Stonehenge (3000 BC) used a crude, early form of the wheel: logs to roll the stones across the earth!” However, somewhat bizarrely, archaeologists are increasingly starting to think that these stones were actually moved using a sledge with some form of lubricant, for example, pig lard. The same is true for the Pyramids (2589 and 2504 BC), one theory suggests that the large rocks were dragged on sleds and that water was poured on the sand to reduce friction.

Somewhere around 3500–3350 BCE, the first wheeled vehicles emerged across parts of Europe and Asia. No one is really sure whether it was a simultaneous invention or a fast-paced adoption of the new technology. Again, because records were not kept, we can never know for sure, the name of the first man, or woman to use the wheel for transportation. Early, wheeled vehicles were almost certainly 4 wheeled. The earliest known depictions of wheeled vehicles: the Bronocice pot, found in a Neolithic village in Poland in 3,635 -3,370 BC, and several clay tablets found in Uruk – Iraq. Both illustrate 4 wheeled vehicles dated to around 3300-3100 BC . A series of parallel tracks were found, near Kiel, Germany, that date to around 3420–3385 BC . Because the tracks are “wobbly” archaeologists believe that these were track marks from a wheeled vehicle and not a sled. Two wheeled vehicles came along slightly later. The first known depiction is dated 3402–2800 BC and was found in a grave gallery, in Lohne-Engelschecke, Germany.

Although the concept may seem super simple to us 21st-century apes, the wheel is a wholly human invention, that is to say, it doesn't appear anywhere in nature. Factors such as road infrastructure and the domestication of large animals capable of pulling wheeled vehicles e.g. horses, also played a pivotal role in the adoption of the wheel.

Whilst the first wheels were most likely, solid disks or even sliced tree trunks, they didn't stay that way for long. The spoked wheel was invented around 2000 BC in Anatolia (Turkey). Spokes made the wheels lighter giving the Sintashta an upper hand in warfare. Spoked wheels have been found in graves that date back as late as 2100-1800 BC . Wire-spoked wheels didn't emerge until the 1870s. We have invention of the bicycle to thank for this. In Switzerland and Germany, the first wheels were fixed to a rotating axle on a square mortise. Meaning that the wheels turned with the axel. However, in other areas the axel was fixed and the wheels rotated independently. The free-moving wheel design had a distinct advantage when it came to cornering. The tire is perhaps, yet another invention that can be claimed by the Scots. Celtic chariots (800–450 BC) are the first known examples to use an iron rim around the wheel. The first patent for a pneumatic tire was issued in 1847 by the Scottish inventor Robert William Thomson. The first mass-produced tire was made in 1888 on May Street, Belfast, by another Scot: John Boyd Dunlop. He designed it to reduce the headaches his son suffered when riding his tricycle.

What is the theme of the passage?

- A. Advancement of inventions by human
 - B. Early inventions of human history
 - C. History of the invention of the wheels
 - D. History of inventions in Asia and Europe
17. Where was the most probable earliest depiction of four wheeled vehicle found?
- A. Poland
 - B. Italy
 - C. Germany
 - D. Turkey
18. What was the way to move heavy objects before the invention of the wheel?
- A. Ships
 - B. Sleds
 - C. Carts
 - D. Human hands
19. Which of the following statements is/ are correct?
- i. Wheels were the gift of nature to mankind.
 - ii. Chemicals from the trees when used as lubricants to move heavy objects in ancient times.
 - iii. Some animals acted as motivation to invent the wheels.

- iv. Wire-spoked wheels were invented after the 1870s.
- A. I, II and III B. II and IV
C. I, III and IV D. III and IV
20. In which context, Switzerland should get the praise according to the passage?
- A. Rotating axel with fixed wheels B. Fixed axel with fixed wheels
C. Fixed axel with rotating wheels D. Rotating axel with rotating wheels
21. In which 2 continents date the wheeled vehicles emerge?
- A. Africa and Australia B. Europe and Asia
C. Asia and Australia D. Europe and Africa
22. where has the spoked wheels been found
- A. In the war front B. At the Castle of the King
C. In a potter's hut D. In the graves
23. What does the word "simultaneous" mean in the passage?
- A. concurrent B. apart
C. minacious D. intrinsic
24. What were the first wheels made of, according to the passage?
- A. Spokes B. Iron and clay
C. Trees D. Tires
25. What was the reason of producing tired by John Boyd Dunlop?
- A. reduction of the fraction B. help of the animals
C. the urge of invention D. help of his son
26. **Direction:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.
- Marine pollution is a combination of chemicals and trash, most of which comes from land sources and is washed or blown into the ocean. This pollution results in damage to the environment, to the health of all organisms, and to economic structures worldwide. Marine pollution is a growing problem in today's world. Our ocean is being flooded with two main types of pollution: chemicals and trash. Chemical contamination, or nutrient pollution, is concerning for health, environmental, and economic reasons. This type of pollution occurs when human activities, notably the use of fertilizer on farms, lead to the runoff of chemicals into waterways that ultimately flow into the ocean. The increased concentration of chemicals, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, in the coastal ocean, promotes the growth of algal blooms, which can be toxic to wildlife and harmful to humans.

The negative effects on health and the environment caused by algal blooms hurt local fishing and tourism industries. Marine trash encompasses all manufactured products—most of the plastic—that end up in the ocean. Littering, storm winds, and poor waste management all contribute to the accumulation of this debris, 80 percent of which comes from sources on land. Common types of marine debris include various plastic items like shopping bags and beverage bottles, along with cigarette butts, bottle caps, food wrappers, and fishing gear. Plastic waste is particularly problematic as a pollutant because it is so long-lasting. Plastic items can take hundreds of years to decompose.

This trash poses dangers to both humans and animals. Fish become tangled and injured in the debris, and some animals mistake items like plastic bags for food and eat them. Small organisms feed on tiny bits of broken-down plastic, called microplastic, and absorb the chemicals from the plastic into their tissues. Microplastics are less than five millimeters (0.2 inches) in diameter and have been detected in a range of marine species, including plankton and whales. When small organisms that consume microplastics are eaten by larger animals, the toxic chemicals then become part of their tissues. In this way, the microplastic pollution migrates up the food chain, eventually becoming part of the food that humans eat. Solutions for marine pollution include prevention and cleanup. Disposable and single-use plastic is abundantly used in today's society, from shopping bags to shipping packaging to plastic bottles. Revamping society's approach to plastic use will be a long and economically challenging process. Cleanup, in contrast, may be impossible for some items.

Many types of debris (including some plastics) do not float, so they are lost deep in the ocean. Plastics that do float tend to collect in large “patches” in ocean gyres. The Pacific Garbage Patch is one example of such a collection, with plastics and microplastics floating on and below the surface of swirling ocean currents between California and Hawaii in an area of about 1.6 million square kilometers (617,763 square miles), although its size is not fixed. These patches are less like islands of trash and, as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says, more like flecks of microplastic pepper swirling around an ocean soup. Even some promising solutions are inadequate for combating marine pollution. So-called “biodegradable” plastics often break down only at temperatures higher than will ever be reached in the ocean. Nonetheless, many countries are taking action. According to a 2018 report from the United Nations, more than sixty countries have enacted regulations to limit or ban the use of disposable plastic items.

According to the passage which of the following are considered as marine trash?

- i. Plastic

ii. Cigarette butts

iii. Fertilizer used in farms

A. i and ii

B. ii and iii

C. iii and i

D. i, ii and iii

27. According to the passage what sort of methods can be used as solutions for marine pollution?

i. Stopping the use of disposable and single-use plastic

ii. Stopping the use of bio degradable plastics

iii. Cleaning up the oceans of all the plastic waste

A. i and ii

B. ii and iii

C. iii and i

D. i, ii and iii

28. Why Plastic waste is particularly problematic as a pollutant?

A. Because it is present in abundant quantity

B. Because it is easily available

C. Because it floats in water

D. Because it can take hundreds of years to decompose

29. According to the passage ocean is being flooded with which main types of pollution?

A. Chemicals and trash

B. Plastics and paper

C. Biodegradable plastics and disposable and single-use plastic

D. Shopping bags and beverage bottles

30. The Pacific Garbage Patch is formed by swirling ocean currents between _____.

A. USA and Europe

B. California and Hawaii

C. California and Japan

D. Hawaii and Japan

31. The growth of algal blooms in the coastal ocean is promoted by?

A. Increasing global warming and thus in turn increasing the temperature of oceans

B. By the decrease in the number of marine life

C. The runoff of chemicals such as nitrogen and phosphorus into the ocean

D. None of the above

32. Why did more than sixty countries have enacted regulations to limit or ban the use of disposable or biodegradable plastics plastic items?

A. Because biodegradable plastics reacts with the chemicals such as nitrogen and phosphorus to make deadly gases which are harmful for marine animals

B. Because biodegradable plastics are too costly for the developing countries

C. Because biodegradable plastics do not float in the ocean and they accumulate on the ocean bed and thus it makes it difficult to clean the ocean

D. Because biodegradable plastics often break down only at temperatures higher than will ever be reached in the ocean

33. What is the synonym of the word 'revamp' as stated in the passage?

- A. Debuff
- B. Refurbish
- C. Root
- D. Plateau

34. What is the antonym of the word 'gyre' as stated in the passage?

- A. Line
- B. Current
- C. Depth
- D. Swirl

35. What can be inferred about how marine pollution affects human lives?

- A. This pollution results in damage to the environment by contaminating Earth's surface
- B. The microplastic pollution consumed by the marine life migrates up the food chain, eventually becoming part of the food that humans eat
- C. Marine pollution affects the economic structure all around the world
- D. All of the above

36. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomenon. It is witnessed all over the world in developing as well as developed countries. It has spread its tentacles in every sphere of life, namely business administration, politics, officialdom, and services. In fact, there is hardly any sector which can be characterised for not being infected with the vices of corruption. Corruption is rampant in every segment and every section of society, barring the social status attached to it. Nobody can be considered free from corruption from a high ranking officer to low ranking employees.

To root out the evil of corruption from society, we need to make a comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislatures, bureaucrats, and such code should be strictly enforced. Judiciary should be given more independence and initiatives on issues related to corruption. Special courts should be set-up to take up such issues and speedy trial is to be promoted. Law and order machinery should be allowed to work without political interference. NGOs and media should come forward to create awareness against corruption in society and educate people to combat this evil. Only then we would be able to save our system from being collapsed. According to the passage where does corruption has spread its tentacles?

- A. officialdom
- B. politics
- C. business administration
- D. all of these

37. What kind of status is being barred by corruption?
- A. social B. economic
C. mental D. physical
38. According to the passage, who is free from corruption?
- A. high ranking officers B. politicians
C. bureaucrats D. none of these
39. Which of the following measure is not mentioned in the passage to root out the evil of corruption from society?
- A. private sector should create awareness against corruption B. media should come forward to create awareness and educate people to combat this evil
C. judiciary to be given more independence and initiative in relation to corruption D. comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislature and bureaucrats
40. According to the passage, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- A. corruption is prevalent only in developing countries B. corruption is rampant in every segment and section of society
C. to combat corruption, law and order should be allowed to work without political interference D. corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomena
41. **Direction:** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Penguins are a group of aquatic, flightless birds. They live almost exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere, with only one species, the Galapagos penguin, found north of the equator. Highly adapted for life in the water, penguins have counter-shaded dark and white plumage, and their wings have evolved into flippers.

Most penguins feed on krill, fish, squid and other forms of sea life caught while swimming underwater. They spend about half of their lives on land and half in the oceans. The largest living species is the emperor penguin on average, adults are about 1.1 m tall and weigh 35 kg. The smallest penguin species is the little blue penguin, also known as the fairy penguin, which stands around 40 cm tall and weighs 1 kg.

Among extant penguins, larger penguins inhabit colder regions, while smaller penguins are generally found in temperate or even tropical climates. Some prehistoric species attained enormous sizes, becoming as tall or as heavy as an adult human. These were not restricted to Antarctic regions; on the contrary, subantarctic regions harboured high diversity. As per the passage, which of the following is false?

- A. most historic penguins lived in the Antarctic region
B. the average height of the emperor penguins is more than 3 ft
C. the flippers are evolutionized to swimming
D. penguins are flightless birds
42. The word closest in meaning to "plumage" is?
A. feathers
B. nose
C. tip of the beak
D. upper part of the feet
43. Which of the following is not the characteristic of penguins?
A. their plumage is of black and white colour usually.
B. they are amphibians.
C. they are diurnal creatures.
D. they are vegan.
44. Choose the correct statement from the following options.
A. larger penguins live in warmer climates and smaller penguins prefer colder climates.
B. penguins feed on fruits and vegetables.
C. they predominantly live in the north eastern hemisphere.
D. the smallest penguins are about 0.4 m.
45. Which of the following could replace the word 'harboured' as used in the passage?
A. existent
B. billet
C. abide
D. suppressed
46. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'.**

He went for a check-up and the doctor said that their is no especially cure for the common cold.

- A. there are no special cure
B. there was no special cure
C. their have been no special cure
D. No improvement

47. **Given below are four Jumbled sentences. Pick the option that gives their correct order.**

P. Over the past week, the state has been pounded by intense rainfall, thus transforming the July deficit to surplus.

Q. A year after being ravaged by the worst floods in two years, Kerala is once again facing a deluge.

R. The districts in Kerala's north — in particular Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Malappuram—are among the worst affected where relief work is going on.

S. The copious amounts of rainfall in the state have been both intense and consistent leading to many deaths besides rendering thousands homeless.

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

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

This is one of the most interesting novels that has been written and published this year.

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| A. This is one of the most | B. interesting novels that has been |
| C. written and published this year | D. No error |

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

They imagined on that their son would become the most successful doctor.

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| A. son would become the | B. They imagined on that their |
| C. most successful doctor | D. No error |

50. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Ins and outs**

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| A. all the details | B. to start a conversation |
| C. meet accidentally | D. to tell someone firmly to go away |

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

P. Income Tax is a direct tax which is charged on the income of individuals or entities who are required to pay taxes to the government.

Q. The tax is calculated on the next taxable income of the entity on the basis of the income slabs.

R. Income slabs are pre-defined by the IT Department.

S. The lower the income, the lower the tax liability and vice-versa.

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| A. PQRS | B. SPQR |
| C. RSPQ | D. PSQR |

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

Few remarks that he made, in the party last evening, were offensive to my friend.

- A. Few remarks that he made
- B. in the party last evening, were
- C. offensive to my friend
- D. No Error

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

P. So, I have decided to accept the results and stay in service to the people in any way I can, Mr. Yameen said.

Q. But yesterday the Maldivian people made their decision about me.

R. "In front of the Maldivian people, my work was sincere.

S. According to English translations of his televised speech delivered in the local language.

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

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

If you told me all the facts earlier I would have helped you.

- A. If you told me
- B. all the facts earlier
- C. I would have helped you
- D. No error

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

Social media is potentially habit forming or _____ in nature.

- A. compelling
- B. compulsive
- C. addictive
- D. believing

56. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. You should open the Macallan 52 bottle about one hour before you use it.

- A. The Macallan 52 bottle about one hour should be opened before it is used
- B. The Macallan 52 bottle should be opened about one hour before it is used
- C. The Macallan 52 bottle must be opened about one hour before it is used
- D. You can open the macallan 52 bottle about one hour before it is used

57. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Suitable or intended for only

young persons

- A. youthful
- B. puerile
- C. adolescent
- D. juvenile

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

The new sale would began at the third of next month.

- A. begin on
- B. begun from
- C. begin with
- D. No improvement

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

P. Then, they spread as the unmined coal starts burning with oxygen drawn from pores and mine shafts.

Q. An entire township- Jharia is to be relocated because of the uncontrollable underground fires.

R. These fires start mostly from burning trash close to coal pits.

S. This is a grave threat as poisonous fumes of carbon monoxide rise up from underground fires.

- A. QSPR
- B. SRPQ
- C. RSPQ
- D. QRPS

60. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. A person I met in the theatre was the playwright himself and I didn't even recognize him.

- A. No error
- B. was the playwright himself
- C. A person I met in the theatre
- D. and I didn't even recognize him

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

He said to me, "What time does the office close?"

- A. He wanted to know what time has the office closed.
- B. He asked me what time did the office closes.
- C. He asked me what time the office closed.
- D. He asked me what time the offices did close.

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

They said, "Mother, we are not hungry, we shall eat later."

- A. They told their mother that they were not hungry,
- B. They told their mother if they were not hungry,

they would eat later.

they would eat later.

C. They told their mother that they were hungry, they would eat later.

D. They told their mother that they were not hungry, they would eat later.

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

He called me a liar.

A. He said to me, "you were a liar".

B. He says, "you're a liar".

C. He told to me, "a liar".

D. He said to me, "Liar".

64. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. It is said that Vijaya Mallaya absconded with a lot of tax payers money.

A. They say that Vijaya Mallaya absconded with a lot of tax payers money

B. It is said that Vijaya Mallaya abscond with a lot of

of tax payers money

tax payers money

C. Vijaya Mallaya absconded with a lot of tax payers money is said by them.

D. Vijaya Mallaya abscond with a lot of tax payers money is said by all.

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

The Great Wall of China is one structure build by man visible from the moon.

A. The Great Wall of China is

B. one structure build by

C. man visible from the moon

D. No error

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

REPERCUSSION

A. rearrangement

B. reaction

C. recollection

D. reminder

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

P. There's no denying that the matrimonial market in India is big.

Q. It boasts of being India's first professional matrimony app that uses your LinkedIn profile to find your life partner.

R. At a time when caste and religion have divided the marriage market, Promatch works on a totally different parameter.

- S. Tapping into the burgeoning market, there is a new entrant in town.
A. PSRQ B. RPSQ
C. QPSR D. PQRS
68. **Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**
- A state of perfect balance
A. equilateral B. equinox
C. equilibrium D. equivalent
69. **Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**
- To spend winter in a dormant state
A. convalesce B. hoist
C. connote D. hibernate
70. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
- He inquired how far my school was.
A. He said, "How far is your school?" B. He said "How far your school?"
C. He said, "How far was your school?" D. He said, "How far your school was?"
71. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.**
- The Professor gave him a negative feedback during his Thesis submission.
A. A negative feedback is being given to him by the Professor during submitting his Thesis B. The Professor will give him negative feedback during his Thesis submission.
C. A negative feedback was given to him by the Professor during his Thesis submission. D. Giving of a negative feedback to him during his Thesis submission has been done by the Professor.
72. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
- "What a lot of food there is to eat!" she said.
A. She exclaimed what a lot of food there was to eat. B. She exclaimed what a lot of food was there to eat.
C. She exclaimed that there was a lot of food to eat. D. She said that there was lot of food to be eaten.
73. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**

The guide requested the students not to touch the flower.

- A. The guide requests the students, "Please don't touch the flower."
- B. The guide said to the students, "Please don't touch the flower."
- C. The guide said to students, "Please not to touch the flower."
- D. The guide requested the student, "Please don't touch the flower".

74. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence.** People eat rice in Bihar and Jharkhand.

- A. Bihar and Jharkhand can eat rice.
- B. Bihar eat rice and also Jharkhand.
- C. Rice was eaten in Bihar and Jharkhand.
- D. Rice is eaten in Bihar and Jharkhand.

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

P. But now Leh is in the news for an entirely different reason.

Q. The group of 25 girls, all aged from 15 to 30, have already participated in two international tournaments.

R. We've all known Leh for its diverse scenic beauty and exhilarating road trips.

S. Leh is home to India's first-ever women's ice hockey team.

- A. PSQR
- B. RPSQ
- C. QPSR
- D. PQRS

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

P. His parents were middle-class, but they suffered financially as a result of living beyond their means.

Q. When Dickens was twelve years old, his family's dire straits forced him to quit school and work in a blacking factory.

R. Charles Dickens was born on February 7, 1812, in Portsea, England.

S. Within weeks, his father was put in debtor's prison, where Dickens's mother and siblings eventually joined him.

- A. PQRS B. RPQS
C. RSPQ D. PRSQ

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

A person who lives alone and avoids other people

- A. chaperon B. recluse
C. antisocial D. matron

78. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Hear deformity are one of the most common birth defects in India.

- A. Hearing improvement is one B. Heard impairment is one
C. Hearing impairment is one D. No improvement

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

P. The farmer climbed down from his seat and stood beside the wagon.

Q. A farmer was driving his wagon along a muddy country road after heavy rain.

R. At last it came to a standstill when one of the wheels sank to the hub in a rut.

S. The horses could hardly drag the load through the deep mud.

- A. QPRS B. PRQS
C. QSRP D. SRPQ

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

The base frame of a car or other wheeled vehicle

- A. fuselage B. bonnet
C. chassis D. cockpit

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

The students met the college authority whom allowed them to sit for the exams.

- A. who allowed him to sit for the exams B. which allowed them to sit for the exams.

- C. who allowed them to sit for the exams D. No improvement

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

Soaham said, "Where is the police station?"

- A. Soaham said where is the police station. B. Soaham ask me where the police station was.
C. Soaham said to me where was the police station. D. Soaham asked where the police station was.

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

P. This year, there were 52 participants, with 44 out of them from India.

Q. Inaugurated last year, this year's edition of the Ladakh Kayak Festival was held over two days (August 23 and 24) on the Indus River.

R. The section chosen for the event was on a class five rapid named Bollywood Boulevard.

S. The river flows over huge boulders creating three-meter waves and terrifying hydraulics that only the worlds' finest kayakers can navigate.

- A. PQRS B. RQPS
C. RPSQ D. QPRS

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

The commander ordered his soldiers to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

- A. The commander ordered his soldiers to be moved B. The soldiers were ordered by the commander to move forward and attack the enemy camps.
C. His soldiers were ordered by the commander to move forward and attacked the enemy camps. D. The commander was ordered by his soldiers to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

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

Excessively lengthy speech

- A. concision B. verbiage
C. curt D. succinct

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

He must know them in their most plausible form, isn't it?

- A. isn't he? B. mustn't he?
C. can't he? D. No improvement

87. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.** He climbed many a tree when he was a boy.
- A. Many a tree were climbed by him when he was a boy.
B. Many a tree are climbed by him when he was a boy.
C. Many a tree was climbed by him when he was a boy.
D. Many a tree is climbed by him when he was a boy.
88. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
Mohan said, "Can you read?" and I said, "Yes".
- A. Mohan asked me whether to read or I cannot.
B. Mohan asked me if I could read, and I said that I could.
C. Mohan said to me if I can't read and I said no I can't.
D. Mohan told to me that he could read and I said yes.
89. **Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**
- IMPECCABLE
- A. imperfect
B. capricious
C. faultless
D. vicious
90. **In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**
- Every woman in the world fervently hopes that their child will be a normal and healthy baby.
- A. Every woman
B. that their child
C. normal and healthy baby.
D. world fervently hopes
91. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
He said angrily to his brother, "Why don't you do as you are told?"
- A. He angrily asked his brother why he did not do as he had been told.
B. He angrily asked his brother why he did not do as he is told.
C. He angrily asked his brother why he did not do as he was told.
D. He angrily asked his brother why did not he do as he was told.
92. **In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.**

The road to famous monument passes through a forest with the tall Pine trees and the patches of green glades.

- A. and the patches of green glades
- B. passes through a forest with the tall Pine trees
- C. The road to famous monument
- D. No error

93. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** Hornet's nest

- A. acted with energy and interest
- B. caused anger in many people
- C. responded to criticism angrily
- D. stopped people criticizing someone

94. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.** Although Sourav Ganguly had invited MS Dhoni, he did not come.

- A. Although MS Dhoni had been invited by Sourav Ganguly, he did not come
- B. Although MS Dhoni was invited by Sourav Ganguly, he did not come
- C. Although MS Dhoni had invited by Sourav Ganguly, he did not come
- D. Although MS Dhoni had being invited by Sourav Ganguly, he did not come

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

P. Among the many things demonetization and the ensuing cash crunch has impacted, the sale of cigarettes has suffered a major loss in the days following the ban.

Q. PM Modi's recent demonetization might just be making the country's lungs healthier.

R. Shopkeepers, who are not receiving any credit on cigarettes from manufacturers, are thus failing to extend credit to even regular customers who are cashless, which is adding a further dip to the already low sales.

S. Vendors and traders claim the sale of cigarettes has suffered an almost 40 per cent decrease due to lack of cash, especially change.

- A. PSQR
- B. RPSQ
- C. QPSR
- D. PQRS

96. **Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct/indirect) of the given sentence.**
The old man said that he would soon be leaving the world.

A. The old man said, "I am going to leave the world soon."

C. The old man said, "I am soon leaving the world."

B. The old man said, "I would soon leave the world."

D. The old man said, "I shall soon be leaving the world."

97. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** The last thing she wanted was rivalry _____ both the men.

A. between

B. among

C. about

D. for

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

An old unmarried woman

A. masochist

B. septuagenarian

C. sniper

D. spinster

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

He was taken to the hospital by his friends.

A. His friends had taken him to the hospital

B. His friends have taken him to the hospital

C. His friends take him to the hospital

D. His friends took him to the hospital

100. **In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'.** Weller assured Dean that the authorities were satisfied in Martha's temporary situation.

A. Weller assured Dean that

B. satisfied in Martha's

C. authorities were

D. no error

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

Kannan said to Subha, "I'll return the book after I have read it".

A. Kannan told Subha that he will return the book after he has read it.

B. Kannan told Subha that he would return the book after he has read it.

C. Kannan told Subha that he will return the book after he read it.

D. Kannan told Subha that he would return the book after he had read it.

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

Yesterday when I fail to solve the problem myself, I unhesitatingly called for his help.

- A. Yesterday when I fail
- B. to solve the problem myself
- C. for his help
- D. I unhesitatingly called

103. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. The sun was shining such bright that Leela has to put on her sunglasses.

- A. so bright that Leela had
- B. such brightly that Leela has
- C. so brightly that Leela had
- D. No improvement

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

The gold foil used liberal in Thanjavur paintings serves many objectives that make the painting more attractive.

- A. No error
- B. the painting more attractive
- C. serves many objectives that make
- D. The gold foil used liberal in Thanjavur paintings

105. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. I love that black small old scooter that always parked in front of that building.

- A. small black scooter old
- B. small black old scooter
- C. small old black scooter
- D. No improvement

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

Inspite of his profound knowledge and deep interest his father forbade him about entering into politics.

- A. from entering politics
- B. on entering into politics
- C. about entering politics
- D. No improvement

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

Will Motin be helped by us?

- A. Will Motin help us?
- B. Shall we help Motin?
- C. Shall Motin be helped?
- D. We shall helped Motin?

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

The teacher asked me why I had been absent the day before.

- A. The teacher asked me, "Why were you absent yesterday?"
B. The teacher asked me, "Why are you absent yesterday?"
C. The teacher asked me, "Why are you absent the day before?"
D. The teacher asked me, "Were you absent the day before?"

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

Alok said, "Will you play cricket?" and I said, "No".

- A. Alok said to me will you play cricket and I said no.
B. Alok wants to know if I will play cricket and I said no I will not.
C. Alok asked me if I would play cricket and I said that I would not.
D. Alok wanted me to play cricket but I denied and said no.

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

Chapter and verse

- A. provided minute details
B. spoke like a preacher
C. referred to religious books
D. taught like a teacher

111. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. grapled
B. pattered
C. paralel
D. emphatic

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

As the crow flies

- A. you do something easily and without any preparation
B. shortest path between two points
C. something that people argue for a long time
D. to make public something embarrassing that should be kept secret

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

She was tired as she was working since morning.

- A. she has been working
B. she is working
C. No improvement
D. she had been working

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

MODESTY

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| A. honesty | B. vanity |
| C. originality | D. variety |

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

P. Uttarakhand is the hub for adventure water sports in the country.

Q. The High Court has asked the state government to formulate a policy regulating adventure tourism and water sports in the state.

R. This could come as a huge blow to the adventure sports business in the state.

S. But, the High Court has ordered a ban on all water sports activities including water river rafting and paragliding.

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

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

P. Currently, the energy mix is skewed towards coal, which is not only a major source of air pollution but it also consumes large amounts of water – a particularly precious resource in India.

Q. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) official commented that a typical solar project utilizes only 1 kiloliter of water per MW on a daily basis way less than coal.

R. Coal requires large quantities of precious water compared to solar and wind.

S. As both electricity and water demand are increasing, traditional sources of energy have become a liability not just because of pollution but also due to heavy water consumption.

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| A. PQSR | B. PRQS |
| C. PSRQ | D. QPRS |

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

P. The orange sun peeked from behind the empty hills and found two sets of furrowed brows.

- Q. On the passenger seat, his son, Kevin did the same, and his frown didn't move.
- R. On the driver seat, Michael lowered the sun visor, and his frown dissolved.
- S. And then, Kevin's eyes were lost beyond the hills, his arms crossed, his hands fiddling with the cord of the headphones.
- A. PRQS B. SPQR
C. RSPQ D. RPQS

118. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. There is plenty of apps available in the Play Store that turn your old Android phone into a web camera.

- A. are plenty of app available in B. No improvement
C. is plenty of apps available on D. are plenty of apps available in

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

Kiran said to Russ, "You have kidnapped my wife".

- A. Kiran asked to Russ that he have kidnapped his wife. B. Kiran told Russ that he had kidnapped his wife.
C. Kiran told Russ that he would kidnapped his wife. D. Kiran asked Russ if he had to kidnap my wife.

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

The teacher said to the boys, "Since it is so warm let us go for swimming."

- A. The teacher suggested the boys that they would go swimming since it was so warm. B. The teacher suggested to the boys that they should go for swimming since it was so warm.
C. The teacher suggested to the boys that they shall go swimming since it was so warm. D. The teacher suggested the boys that they must go swimming since it was so warm.

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

IMAGINARY

- A. factual B. palpable
C. substantial D. fictitious

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

This picture had been drawn by me.

- A. I had drawn this picture
- B. I have drawn this picture
- C. I drew this picture
- D. I drawn this picture

123. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. He has enough skilled to handle his problems on his own.

- A. has enough good
- B. is skilled enough
- C. is possess skilled enough
- D. No improvement

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

The tourists insured their luggage because they assumed it must be stole.

- A. it will be stolen
- B. it was going to be stole
- C. it might be stolen
- D. No improvement

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

I am willing to attending the party tomorrow and help her with the whole decoration.

- A. I am willing to attending
- B. the party tomorrow and help her
- C. with the whole decoration
- D. No error

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

My sister-in-laws who live in the US are planning to visit us during the winter break.

- A. My sister-in-laws who
- B. live in the US are planning
- C. to visit us during the winter break
- D. No error

127. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. areobics
- B. chosers
- C. batered
- D. eternity

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

She prayed that God might save the king.

- A. She says, "God saves the king".
- B. She wished, "God might saved the king".
- C. She said, "God must save the king".
- D. She said, "May God save the king".

129. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. I could hardly believe my eyes than I saw the scenic beauty of the Himalayas.

- A. than I see
- B. when I saw
- C. when I seen
- D. No improvement

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

To break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay

- A. disintegrate
- B. disharmony
- C. disinherit
- D. denigrate

131. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Why did you not cast your vote?

- A. Why your vote did not cast by you?
- B. Why your vote had not been casted by you?
- C. Why your vote is not being cast by you?
- D. Why was your vote not cast by you?

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

Hear him now.

- A. Let he be heard now
- B. He should be heard now.
- C. He is requested to hear now
- D. He should be heard then.

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

P. Before joining Google, he held various engineering and product management positions at Applied Materials.

Q. He was also responsible for the HTML5 and open web platform efforts at Google.

R. Prior to that, he led the product management and innovation efforts for a suite of Google's consumer products, including Google Toolbar, Chrome and Chrome OS.

S. Sundar Pichai joined Google in 2004 and became CEO in August of 2015.

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

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

P: IGNOU is run by the central government of India, and with total active enrollment of over 4 million students, claims to be the largest university in the world.

Q: Indira Gandhi National Open University known as IGNOU, is a distance learning national university located at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, India.

R: Apart from teaching and research, it also offers extension and training.

S: Named after Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India, the university was established in 1985 with a budget of ₹20 million.

- A. PSRQ
- B. QSPR
- C. RQSP
- D. SQPR

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

The colourful balloons that I bought for Christmas is very nice.

- A. The colourful
- B. I bought for
- C. is very nice
- D. No error

136. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Yesterday, Ravi unnecessarily picked a quarrel with his neighbour and created chaos.

- A. picked on quarrels
- B. picked out a quarrel
- C. No improvement
- D. has picked up quarrel

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

P. For a moment I didn't respond.

Q. As yet, I haven't done anything about it; I can't think of anything to do.

R. It was quite by accident I discovered this incredible invasion of Earth by lifeforms from another planet.

S. It took some time for the full import to sink in.

- A. SPQR
- B. PRQS
- C. RPQS
- D. PSQR

138. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. Unfortunately, I did not pass in the examination.

- A. did not pass over the examination
- B. did not overcome the examination

- C. did not pass the examination D. No improvement

139. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** The metals and minerals sector _____ currently highly volatile.

- A. are B. is
C. was D. were

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

"Don't hesitate in clearing your doubts," the teacher said to me.

- A. The teacher told me not to hesitate in clearing my doubts. B. The teacher ordered me not to hesitate in clearing my doubts.
C. The teacher persuaded me not to hesitate in clearing her doubts. D. The teacher requested me not to hesitate in clearing my doubts.

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

They said, "We trust in God."

- A. They said that they trusted in God. B. They said that we trusted in God.
C. They said that they trusted into God. D. They said that they had trusted in God.

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

Go home immediately _____ your mother is looking for you.

- A. after B. so that
C. because D. but

143. **Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.** Of late, the number of literates _____ gone up.

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

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

P: Children with good manners are liked by one and all.

Q: They are appreciated even by strangers.

R: All round development of a child is possible only if a child is groomed in good manners.

S: Therefore, the public schools lay great emphasis on the cultivation of good manners in their students.

- A. PQRS B. QPSR
C. RSQP D. SRPQ

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

Priya said to Neha, "Are you going with me?"

- A. Priya told Neha if she could go with him. B. Neha told Priya if she is going with him.
C. Priya asked Neha if she was going with her. D. Neha told Priya if she will go with him.

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

Easy transport was the main reason why cities grew in the river bank all around the world.

- A. along the river banks B. in the river banks
C. along the river bank D. No improvement

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

The detective found the lost necklace.

- A. The lost necklace should find the detective. B. The lost necklace was found by the detective.
C. The lost necklace founded by the detective. D. The lost necklace had been find by the detective.

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

I did not saw my cousin in Madras.

- A. has not seen B. did not see
C. did not seen D. No improvement

149. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Golden handshake

- A. an act of flattery B. a big amount given to someone who leaves or
C. an act of honesty D. payment of a huge debt
retires from the job

150. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. Each the boy who took part in the game was given a gift hamper.

- A. No error B. was given a gift hamper
C. took part in the game D. Each the boy who

151. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Your true friend will stands around yours in your failures and your success.

- A. stands up to you on
- B. stand by you in
- C. stand by your in
- D. No improvement

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

Rahul says that Azhar loves cricket.

- A. Rahul said, "Azhar loves cricket".
- B. Rahul said, "Azhar loved cricket".
- C. Rahul says, "Azhar loved cricket".
- D. Rahul says, "Azhar loves cricket".

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

One-third of the construction have been completed in a short span.

- A. One-third of the construction
- B. have been completed
- C. in a short span.
- D. No error

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

Priyanka said to Saurabh, "If I were trapped on a deserted island, I'd lose my mind in fear."

- A. Priyanka told Saurabh that if she were trapped on a deserted island, she'd lose her mind in fear.
- B. Priyanka told Saurabh that if she is trapped on a deserted island, she'd have lost her mind in fear.
- C. Priyanka told Saurabh that if she were trapped on a deserted island, she had lost her mind in fear.
- D. Priyanka told Saurabh that if he will be trapped on a deserted island, he'd have lost his mind in fear.

155. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. fidellity
- B. befallen
- C. probable
- D. salwager

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

The audience loudly cheered the leader's speech.

- A. The leader's speech was loudly cheered by the audience
- B. The leader's speech is loudly cheered by the audience
- C. The audience loudly cheered the leader for his speech
- D. The speech of the leader was loudly cheered by the audience

157. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'no Improvement'. I will clear off these drawer and then you can put your things in it.

- A. clear up this drawers
- B. clear up this drawer

- C. clear up these drawers D. No improvement

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

His brilliant success in the examination as well as his record in sports deserves high praise.

- A. His brilliant success in the B. as well as his record in
C. deserves high praise D. No error

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

Sukesh said, "Bravo! you have done well."

- A. Sukesh applaudad him that he has done well. B. Sukesh praised him that he had done well.
C. Sukesh appreciated his done well. D. Sukesh said bravo as he had done well.

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

P. It can also happen by exposure to chemicals called mutagens, or infection by viruses.

Q. A mutation is a change in a DNA sequence.

R. There are two types of mutations – germ line mutation and somatic mutation.

S. Mutations can result from DNA copying mistakes made during cell division or exposure to ionizing radiation.

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

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

The flute is being played by Shankar.

- A. Shankar was playing the flute B. Shankar is playing the flute
C. Shankar has been playing the flute D. Shankar playing the flute

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

This beautiful story was written by Maya.

- A. Maya is writing this beautiful story. B. Maya writes this beautiful story.

C. Maya wrote this beautiful story. D. Maya was writing this beautiful story.

163. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. If the sentence has no error, then select 'No error'. The ABC Mill posted mixed results against several currency.

- A. The ABC Mill posted B. mixed results
C. several currency D. No error

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

- Gnomes of Zurich
A. foreign leaders B. big international bankers
C. guardians of treasure D. witchcraft of Zurich

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

The teacher said to the students, 'The earth revolves around the sun.'

- A. The teacher said to the students that the earth B. The teacher told the students that the earth
revolved around the sun. revolved around the sun.
C. The teacher said students that the earth revolves D. The teacher told the students that the earth
around the sun. revolves around the sun.

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

- PERTURB
A. confound B. commend
C. soothe D. fluster

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

Sona said, "Why did you not read this book?"

- A. Sona said why did you not read this book. B. Sona asked me why I had not read that book.
C. Sona told to me that he did not read this book. D. Sona inquired if he had read the book.

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

- To have something up your sleeve
A. have some honest means B. have some hidden sources of money
C. have a secret pocket in the sleeve D. have a secret plan

169. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Excusing yourself before standing to leave is part of proper table _____.

- A. usage
- B. etiquette
- C. dignity
- D. habit

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

Looking at the situation, it is time you decide on your next course of action

- A. Looking at the situation
- B. it is time you decide on
- C. your next course of action
- D. No error

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

Sheela said to us, "You must work hard."

- A. Sheela told me that we may work hard.
- B. Sheela told us that we must work hard.
- C. Sheela told us that we must be working hard.
- D. Sheela told us that we must have worked hard.

172. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. Mohan helped my friends.

- A. My friends were helped by Mohan.
- B. Mohan was to help his friend.
- C. Someone can help Mohan.
- D. Mohan will be helped by his friends.

173. Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'. Have you not reach in time, we would have lost our lives.

- A. Had you not reach
- B. If you have not reached
- C. Had you not reached
- D. No improvement

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

P. It marked the first time such a fast-track approach was used. In the past, it took the Progress ships up to two days to reach the space outpost.

Q. A Russian cargo ship delivered a fresh load of fuel, food, and other supplies for the International Space Station on Tuesday, making it in record time.

R. The Progress MS-09 lifted off as scheduled at 3:51 a.m. (2151 GMT; 5:51 p.m. EDT Monday) from the Russia-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

S. The unmanned spacecraft loaded with nearly three tons of supplies docked at the station in automatic mode less than four hours after the launch.

- A. RQSP
- B. PSRQ
- C. QRSP
- D. PQRS

175. **Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.** Bring to light

- A. to do something that causes you harm
- B. be in complete control
- C. turn on the light
- D. to make widely known

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

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- A. sarcasm
- B. contamination
- C. benevolence
- D. bitterness

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

A story that expresses ideas through symbols

- A. armory
- B. allegory
- C. amatory
- D. aleatory

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

"Hello! How are you", He said.

- A. He greeted me and asked me how I was.
- B. He greeted me by asking how was I.
- C. He saluted me and enquired how I was.
- D. He said hello and wanted to know how I was.

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

She found only a wooden broken tables after opening the locked room in the first floor.

- A. wooden and broken table
- B. broken wooden table
- C. broken wooden tables
- D. No improvement

180. **Identify the best way to improve the underlined part of the given sentence. If there is no improvement required, select 'No Improvement'.** Umesh bowls faster than Shami in every T20 tournament, isn't it?

- A. isn't Umesh
- B. does he?
- C. doesn't he?
- D. No improvement

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

P. They were all very bright and eager to learn, and the sage was proud of them.

Q. One day he realized that he had imparted sufficient knowledge to his disciples.

R. Once upon a time, a great sage had a group of obedient disciples.

S. There was only one thing that he had not taught them – a special mantra that could bring the dead back to life.

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

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

A trade that is prohibited by law.

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| A. incredible | B. illusive |
| C. inapt | D. illicit |

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

She said, "I have to play a match."

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| A. She said that I have to play a match. | B. She said that she had to play a match. |
| C. She told that she had played a match. | D. She told that she had have to play a match. |

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

Pakistan is running the terrorist training camps.

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| A. Pakistan training camps will being run by Pakistan. | B. Terrorist training camps are being run by Pakistan. |
| C. Pakistan training camps are being run by Terrorist. | D. Terrorist training camps was been run by Pakistan. |

185. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. There was a serious _____ between the two brothers.

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| A. altercation | B. alteration |
| C. aberration | D. affirmation |

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

sentence.

The books exhibition had been opened by the Governor.

- A. The Governor had opened the books exhibition
- B. The Governor has opened the books exhibition
- C. The Governor opened the books exhibition
- D. The Governor opens the books exhibition

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

By whom was this work done?

- A. Who had done this work?
- B. Who did this work?
- C. Who has done this work?
- D. Who does this work?

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

Despite of the good services offered by the company, its reputation did not improve in the market.

- A. good services offered
- B. its reputation
- C. Despite of
- D. did not improve

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

Rapid increase in the number or amount of something

- A. proliferation
- B. promotion
- C. propensity
- D. paucity

190. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active/passive) form of the given sentence. The poor should be served.

- A. We can serve the poor.
- B. You should serve the poor.
- C. We shall serve the poor.
- D. You might serve the poor.

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

A popular fashion accessory, beads play a _____(1) role in archaeological studies, providing a window to cultures and civilizations. Beads are a _____(2) statement in today's world. They can also tell us the _____(3) of a civilization. The statue of the 'Priest-King' from Mohenjo-Daro is a _____(4) discovery. The findings _____(5) that the headband depicted on the forehead of the Priest-King consisted of a gold fillet with the _____(6) made up of a gold circlet and a steatite bead. The combination of all these _____(7) clearly created an extraordinary, elite

item. Archaeologists have _____ (8) the significant role that beads play in revealing various aspects of the Harappan or Indus Valley _____ (9). They also contribute in _____ (10) the cultures of the past like long-distance trade.

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

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| A. trivial | B. irrelevant |
| C. significant | D. worthless |

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

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| A. fashion | B. useless |
| C. health | D. nutrition |

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

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| A. nothing | B. story |
| C. none | D. ending |

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

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| A. remarkable | B. pointless |
| C. unimportant | D. insignificant |

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

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| A. hide | B. conceal |
| C. bury | D. show |

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

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| A. land | B. center-piece |
| C. garden | D. tower |

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

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| A. properties | B. tastes |
| C. elements | D. flavours |

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

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| A. questioned | B. doubted |
| C. denied | D. explained |

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

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| A. utensils | B. furniture |
| C. civilization | D. houses |

200. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10

- A. understanding
- B. confusing
- C. clouding
- D. puzzling

Solutions

1. B

Sol. • The first line shows two totally different life goals of people.

• Some people want only '**material achievements**'.

• The **other life goal** that will come in the blank is '**happiness**' as the whole passage is about 'happiness'.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

2. C

Sol. • The given blank needs **a pronoun** for the **demonstrative pronoun 'those'**.

• "**Those**" is used to point **to people and things** and is **plural**.

• Thus, "**they**" (**a plural pronoun**) fits in the blank.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. A

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

Achieving = successfully bring about or reach (a desired objective or result) by effort, skill, or courage.

Creating = bring (something) into existence.

Mentioning = refer to (something) briefly and without going into detail.

Elaborating = develop or present (a theory, policy, or system) in further detail.

• The sentence here mentions what 'happiness' means for some people.

• "**Those things**" mentioned in the sentence are for the things that bring happiness for these people (mentioned in the previous sentence).

- These people can attain happiness only when they have achieved all the things.

Thus, the word '**achieving**' is the best fit for the blank.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

4. D

- Sol.
- The phrase '**mistaken for**' is used to think that a person or thing is someone or something else.
e.g. The gunman had mistaken him for a drug dealer.
 - Here, **happiness** is mistaken for **pleasure**.
 - Thus, the preposition 'for' is the best fit for the blank.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

5. B

- Sol.
- The phrase "**how much**" is used for asking or saying what the amount of something is.
e.g. **How much** stuff is she taking with her?
 - Here, the sentence points out that happiness is about how much we enjoy what we already have.
 - Thus, "**how much**" is the best fit for the blank.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

6. C

- Sol.
- We need a **third person plural pronoun** here that can refer to both Khushi and Ankita.
 - Also the pronoun must be in the subjective case as the blank needs a subject.
 - To denote both the subjects, we will use pronoun 'they'.
 - 'Them' is the **objective case** of 'they.'
 - 'We' is plural form of 'I', and both are **first person pronouns**.

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

7. A

- Sol.
- 'Reach' means to be at the destination after sometime.

- Go and come cannot come in the place of blank since they take the preposition 'to' after them.
- 'Arrive' takes preposition 'at' after it.
- 'Come' is contextually incorrect.

Thus, "**reach**" is the most appropriate option for blank No. 2.

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

8. A

Sol. • 'At' is used to denote time.

For example: At midnight, at 10 PM etc

- 'On' is used with dates and days.
- 'In' is used to denote days, months, centuries.
- 'From' is used to show origin or starting point.

Thus after analyzing use of the prepositions "**at**" seems to be the most appropriate option for the blank as it is followed by a time expression "**7 am**".

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

9. A

Sol. • Whenever there is a comparison being made in the sentence, we use words like 'than'.

- For example: **Ram is taller than Shyam.**
- Here the comparison is being made between the torsos of girls and their bags.
- **Note:** "To" is used for comparison with some particular words, e.g. "I prefer tea to coffee".

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

10. B

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

- **Hardly** = rarely
- **Daily** = done, produced, or occurring every day
- **Evenly** = uniformly
- **Widely** = covering a large area.

After analyzing the meaning, in order to denote a routine habit, we would pick '**daily**' out of all the words given in the options.

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

11. C

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

- **Trivial** = of little value or importance
- **Fiddling** = annoyingly trivial or petty
- **Cardinal** = very important
- **Shallow** = of little depth

- The sentence attempts to convey that **it is important** to for the car to be ready for rains.
- After analyzing the meanings we can understand that "**Cardinal**" conveys correct meaning in the sentence.
- The other options mean the opposite of this.

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

12. A

Sol.

- The author wants to say that the traction of the roads is compromised during monsoon season and the action is already done.
- So it must be in the **present perfect tense**.

- "Being" and "had" are not used in present perfect tense.
- Also, "**roads**" is plural and "has" is singular, hence can be eliminated.
- Thus, "**Have**" is the correct verb to use here.

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

13. D

- Sol.
- This sentence conveys how condition of roads becomes even more deteriorated by water.
 - Thus an embedded comparison is made here with the former condition.
 - Therefore the comparative degree of bad is to be used here which is "**worse**".
 - **Note:** **Better** is the comparative degree of **Good**.

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

14. B

- Sol.
- Treads means patterns on tires which are slightly higher than the rest of the surface.
 - The preposition "**on**" is appropriate to describe treads in this context.

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

15. B

- Sol.
- **Mix into** means to combine one substance with others. This is contextually incorrect.
 - **Mix inside** and **Mix over** do not convey any meaning, these are meaningless words.
 - This sentence intends to convey how treads on the tyres keeps the water and fluid mix away from the tyres.

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

16. C

Sol. Throughout the passage we can see the invention, early mentions and the improvements of the wheels.

Thus, this passage is not about some random inventions of random places. Indeed, some historical structures, such as Stonehenge or Pyramids, have been mentioned in the passage but the passage does not revolve around them. Rather it goes on speaking elaborately about the wheels.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

17. A

Sol. In the passage, we can find that there is no mention of Italy. "Turkey" has been mentioned in connection of the "The spoked wheel" that came much latter than the earlier wheels. Thus option B and D can be eliminated.

Now, if we carefully read the second paragraph, we can find two lines:

- "The earliest known depictions of wheeled vehicles: the Bronocice pot, found in a Neolithic village in Poland in 3,635 -3,370 BC, and several clay tablets found in Uruk – Iraq. Both illustrate 4 wheeled vehicles dated to around 3300-3100 BC"
- "Two wheeled vehicles came along slightly later. The first known depiction is dated 3402–2800 BC and was found in a grave gallery, in Lohne-Engelshecke, Germany"

Thus it is cleared that in Germany the depiction of earliest two wheeled vehicles found. But it clearly mentions Poland as the country to be found with four wheeled vehicles depiction.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

18. B

Sol. The very first line of the passage notes: "Before the invention of the wheel, large or heavy objects were typically dragged on some form of sled".

Thus, we can clearly understand that "sleds" were the way to move heavy objects before the invention of the wheels.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

19. D

Sol. After reading the passage carefully you can understand that statement III and statement IV are correct.

Lines to refer for statement III: the domestication of large animals capable of pulling wheeled vehicles e.g., horses, also played a pivotal role in the adoption of the wheel.

Lines to refer for statement IV: Wire-spoked wheels didn't emerge until the 1870s.

Hey rest of the statements are not correct because in the passage we can find the lines, "it (wheel) doesn't appear anywhere in nature" and "stones were actually moved using a sledge with some form of lubricant, for example, pig lard".

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

20. A

Sol. In the passage we can find the line: "In Switzerland and Germany, the first wheels were fixed to a rotating axle on a square mortise. Meaning that the wheels turned with the axel. However, in other areas the axel was fixed and the wheels rotated independently".

Thus, it is very clear that in Switzerland the "rotating axle with fixed wheel" was invented. The other options are naturally incorrect.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

21. B

Sol. It is clearly mentioned in the passage: "Somewhere around 3500–3350 BCE, the first wheeled vehicles emerged across parts of Europe and Asia".

The name of this took continents are mentioned in option B.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

22. D

Sol. The passage quotes: "Spoked wheels have been found in graves that date back as late as 2100-1800 BC"

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

23. A

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

Concurrent = existing, happening, or done at the same time

Apart = separated by a specified distance in time or space

Minacious = threatening

Intrinsic = belonging naturally

Now the word simultaneous means occurring, operating, or done at the same time. Also after analysing the meaning of the given words, we can understand that all the options, except concurrent, are contextually incorrect to go with invention. Also simultaneous and concurrent are synonymous to each other.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

24. C

Sol. We can find the line in the passage: "Whilst the first wheels were most likely, solid disks or even sliced tree trunks, they didn't stay that way for long".

Thus, we can understand that the first wheels were wooden and made of tree trunks.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

25. D

Sol. The last line of the passage it is noted: "He designed it to reduce the headaches his son suffered when riding his tricycle".

It means he wanted to help his son with the reduction of his headache.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

26. A

Sol. As stated in the passage that Marine trash encompasses all manufactured products—**most of them plastic**—that end up in the ocean.

Common types of marine debris include various **plastic items** like shopping bags and beverage bottles, along with cigarette butts, bottle caps, food wrappers, and fishing gear.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

27. D

Sol. We find this line in the passage "**Solutions for marine pollution include prevention and cleanup**".

It means that both prevention (point i and iii) and cleanup (point iii) can be regarded as solutions for

marine pollution. Thus all the points (i, ii, and iii) are true.

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

28. D

Sol. As stated in the passage that plastic waste is particularly problematic as a pollutant because it is so **long-lasting**. Plastic items can take hundreds of years to decompose.

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

29. A

Sol. As stated in the passage that our ocean is being flooded with two main types of pollution: **chemicals and trash**.

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

30. B

Sol. As stated in the passage that the Pacific Garbage Patch is one example of such a collection, with plastics and microplastics floating on and below the surface of swirling ocean currents **between California and Hawaii** in an area of about 1.6 million square kilometers (617,763 square miles), although its size is not fixed.

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

31. C

Sol. As stated in the passage that the **increased concentration of chemicals**, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, in the coastal ocean promotes the growth of algal blooms, which can be toxic to wildlife and harmful to humans.

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

32. D

Sol. As stated in the passage that biodegradable **plastics often break down only at temperatures higher than will ever be reached in the ocean**. Nonetheless, many countries are taking action. According to a 2018 report from the United Nations, more than sixty countries have enacted regulations to limit or ban the use of disposable plastic items.

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

33. B

Sol. **Let us understand the meanings of the given words:**

Revamp = Give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to

Debuff = Is an effect placed on a character that negatively impacts their statistics and characteristics

Refurbish = Renovate and redecorate

Root = establish deeply and firmly

Plateau = a state of little or no change following a period of activity or progress

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

34. A

Sol. Let us understand the meanings of the given words:

Gyre = a whirl or a spiral or vortex

Line = a long, straight, narrow mark or band

Current = belonging to the present time

Depth = a point far below the surface

Swirl = move in a twisting or spiralling pattern

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

35. D

Sol. Marine pollution contaminates the ocean water by chemicals which in turn can contaminate the water supply and the marine animals which are consumed by a lot of population around the world; this satisfies **option A and B**.

Economic structure of the world is also affected by marine pollution because a lot of money is being spent by governments to clean the oceans thus exerting a lot of strain on their economies, this satisfies **option C**.

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

36. D

Sol. As per the passage, corruption has spread its tentacles in **every sphere of life**, namely business administration, politics, officialdom, and services.

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

37. A

Sol. The answer is conspicuous in the following line of the passage, "corruption is rampant in every segment and every section of society, **barring the social status** attached to it".

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

38. D

Sol. The passage asserts the fact that **nobody** is free from corruption, be it a high ranking officer or a low ranking employee.

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

39. A

Sol. The assumption made in **option A** is not mentioned among the measures to root out the evil of corruption from society.

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

40. A

Sol. It is mentioned in the passage that corruption is witnessed **all over the world** in developing as well as developed countries.

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

41. A

Sol. According to the passage, the average height of emperor penguin is indeed **more than 3 ft**. Hence, option B is true.

The passage also mentions that penguins spend half their time in the water and one of the evolutions which support them in their aquatic life is the evolution of their **wings into flippers**. Hence, option C is true too.

Option D mentions them to be **flightless birds**, which is also mentioned in the passage, as it introduces the topic.

The passage contradicts Option A as it mentions that the **sub-antarctic region** harboured great diversity of the historic penguins.

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

42. A

Sol. Plumage refers both to the **layer of feathers** that cover a bird and the pattern, colour, and arrangement of those feathers. The pattern and colours of plumage differ between species and subspecies, and may vary with age classes, it doesn't refer to a specific part of the body.

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

43. D

Sol. Vegan refers to a strictly vegetarian diet excluding milk or any food item which harms any animal. Most penguins feed on **krill, fish, squid and other forms of sea life** caught while swimming underwater. This means that they can't be **vegan**.

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

44. D

Sol. According to the passage, larger penguins are found in colder and smaller penguins in **warmer climates**. Option A is incorrect.

Penguins feed on **seafood**, hence, option B is incorrect.

As mentioned in the first passage, they live in the **Southern hemisphere**, so option C is incorrect.

The smallest penguin is the little blue penguin with a height of about **40 cm or 0.4 m**.

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

45. B

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

Harbour = give a home or shelter to; keep (a thought or feeling, typically a negative one) in one's mind, especially secretly.

Abide = accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation).

Suppressed = forcibly put an end to.

Existent = having reality or existence.

Billet = a place to stop or stay.

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

46. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The whole sentence is in the **past tense (went for a check-up)**; thus, the underlined segment should also be in the past tense.

Thus, we will use the past form '**was**' in place of '**is**'.

- "Their" is a **possessive pronoun** whereas "there" is an **adverb**.

e.g. **Their** house is very small, isn't it? (Their - belonging to them)

e.g. **There** is a large oak tree outside the hotel. (There - to say that something exists)

We do not want a possessive pronoun here. Thus, replace '**their**' with '**there**'.

- Also, the use of the **adverb "especially"** is incorrect as an **adjective** (for the **noun 'cure'**) is required here.
Thus, replace '**especially**' with "**special**".
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option B.

The correct sentence will be: **He went for a check-up and the doctor said that there was no special cure for the common cold.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

47. A

- Sol.
- The opening sentence is sentence **Q** where the **problem faced by Kerala** is discussed.
 - The argument is taken further in sentence **P** which discusses the **cause** behind it.
 - The third sentence i.e., **S** talks about the **repercussions** of the problem arising due to intense rainfall.
 - The fourth sentence i.e., **R** talks about the **worst-hit districts** of Kerala.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **QPSR**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A year after being ravaged by the worst floods in two years, Kerala is once again facing a deluge. Over the past week, the state has been pounded by intense rainfall, thus transforming the July deficit to surplus. The copious amounts of rainfall in the state have been both intense and consistent leading to many deaths besides rendering thousands homeless. The districts in Kerala's north — in particular Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Malappuram—are among the worst affected where relief work is going on.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

48. B

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

- The verb "has been" should be replaced by its plural "have been".
- The antecedent of "that" is "**novels**", not "**one**".
- As "**novels**" is a plural subject, according to subject verb agreement, it will agree to a plural verb i.e. "have been".

The correct sentence will be: **This is one of the most interesting novels that have been written and published this year.**

49. B

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

- The preposition '**on**' makes no sense here.
- **Imagine**, itself, means form a mental image or concept of something. It does not require any preposition with it.
- Thus, "**on**" must be omitted to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **They imagined that their son would become the most successful doctor.**

50. A

Sol. The idiom "Ins and outs" means all the details.

Example: David really knows the ins and outs of how this engine works

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

51. A

- Sol. ◦ The first sentence should be P as it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. 'Income Tax'.
◦ The sentence Q then tells how the income tax is calculated i.e. on the basis of income slabs.
◦ The sentence R further tells that the income slabs are pre-defined by the IT department.
◦ The sentence S then concludes the passage by explaining that the tax liability is dependent on the income.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- **"Income Tax is a direct tax which is charged on the income of individuals or entities who are required to pay taxes to the government. The tax is calculated on the next taxable income of the entity on the basis of the income slabs. Income slabs are pre-defined by the IT Department. The lower the income, the lower the tax liability and vice-versa."**

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

52. A

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

- **Few** is used with plural nouns. It indicates a very small number of something, almost nothing.
- **A few** means some, in a small number.
- **The few** means not many, but all of those. It is also used to indicate some particular or specific small amount.
- **For Example:**
 - i. There were **few** children in the class. [Negative meaning]
 - ii. I could answer only **a few** questions. [Positive meaning]

iii. **The few** words he said to me were very inspiring. [Positive and specific meaning]

- Here the sentence talks about some **specific remarks** which were made the previous evening.
- Thus, article "**the**" should be placed before the subject "few" to form the correct adjective/determiner.

The correct sentence will be: **The few remarks that he made, in the party last evening, were offensive to my friend.**

53. B

Sol.

- As we go through the sentences given above we understand that here **a televised speech given by Mr. Yameen** is discussed here.
- Statement **R** starts the paragraph and informs that the work of the stated person i.e. **Mr. Yameen was sincere in front of the Maldivian people.**
- Statement **Q** shows the transition and informs about some decision that the Maldivian people were to take.
- And Mr. Yameen's view is given in Statement **P** regarding the same. So it will follow **Q**.
- Statement **S** concludes it forming a coherent paragraph.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **RQPS**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **In front of the Maldivian people, my work was sincere. But yesterday the Maldivian people made their decision about me. So, I have decided to accept the results and stay in service to the people in any way I can, Mr. Yameen said. According to English translations of his televised speech delivered in the local language.**

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

54. A

Sol. The sentence is grammatically incorrect and the **error lies in option A**. The error is related to **structure of conditional sentences**.

- This is a Third conditional or type 3 conditional sentence.
- It refers to an unreal past condition and its probable result in the past.
- It refers that if a thing had happened then there would have been a certain outcome. But neither of the things really happened.
- The structure of such conditional sentence is: **If + past perfect (had+V3) + + main clause with "would+have+ V3"...**
- *For example: If it had rained you would have gotten wet.*
- Therefore, replace "told" by "had told" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **If you had told me all the facts earlier I would have helped you.**

55. C

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

Addictive = difficult to stop taking or doing

Believing = to feel sure that something is true or that somebody is telling the truth

Compelling = that forces or persuades you to do or to believe something

Compulsive = (used about a bad or harmful habit) caused by a strong desire that you cannot control

- The words **compelling**, **compulsive** and **addictive** have very close meanings, but when we talk about **habit-forming in a negative sense**, then we use the word **addictive**.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

56. B

Sol. The given sentence is of **active voice** and it uses a **modal verb**. The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

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

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

Note: Here you is for every person, so it does not need to be mentioned in the passive.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The Macallan 52 bottle should be opened about one hour before it is used.**

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

57. D

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

Youthful = young or seeming young.

Puerile = childishly silly and immature.

Adolescent = in the process of developing from a child into an adult\

Juvenile = relating to young people.

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

58. A

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- "Would" is a modal verb in the given sentence and modal verbs are followed by the base form of the main verb.

e.g. Would you **like** some help?

- So, "begin" should be used in the sentence in place of 'began'.
- Also, the correct preposition to be used here is '**on**' as the **phrase 'begin on'** means '**to start on a particular date**'.
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option A.

The correct sentence will be: **The new sale would begin on the third of next month.**

Thus, option A is the correct answer.

59. D

- Sol.
- **Sentence Q** is the first sentence of the sequence as it introduces the theme of the passage i.e. 'uncontrollable underground fires in Jharia'.
 - **Sentence R** is the second sentence of the sequence as it further throws light on the fires mentioned in sentence Q.
 - The third sentence would be **sentence P** which describes what happen next when the fires start.
 - **Sentence S** is the concluding sentence as it tells the severity of the fires.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- "**An entire township- Jharia is to be relocated because of the uncontrollable underground fires. These fires start mostly from burning trash close to coal pits. Then, they spread as the unmined coal starts burning with oxygen drawn from pores and mine shafts. This is a grave threat as poisonous fumes of carbon monoxide rise up from underground fires.**"

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

60. C

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

- Here the use of **indefinite article "a"** is incorrect.
- Here, we are talking about **a particular person**.

- Therefore, it is incorrect to use the **article "a"** with it as it is used with **common nouns**.
- The correct article would be "**the**" as it is used to **make a noun specific**.

The correct sentence will be: **The person I met in the theatre was the playwright himself and I didn't even recognize him.**

61. C

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

- 'Said to' will be changed to '**asked**'.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.
- As the reported speech is in the form of WH-Question (i.e. 'what' in this case), no conjunction is used before the question word. **The question word itself works as conjunction**.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- **Simple present tense** (does close) changes to **simple past tense** (closed).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **He asked me what time the office closed.**

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

62. A

Sol. The given sentence is the **direct narration** of an **assertive sentence**. Rules for changing such sentences in indirect speech are:

- Since it is the mother who is being responded here, so, we will use "**their mother**" as the **object** of reporting speech.

- 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 an object "their mother".
- **First person pronoun** (we) changes to **third person pronoun** (they) according to the **subject** of reporting speech (they).
- simple present tense (are) will change to simple past tense (were) in indirect speech. Also, "shall" will change to "would" as it needs to be in accordance with the subject "they".

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **They told their mother that they were not hungry, they would eat later.**

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

63. D

Sol. This is an **assertive sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "that" conjunction is used.
- "Called" changes to "Said to" in indirect speech and will be followed by an object i.e. "me".
- "Liar" will be put in the inverted commas ("....")

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence: **He said to me, "Liar".**

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

64. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive voice**. It is **simple form of present tense**. The structures for

active/passive voices are:

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

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

Note: When the sentence starts with "it+is+V3" we can assume an object e.g. "they", "someone", "people" etc. in the active voice.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **They say that**

Vijaya Mallaya absconded with a lot of tax payers money.

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

65. B

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

- The structure of the sentence is in **passive form**.
- In passive voice, **third form (V3)** of the main verb is used.
- Verb forms of **BUILD** are: **BUILD**(Base/ V1), **BUILT**(Past/ V2), **BUILT**(Past Participle/ V3).
- So, the use of 'build' is incorrect here and 'built' (instead of 'build') should be used to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence will be: **The Great Wall of China is one structure built by man visible from the moon.**

66. B

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

Repercussion = effect or result of an event or action

Example: The move would have grave repercussions for the entire region.

Rearrangement = the act of changing the order, position, or time of arrangements already made

Reaction = an action taken in response to something

Example: My immediate reaction was one of relief.

Recollection = the ability to remember

Reminder = a thing that causes someone to remember something

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

67. A

- Sol. • **P** is the introducing statement as it independently announces about "**matrimonial market**". The rest of the sentences are related to this market. Thus **P** must come first.
- The **new entrant** mentioned in **S** refers to "Promatch", it actually hints at the introduction of the company. So **S** will come before **R**.
 - **R** introduces that 'Promatch' has a different parameter, and **Q** explains the "**different parameter**". Also, the "**it**" in **Q** refers to 'Promatch' mentioned in **R**.
 - Thus, **RQ** is a **mandatory pair** here and it will follow **S**.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **PSRQ**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **There's no denying that the matrimonial market in India is big. Tapping into the burgeoning market, there is a new entrant in town. At a time when caste and religion have divided the marriage market, Promatch works on a totally different parameter. It boasts of being India's first professional matrimony app that uses your LinkedIn profile to find your life partner.**

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

68. C

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

Equilateral = having all its sides of the same length.

Equinox = the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length (about 22 September and 20 March).

Equilibrium = a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced.

Equivalent = equal in value, amount, function, meaning, etc.

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

69. D

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

Convalesce = receive one's health and strength over a period of time after illness or medical treatment

Hoist = to raise by means of ropes and pulleys

Connote = to suggest in addition to basic meaning.

Hibernate = to spend winter in a dormant state.

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

70. A

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

- The verb **inquired** is changed to "**said**".
- The **simple past tense** (was) in indirect narration will be converted to **simple present tense** (is) in direct speech.

- Also, as the reported speech will be a question, so the helping verb **is** will be used before the subject **school**. The sentence will be "**verb+subject**" format.
- **First person pronoun** (my) changes to **Second person pronoun** (you).
- **Question mark (?)** is used in the place of **fullstop (.)**.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into direct speech: **He said, "How far is your school?"**

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

71. C

Sol. The given sentence is of **active voice** and it is of **simple past tense**. The structures for active/passive voices for modal verbs are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **A negative feedback was given to him by the Professor during his Thesis submission.**

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

72. C

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

- Said is changed to **exclaimed**.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed and **that** is used instead.
- As the reporting verb is in **Simple past tense** (said), **Simple present tense** (is) changes to **simple past tense** (was).

- Sign of exclamation (!) if given is removed and **full stop** is used.
- The wh- word (**how**) is omitted.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence: **She exclaimed that there was a lot of food to eat.**

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

73. B

Sol. The use of "**requested**" indicates that the sentence is the **indirect speech** of an **imperative sentence**.

Rules for changing imperative sentences in indirect speech are

- The reporting speech will have the verb "said to".
- Inverted commas (" ") will be used in direct speech.
- The reported speech will start with the word "**please**" to denote the tone of a request.
- For negative command, inverted commas are used and "**not + to + verb (first form)**" is changes to "**do + not + V1**". For example, "**not to go**" changes to "**do not go**".

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **The guide said to the students, "Please don't touch the flower."**

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

74. D

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form** of **simple present tense**. The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active: **Subject + verb [1st form (+s/es)] + object....**

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- **Rice is eaten in Bihar and Jharkhand.**

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

75. B

Sol. • Sentence **R** would be the first sentence as it introduces us to **Leh** (for its scenic beauty, etc).

- The next in the sequence would be **P** as it starts with "but" to show the **other reason** for which Leh is in news.
- Sentence **S** tells us the reason given in sentence P.
- The last sentence would be Q as it further tells us about the women's team.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **We've all known Leh for its diverse scenic beauty and exhilarating road trips. But now Leh is in the news for an entirely different reason. Leh is home to India's first-ever women's ice hockey team. The group of 25 girls, all aged from 15 to 30, have already participated in two international tournaments.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

76. B

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

- The sentence **P** then tells about her family status. Thus **P** will follow **R**.
- The sentence **Q** comes next that mentions that he had to quit his school due to his family conditions.
- The sentence **S** further tells what happened after Charles Dickens left his school. So it comes last.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Charles Dickens was born on February 7, 1812,**

in Portsea, England. His parents were middle-class, but they suffered financially as a result of living beyond their means. When Dickens was twelve years old, his family's dire straits forced him to quit school and work in a blacking factory. Within weeks, his father was put in debtor's prison, where Dickens's mother and siblings eventually joined him.

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

77. B

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

Chaperon = a person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people.

Recluse = a person who lives alone and avoids going outside or talking to other people

Antisocial = hostile or harmful to organized society

Matron = a female nurse in a school

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

78. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- Let's first understand the meaning of the given words:

Deformity = the situation in which a **part of the body has not developed** in the normal way or with the normal shape

e.g. The drug caused women to give birth to babies with severe **deformities**.

Improvement = an example of improving or being improved.

e.g. He's been having treatment for two months now without any **improvement**.

Impairment = deterioration in the functioning of a body part, organ, or system that can be temporary or permanent and can result from injury or disease

e.g. However, many patients also reported persisting functional **impairment**.

A deaf person looks like a normal person and there are no visual signs like undeveloped body parts. So, the word "**deformity**" cannot be used in the sentence. The word "improvement" is out of context. The correct word here is "**impairment**"

- For the noun 'impairment', we need an adjective.

"**Heard**" and "**hear**" are **verbs** whereas "**hearing**" is a **participle adjective**.

Thus, we will use 'hearing' with the noun 'impairment'.

- For the **singular subject 'impairment'**, we will use the singular verb '**is**' in place of '**are**'.
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option C.

The correct sentence will be: **Hearing impairment is one of the most common birth defects in India.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

79. C

Sol.

- **Q** will be the introductory statement as it perfectly shows the **premise (A farmer driving his wagon) of the story.**
- **S** will be the next in the sequence as it tells **what happened to the wagon** driven by the horse.
- **R** will be the next as it tells that finally, that **wagon came to a standstill** which made the **farmer came out** of the wagon (given in **P**).

Thus, the correct sequence is: **QSRP**

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A farmer was driving his wagon along a muddy country road after heavy rain. The horses could hardly drag the load through the deep mud. At last it came to a standstill when one of the wheels sank to the hub in a rut. The farmer climbed down from his seat and stood beside the wagon.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

80. C

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

Chassis = the base frame of a car or other wheeled vehicle.

Fuselage = the central body of an aeroplane that is designed to accommodate the crew and passengers.

Bonnet = the hinged metal canopy covering the engine of a motor vehicle.

Cockpit = a compartment where the pilot sits while flying the aircraft.

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

81. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The correct pronoun here would be "**who**" and not "**whom**" (and neither '**which**').

Who = We use **who** as a relative pronoun to **introduce a relative clause about people**

e.g. The police officer **who** came was a friend of my father's.

Whom = We use **whom** to refer to people when the person is the **object** of the verb.

e.g. The response of those managers **whom** I have consulted has been very positive and we are looking forward to meeting together.

(**whom** refers to **those managers** and is the object of **consulted** in the relative clause)

Which = We use **which** in relative clauses to **refer to animals and to things**.

e.g. You need to tick the box **which** says yes.

- Also, the objective pronoun 'them' (and not 'him') should be used for the plural noun 'students'.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option C.

The correct sentence is: **The students met the college authority who allowed them to sit for the exams.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

82. D

Sol. The given sentence is a **direct speech**, and we need to convert it into indirect speech 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.
- As the reported speech is in the form of **WH-Question** (i.e. 'where' in the given sentence), no conjunction is used before the question word. **The question word itself works as a conjunction.**
- 'Said to' will be changed to '**asked**' in indirect speech.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (said), **Simple present tense** (is) changes to **simple past tense** (was).
- Reported verb is made **assertive**; i.e. it is kept in the order of **subject + verb**.
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence:
Soaham asked where the police station was.

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

83. D

Sol.

- Sentence Q talks about the Ladakh Kayak festival which is the subject of the given sequence so it should be our first statement.
- Sentence P further explains how many people participated in this festival, so it should follow sentence Q.

- Now, sentence R tells us about the location of this event and hence it will follow sentence P.
- Only option D follows this sequence, hence it is our answer.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- **"Inaugurated last year, this year's edition of the Ladakh Kayak Festival was held over two days (August 23 and 24) on the Indus River. This year, there were 52 participants, with 44 out of them from India. The section chosen for the event was on a class five rapid named Bollywood Boulevard. The river flows over huge boulders creating three-meter waves and terrifying hydraulics that only the worlds' finest kayakers can navigate."**

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

84. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the active voice. It is in the past indefinite tense.

The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: Subject + verb (IInd form) + object + to-infinitive clause

Passive: Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject + to- infinitive clause

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: The soldiers were ordered by the commander to move forward and attack the enemy camps.

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

85. B

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

Concision = minimizing words while conveying an idea.

Verbiage = excessively lengthy or technical speech or therapy.

Curt = rude and brief.

Succinct = brief but clearly expressed.

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

86. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- When a **question tag** is used in a sentence, it follows the rule - **inversion of the verb**. It means that the verb is kept before the subject.
- Also, if the sentence is **affirmative**, the question tag must be **negative** and vice versa.
- In the given sentence, the verb is "**must**" and the given sentence is **affirmative**.

So, the question will use the same verb "**must**" but in negative.

The correct sentence will be: **He must know them in their most plausible form, mustn't he?**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

87. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **past indefinite tense** and the **active voice**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + verb (IInd form) + object + subordinate clause**

Passive: **Object + was/were + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject + subordinate clause**

Note: Both "**many**" and "**many a**" convey the same meaning that is "a large number of". The only difference is that "**many**" is used with **countable plural nouns** followed by **plural verb** while "**many a**" is followed by a **singular countable noun** and takes a **singular verb** with it.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Many a tree was climbed by him when he was a boy.**

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

88. B

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in the 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 the reported speech. And here, we will connect it with '**if**' as a **question is being asked and a reply has also been given in the given question.**
- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**asked**' in indirect speech.
- Present tense changes to past tense i.e. '**can**' will be changed to '**could**'.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**I**'.
- Words like 'yes' is not converted in indirect speech rather we write their meaning i.e. '**yes**' will be converted to '**I could**'.
- Question mark will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Mohan asked me if I could read, and I said that I could.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

89. C

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

Impeccable = in accordance with the highest standards; faultless.

Example: He had impeccable manners.

Imperfect = not perfect or defective or inadequate.

Capricious = changing mood or behaviour suddenly and unexpectedly.

Vicious = cruel or violent or immoral.

Faultless = free from defect or error.

Example: your logic is faultless

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

90. B

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

- The subject of the sentence is "**every woman**" which is **singular**.

"**Every**" refers to each member of a complete group.

It is used with a singular noun (and a singular pronoun) and a singular verb.

e.g. Every donation is appreciated.

- Thus, the pronoun used for it in the sentence must be **singular** (and not plural 'their').
- So, "**their**" should be replaced by "**her**" (for a **woman**) to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Every woman in the world fervently hopes that her child will be a normal and healthy baby.**

91. C

Sol. The given sentence is the **direct narration** of an **interrogative sentence**. Rules for changing such sentences in indirect speech are:

- 'Said to' will be changed to '**asked**'.
- Inverted commas (" ") are removed.

- As the reported speech is in the form of WH-Question (i.e. 'what' in this case), no conjunction is used before the question word. **The question word itself works as conjunction.**
- The sign of interrogation (?) is removed and full stop is used.
- **Second person pronoun** (you) changes to **third person pronoun** (he) according to the **object** of reporting speech (his brother).
- **Simple present tense** (don't do, are) changes to **simple past tense** (did not do, was).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **He angrily asked his brother why he did not do as he was told.**

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

92. C

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

- The monument being talked about in the sentence is **specific**. The statement doesn't talk about monuments in general, it refers to the famous one.
- In the case of specific nouns we use the definite article "the" as determiner.
- Thus, add '**the**' before 'famous monument' to make the sentence grammatically sound

The correct sentence will be: **The road to the famous monument passes through a forest with the tall Pine trees and the patches of green glades.**

93. B

Sol. The idiom 'Hornet's nest' means a very difficult or unpleasant situation, especially in which a lot of people get very angry and complain.

Example: I stirred the hornet's nest with my honest statement.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

94. A

Sol.

The given sentence is of **past perfect tense** and it is in **active form**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object...**

Passive: **Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...**

Here the subordinate clause in the question is, "**Although Sourav Ganguly had invited MS Dhoni**"

The pattern of its **passive voice** is: **Although + Object + had + been + by + Subject.**

Note: The principal clause "he did not come" has no object, "come" is an intransitive verb. So, it cannot be changed.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **Although MS Dhoni had been invited by Sourav Ganguly, he did not come**

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

95. C

Sol.

- We need a statement that can act as an introduction. **Q** fits this category completely as it introduces us to the topic - demonetization - and what it did.
- **P** will be the next in the sequence as it tells which industry (cigarette industry) has been impacted most by the demonetization.
- **S** and **R** form a mandatory pair as both tell the **reasons** why this industry has been hard hit.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **QPSR**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **PM Modi's recent demonetization might just be**

making the country's lungs healthier. Among the many things demonetization and the ensuing cash crunch has impacted, the sale of cigarettes has suffered a major loss in the days following the ban. Vendors and traders claim the sale of cigarettes has suffered an almost 40 per cent decrease due to lack of cash, especially change. Shopkeepers, who are not receiving any credit on cigarettes from manufacturers, are thus failing to extend credit to even regular customers who are cashless, which is adding a further dip to the already low sales.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

96. D

Sol. The given sentence is in indirect Speech because it doesn't quote actual words. Therefore, it must be changed into direct Speech.

- The reporting verb "**said**" will remain the same in the direct speech as it is not followed by any object.
- The conjunction "**that**" is replaced by inverted commas (" ") in direct speech.
- "**Would be leaving**" will change to "**shall be leaving**" in the direct speech.
- The pronoun "**he**" will change to "**I**" in the direct narration.

The sentence in direct speech will be :- **The old man said, "I shall soon be leaving the world."**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

97. A

Sol. Let's find out the correct word to fill in the blank:

- "About" means concerning which should be followed by a matter or topic and not person. Hence, is wrong.
- For shows a reason or a purpose, thus is out of context.
- "**Among**" is used for three or more persons or things and "**between**" is used for two persons or things.

- **For example:**

I. Divide the mango **between** Ram and Ratna.

II. Divide the mango **among** all the children.

- Here we can see the mention of "both the men" which indicates that there were "**two men**".
- Thus, "**between**" is the correct preposition to fill in the blank.

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

98. D

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

Masochist = a person who derives pleasure out of his/her own humiliation.

Septuagenarian = a person who is between 70-79 years old.

Sniper = a person who is a skilled marksman.

Spinster = an old unmarried woman.

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

99. D

Sol. The given sentence is in **active voice** (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: **His friends took him to the hospital.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

100. B

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

- The correct preposition that will go with '**satisfied**' is "**with**".

If you are **satisfied with something**, it means you are happy because you have got what you wanted or needed.

e.g. We are not **satisfied with** these results.

- Thus, replace 'in' with 'with' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Weller assured Dean that the authorities were satisfied with Martha's temporary situation.**

101. D

Sol. This is an **assertive sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "**that**" conjunction is used.
- "Said to" will be changed to "**told**" in indirect speech as it is followed by an object (Subha).
- **Present-future tense** (will) will be changed to **past-future tense** (would) and **present perfect tense** (have read) will be changed to **past perfect tense** (had read).
- **First person pronoun** (I) changes to **third person pronoun** (he) according to the **subject** of reporting speech (Kannan).

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

Subha that he would return the book after he had read it.

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

102. A

Sol. Option A has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the verb '**fail**'.

- The use of the word "**yesterday**" indicates that the sentence is in **the past tense**.

e.g. She **completed** all her tasks **yesterday**.

- Therefore, we will use the verb in the second form '**failed**' instead of the first form '**fail**'.

The correct sentence will be: **Yesterday when I failed to solve the problem myself, I unhesitatingly called for his help.**

103. C

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

- "Bright" is an **adjective** but in this sentence it is intended to modify **the verb** "was shining" and not a noun.
- So, it must be an **adverb**. Thus replace "bright" with "**brightly**".

- Such is placed before a modifier and noun to intensify the quality of the modifier for emphasis on the **noun** and the structure "such...that..." is used to express an effect.

- So is placed before a modifier — **adjective or adverb** — to intensify its quality or manner and the structure "so...that..." is used to express an effect.

- As "brightly" is an adverb we will use the "so...that..." structure. Thus, "such" should be replaced with "**so**".

- The sentence is clearly in the past tense as evident from the first verb "was shining".

- So, "has" is incorrect that way and must be replaced with "had".

The correct sentence will be: **The sun was shining so brightly that Leela had to put on her sunglasses.**

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

104. D

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

- The word "**liberal**" is incorrectly used in this sentence.
- It modifies "used" and it is a verb. "**Liberal**" is an **adjective** and an adjective **cannot modify a verb**.
- So naturally we need an **adverb** here to modify the verb.
- Thus, "**liberally**" is the correct word to use here.

The correct sentence will be: **The gold foil used liberally in Thanjavur paintings serves many objectives that make the painting more attractive.**

105. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- When you list **several adjectives in a row**, there's a specific order they need to be written in.

The order is:

Quantity

Quality

Size

Shape

Condition

Age

Colour

Purpose/Qualifier

- Thus, according to the order given above, the adjectives will be arranged in this order: **small old black**
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option C.

The correct sentence is: **I love that small old black scooter that always parked in front of that building.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

106. A

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

- The verb "forbid" cannot be followed by the prepositions "about". Prepositions "**to**" and "**from**" are used with "forbid".
 - **To** is used as an **infinitive** with "Forbid" and if we use **from** after forbid it is followed by a **gerund**.
 - **For example:**
They forbade them to enter.
They forbade them from entering.
 - Since, the gerund form is used in the sentence, so, the preposition "from" will be used.
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- Also, "enter" does not take a preposition after it.
 - **For example:** I could not enter the meeting room.
 - **So, into should be removed.**

The correct sentence will be: **Inspite of his profound knowledge and deep interest his father forbade him about entering into politics.**

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

107. B

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive voice**. It is in the **simple future tense** and is an **interrogative sentence**. Let us understand the structures for active/passive voices for such sentences.

Passive: will/shall + be + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

Active: will/shall + verb (Ist form) + object...

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into an active voice: **Shall we help Motin?**

Hence, option B is the correct answer

108. A

Sol. The given sentence is of indirect speech and is an interrogative sentence.

- When we convert a sentence from direct to indirect, the simple past tense changes to the past perfect tense.

Thus, here we will do the vice-versa.

We will change the **past perfect tense** to the **simple past tense**.

- When we convert a sentence from direct to indirect, the second person pronoun 'you' changes according to the object (I).

Thus, here we will do the vice-versa.

We will change "I" to "you".

- "**The day before**" will change to '**yesterday**' in the direct speech.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

109. C

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

The first part of the sentence 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.
- 'Said to' will be changed to '**asked**' in indirect speech.
- As the reported speech is in yes/no question form, "**if**" is used before reported speech.
- **Present-future tense** (will play) changes to **past-future tense** (would play).
- **Second person pronoun** (you) changes to **First person pronoun** (me) according to the object of reporting speech (I).
- Question mark will be removed and full stop will be used.

For the latter part:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- "**That**" will be used as conjunction.
- Words like 'no' is not converted in indirect speech rather we write their meaning i.e. 'no' will be converted to '**I would not**'.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **Alok asked me if I would play cricket and I said that I would not.**

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

110. A

Sol. The idiom 'chapter and verse' means in thorough and exact detail. Thus, option A expresses the correct meaning of the idiom.

Example: Thrishna gave her report quoting chapter and verse.

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

111. B

Sol. The correctly spelt word is "**Pattered**" which means make light, rapid and repeated sounds.

Other words with correct spelling and with their meanings are :-

Grappled = deal with reasonably well despite some difficulty; come to terms with.

Parallel = duplicate or match.

Empathic = showing empathy or ready comprehension of others' states.

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

112. B

Sol. The idiom 'as the crow flies' is used for the most direct path or shortest between two points.

Example: Easingwold was 22 miles away as the crow flies.

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

113. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The first part of the sentence '**she was tired**' is in the **simple past tense**.
- The **past perfect (and past perfect continuous)** and the **simple past** are used to sequence events in the past to show which event happened first. The action that occurred first is shown in the past perfect tense and the other one in the simple past.

e.g. The music had already started when the curtains opened. (the music started and then the curtains opened)

e.g. Ram was angry. He had been waiting for two hours.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option D.

The correct sentence will be: **She was tired as she had been working since morning.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

114. B

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

Modesty = the quality or state of being unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities.

Example: She does a lot of work for charities, but her modesty forbids her from talking about it.

Vanity = excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements.

Example: He wants the job purely for reasons of vanity and ambition.

Variety = the quality or state of being different or diverse; the absence of uniformity or monotony.

Honesty = the quality of being honest.

Originality = the ability to think independently and creatively.

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

115. A

- Sol.
- **P** is an independent statement talking about Uttarakhand being a water sports hub. Hence it will come at the beginning.
 - Both **Q** and **S** talk about the ban imposed by High Court.
 - But S starts with '**but**', therefore it must come after a **positive statement i.e. P**, and **Q will follow S.**

- R tells us about the impact of this ban. So, R will be the last statement.

Thus, the correct sequence is: PSQR.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Uttarakhand is the hub for adventure water sports in the country. But, the High Court has ordered a ban on all water sports activities including water river rafting and paragliding. The High Court has asked the state government to formulate a policy regulating adventure tourism and water sports in the state. This could come as a huge blow to the adventure sports business in the state.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

116. C

- Sol.
- Sentence P should be the opening statement as it talks about the subject of the topic i.e. Energy.
 - Sentence S should be at the second place as it explains that the traditional source of energy (here coal in the first sentence) is a problem because of various reasons.
 - Sentence R further explains the problem, making it the third sentence in the sequence.
 - Sentence Q should be the concluding statement as it explains why solar power is better than that of our traditional sources of energy.

Thus, the correct sequence is: PSRQ.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Currently, the energy mix is skewed towards coal, which is not only a major source of air pollution but it also consumes large amounts of water – a particularly precious resource in India. As both electricity and water demand are increasing, traditional sources of energy have become a liability not just because of pollution but also due to heavy water consumption. Coal requires large quantities of precious water compared to solar and wind. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) official commented that a typical solar project utilizes only 1 kiloliter of water per MW on a daily basis way less than coal.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

117. A

- Sol.
- The first sentence should be P as it introduces the theme of the passage i.e. peeking of the sun from behind the empty hills and the presence of two persons.
 - The sentence R then tells who the first person and the sentence Q mentioned another person i.e. son of Michael.
 - Sentence S further describes Kevin.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- **"The orange sun peeked from behind the empty hills and found two sets of furrowed brows. On the driver seat, Michael lowered the sun visor, and his frown dissolved. On the passenger seat, his son, Kevin did the same, and his frown didn't move. And then, Kevin's eyes were lost beyond the hills, his arms crossed, his hands fiddling with the cord of the headphones."**

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

118. D

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The underlined part doesn't follow the subject-verb agreement rule.

According to the **subject-verb agreement rule**, a **verb** should agree with the **subject** in number. So, if our subject is singular we must use a singular verb and if our subject is plural, we must use a plural verb.

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

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

- "**Plenty of apps**" will take a plural verb '**are**' with it (and not '**is**').
- Also, with '**plenty**' we will use a **plural noun 'apps'**.
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option D.

The correct sentence will be: **There are plenty of apps available in the Play Store that turn your old Android phone into a web camera.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

119. B

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in present perfect 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 be changed to '**told**' in indirect speech if they are followed by an object i.e. 'russ' in this sentence.
- **Present perfect tense** changes to **past perfect tense** i.e. '**have kidnapped**' will be changed to '**had kidnapped**'.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**he**'.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- "**Kiran told Russ that he had kidnapped his wife**".

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

120. B

Sol. The word "**let**" is used to **suggest, to propose or to allow something**. In the given question, 'let' has been used for a **suggestion**.

- Said to will be changed to '**suggested**' as per the sense of the sentence.
- **The object of the reporting verb along with 'to' will be used with suggested.**
- The inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, "**that**" will be used.
- "**Should + verb (1st form)**" will be used after the subject of the reported verb.

- The tense of the reported verb in direct speech is the **simple present tense** (is), so it will change to the **simple past tense** (was) in indirect speech.
- **First person pronoun** (we) changes to **third person pronoun** (they) according to the **subject** of reporting speech (the teacher).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **The teacher suggested to the boys that they should go for swimming since it was so warm.**

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

121. D

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

Imaginary = Existing only in the imagination.

Example: Chris had imaginary conversations with her.

Palpable = Capable of being perceived; especially capable of being handled, touched, or felt

Substantial = Having a firm basis in reality and being therefore important

Factual = Existing in act or fact.

Fictitious = Not real or true; imaginary or fabricated.

Example: Reports of a deal were dismissed as fictitious by the Minister.

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

122. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form of past perfect tense**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

Passive: Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...

Active: **Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object...**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **I had drawn this picture.**

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

123. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- When used with an **adjective ('skilled')**, the **adverb 'enough'** is used after it.

e.g. Is the water **hot enough** yet? (**hot** is an **adjective**; **enough** is an **adverb**)

- When used with **nouns**, the **adjective 'enough'** is used before it.

e.g. Do we have **enough lettuce** for a salad? (**enough** is an **adjective**; **lettuce** is a **noun**)

Thus, here the order should be '**skilled enough**'.

- Also, '**have**' can be used as both **an auxiliary**, and a **main verb**.

Here, in the above sentence, the **verb** before the **adjective 'skilled'** **should not** be an auxiliary.

It should be **a main verb**.

"**Have**", as a main verb, means to possess something.

e.g. He **has** a car.

Thus, replace the verb '**has**' with '**is**'.

- The use of two verbs 'is' and 'possess' is incorrect; also, the verb 'possess' should be followed by an object (which is not given in the option).

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option B.

The correct sentence is: **He is skilled enough to handle his problems on his own.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

124. C

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

- The tourists got their luggage insured to be on a safer side in case if it was stolen. Insurance is done on the basis of some probability. So, the verb used in the sentence must also reflect **probability**.
- "**Must be**" is an incorrect verb here as it denotes **certainty**.
- "**Will be**" is also incorrect as it shows **certainty** in near future while the sentence is in past.
- "**Was going to be**" is incorrect as if the tourists knew that the luggage was sure to be lost.
- The correct verb is "**might be**" as it denotes the **probability** that the luggage **may or may not** be stolen.
- Also, "must be" is the **passive form** of the verb and must be followed by the V3 or past participle form of the verb.
- Thus, the correct verb to use here is "**stolen**".

The correct sentence will be: **The tourists insured their luggage because they assumed it might be stolen.**

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

125. A

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

- "Attending" is preceded by "to" and also is being modified by an **adjective** "willing".
- Thus an **infinitive** is correct to be used here as it is made of "**to+v1**" and can function as a **noun** that the adjective modifies.
- The verb 'attending' in participle form is incorrect and the correct form i.e. V1 form the verb should be '**attend**'.

The correct sentence will be: **I am willing to attend the party tomorrow and help her with the whole decoration.**

126. A

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

- In this sentence, "**sister-in-laws**" is erroneous.
- "Sister-in-law" is a term where '**sister**' is the noun and "**in-law**" is an **adjective** that modifies that noun.
- So, in order to express the plural, the **plural form of the noun** should be used.
- Thus the "-s" must be added to "**sister**". The correct term is '**sisters-in-law**'.

The correct sentence will be: **My sisters-in-law who live in the US are planning to visit us during the winter break.**

127. D

Sol. The correctly spelt word is "**Eternity**" which means infinite or unending time.

Other words with correct spelling and with their meanings are :-

Aerobics = vigorous exercises designed to increase cardiovascular efficiency

Choosers = people who choose

Battered = injured by repeated blows or punishment

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

128. D

Sol. This is a sentence of **optative direct speech**. Rules for changing such sentences into direct narrations are given below:

- Prayed changes to **Said** in the direct speech.
- Inverted commas (" ") are used and “that” is removed.
- Reporting speech is written in the form of (**may + subject + verb**); thus made **optative**.
- **Simple past tense** (might save) changes to **simple present tense** (may save).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence: **She said, “May God save the king”**.

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

129. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- In the given part, “**than**” is used incorrectly.
- It should be replaced by “**when**” as the sentence **describes an event which surprised the speaker**.

“**When**” is used in a sentence **when a sense of ‘in that duration’ is required**.

e.g. Nobody spoke **when** she came into the room.

- The sentence is in **the simple past tense** (the use of the verb 'could').

Thus, we need a verb in the second form, i.e. **saw**.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option B.

The correct sentence is: **I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the scenic beauty of the Himalayas.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

130. A

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

Disintegrate = break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay.

Disharmony = lack of harmony or agreement.

Disinherit = change one's will or take other steps to prevent (someone) from inheriting one's property.

Denigrate = criticize unfairly; disparage.

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

131. D

Sol. The given sentence is in **active voice** and is in the **past indefinite interrogative tense**.

The structure for active/passive voice of such sentences are:

Active: Question word + did + subject + verb (1st form) + object?

Passive: Question word + was/were + object + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject?

So, the passive voice of the given sentence would be: **Why was your vote not cast by you?**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

132. B

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form** and **affirmative sentence**. Contextually the sentence shows a **suggestion or instruction**. The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active: **Verb [1st form] + object...**

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :- "**He should be heard now.**"

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

133. A

- Sol. • The first sentence should be **S** as it introduces the subject i.e. **Sundar Pichai**.
- The sentences **R** and **Q** form a mandatory pair because they tell about his **job responsibilities**.
- The sentence **P** should be the fourth sentence as it tells about **Sundar Pichai's job profile before joining Google**.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **SRQP**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Sundar Pichai joined Google in 2004 and became CEO in August of 2015. Prior to that, he led the product management and innovation efforts for a suite of Google's consumer products, including Google Toolbar, Chrome and Chrome OS. He was also responsible for the HTML5 and open web platform efforts at Google. Before joining Google, he held various engineering and product management positions at Applied Materials.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

134. B

- Sol. • The topic is introduced by part Q of the passage, where it tells the full form of the acronym IGNU and its location.
- Part S should immediately follow part Q, as it mentions how the university got its name.
- Part P mentions the statistics and the claim that it is the largest university, while part R mentions its focus on extension and training.

- As part R uses the phrase 'apart', there must be an element of mild contrast before part R.
- Thus, part S must be followed by part P, which would ultimately be followed by part R.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- "Indira Gandhi National Open University known as IGNOU, is a distance learning national university located at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, India. Named after Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India, the university was established in 1985 with a budget of ₹20 million. IGNOU is run by the central government of India, and with a total active enrollment of over 4 million students, claims to be the largest university in the world. Apart from teaching and research, it also offers extension and training."

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

135. C

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

- The **subject** of the sentence is "**balloons**", which is clearly in **plural form**.
- According to the **subject-verb agreement rule**, a **verb** should agree with the **subject** in number. So, if our subject is singular we must use a singular verb and if our subject is plural, we must use a plural verb.

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

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

- Therefore, the **plural subject 'balloons'** must be followed by a plural verb.
- The sentence uses the verb "**bought**" which indicates that the sentence must be in the **past tense**.
- So, the use of the plural verb "**were**" would be correct here.
Thus, replace '**is**' with '**were**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **The colourful balloons that I bought for Christmas were very nice.**

136. C

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

The phrase "**pick a quarrel**" means to start a quarrel/argument with someone.

e.g. It would be foolish to **pick a quarrel** with him.

137. C

- Sol.
- The first sentence should be R as it introduces the theme of the passage i.e., discovery of aliens.
 - The sentence P tells that the subject did not respond for a moment.
 - The sentence Q further tells that he did not do anything about it and sentence S then mentions that it took some time to digest the entire episode of discovering aliens.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- "**It was quite by accident I discovered this incredible invasion of Earth by lifeforms from another planet. For a moment I didn't respond. As yet, I haven't done anything about it; I can't think of anything to do. It took some time for the full import to sink in.**"

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

138. C

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- "**Pass the examination**" is the correct usage of words.

- **Pass in (something)** means

1) to deliver or submit some assignment or work

e.g. I had to **pass the paper in** late because of my grandfather's funeral.

2) to achieve a passing grade in a school subject.

e.g. I'm actually shocked that I **passed in math** because I barely studied for that class at all.

- The phrasal verb '**pass over**' means to ignore the claims of someone to promotion or advancement.

e.g. He was **passed over** for a cabinet job.

- The verb '**overcome**' means to manage to control or defeat somebody/something.

e.g. She tried hard to overcome her fear of flying.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option C.

The correct sentence will be: **Unfortunately, I did not pass the examination.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

139. B

- Sol. • When two nouns are joined by "**and**" and only the first noun is preceded by an article, they are considered as a **single noun**.

Like in the given sentence, the article "**the**" has been used with **the first noun only**; therefore, making "**metals and minerals sector**" a **singular noun**.

- It should be followed by a **singular verb**.
- The use of "**currently**" indicates that the sentence talks about the **present situation** and therefore, using "**was**" here would be incorrect.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

140. A

- Sol. This sentence is a **direct narration** of an **imperative sentence**. It is an instruction. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- "Said to" changes to **told** in indirect speech as they are followed by an object "**me**".

- As this is a negative command, inverted commas are removed and **not + to + verb (first form)** is used. For example, “do not go” changes to “not to go”.
- Second person pronoun** (your) changes to **first person pronoun** (my) according to the **object** of reporting speech (me).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **The teacher told me not to hesitate in clearing my doubts.**

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

141. A

Sol. This is an **assertive sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into **indirect speech** are given below:

- The inverted commas (“ ”) used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “that” conjunction is used.
- Said remains same in indirect speech as it is not followed by an object.
- As the reporting verb is in past tense (said), Simple present tense (trust) changes to simple past tense (trusted).
- First person pronoun (we) changes to Third person pronoun (they) according to the subject of reporting speech (they).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence: **They said that they trusted in God.**

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

142. C

Sol. Let's first see how these conjunctions are used in a sentence:

Because = is used to give the reasons for something happening.

e.g. We can't go to Julia's party **because** we're going away that weekend.

But = used to introduce an added statement, usually something that is different from what you have said before

e.g. The play's good, **but** not that good - I've seen better.

After = at a time that is later than another event

e.g. Three months after they moved out, the house was still empty.

So that = We use *so that* to talk about purpose.

e.g. I'll go by car **so that** I can take more luggage.

- In this sentence '**because**' is appropriate for the blank as the phrase after it is **showing his reason for going home immediately**.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

143. D

Sol. • The blank needs to be filled with an **auxiliary verb**.

- The expression "**the number of**" is always followed by a **plural noun/pronoun but a singular verb**.

e.g. The number of **people** we need to hire **is** thirteen.

- Therefore, the underlined part must consist of **a singular verb**.

So, the correct verb is "**has**".

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

144. A

Sol. • Either R or P can be the first sentence. However, if the passage starts with R, P should compulsorily

follow next to maintain the logical flow.

- But since we do not have this combination mentioned in the options, P should be the first sentence.
- It states the consequence of being children with good manners.
- "They" as mentioned in Q refers to the children. Thus, Q comes next in the sequence.
- Since, S starts with "therefore", it must follow a sentence which talks about "cultivation of good manners in their students".
- Thus, R should come after Q and S should be the last sentence.

The correct sentences after sequencing is :- **"Children with good manners are liked by one and all. They are appreciated even by strangers. All-around development of a child is possible only if a child is groomed in good manners. Therefore, the public schools lay great emphasis on the cultivation of good manners in their students."**

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

145. C

Sol. The given sentence is of direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in **present continuous 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.
- The reported speech is in **Yes/No question form**; therefore, **if/whether** is used before the reported speech.
- '**Said to**' will be changed to '**asked**' in indirect speech.
- **Present continuous tense** changes to **past continuous tense** i.e. '**are going**' will be changed to '**was going**'.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. '**you**' will be changed to '**she**' and the first person pronoun according to the subject: '**me**' will be changed to '**her**'.
- Question mark will be removed.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Priya asked Neha if she was going with him.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

146. A

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

- The use of the preposition "**on**" is **incorrect** in the given sentence as it is used to show the physical contact to a surface.
- The correct preposition to be used here is "**along**" as it means extending in a more or less horizontal line on. The cities were established not **on the banks but along the banks**.
- Also, the sentence mentions "**cities**" and "**all over the world**", which makes it obvious that there must be more than one "**river bank**".
- Thus, "**river banks**" should be used here.

The correct sentence will be: **Easy transport was the main reason why cities grew along the river banks all around the world.**

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

147. B

Sol. The given sentence is in the **active voice** (in the **simple past tense**). The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice: **The lost necklace was found by the detective.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

148. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- "Did" is used in **simple past sentences**.
- When we use "did" in a negative or interrogative sentence, the **first form of a verb is used** with it.
e.g. **Did** you **visit** a museum while you were there?
- Therefore, "**see**" should be used in place of "**saw**" in the given sentence.
- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option B.

The correct sentence will be: **I did not see my cousin in Madras.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

149. B

Sol. The idiom "golden handshake" means a usually large payment made to people when they leave their job, either when their employer has asked them to leave or when they are leaving at the end of their working life, as a reward for a very long or good service in their job

Example: He is to leave with a golden handshake understood to total at least one year's salary.

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

150. D

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

- Here the use of definite article "**the**" is incorrect.
- The **noun** used **after "each/either/every/neither"** should **never be preceded by an article**.
- **For example:**

Every a man (*incorrect*)

Every man (**correct**)

Each a boy (*incorrect*)

Each boy (**correct**)

- So, the use of article "**the**" **should be omitted** to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Each boy who took part in the game was given a gift hamper.**

151. B

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

- After shall/ will the V1 form of the verb is used.

- *For example: I will go to school tomorrow.*

- "Stand around" means to stand without doing anything and "stand up to" To confront someone or something in defiant opposition. Both of them are contextually incorrect.

- The correct phrasal verb is "**stand by**" which means to be supportive or loyal to someone in the time of need.

- Also, we need a personal pronoun here not a possessive pronoun.

- So, "**you**" should be used in the place of "yours".

The correct sentence will be: **Your true friend will stand by your in your failures and your success.**

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

152. D

Sol. The given sentence is of indirect speech and is in the simple present sentence.

- Since the reporting verb "**says**" is in the present tense, it will remain the same in the direct speech too.
- The **conjunction 'that'** will be removed and **inverted commas** will be introduced.
- Also, the tense of the reported speech will not change (in the simple present).

The sentence in direct speech will be :- **Rahul says, "Azhar loves cricket".**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

153. B

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

- With **fractions, percentages** and **indefinite quantifiers** (e.g., all, few, many, much, some), the verb agrees with the preceding noun or clause.
- Here, that noun is '**construction**' and it is an **uncountable noun**.
- An uncountable noun is followed by **a singular verb**.
e.g. Your luggage **looks** heavy.
- With a singular or non-count noun or clause, use a singular verb:
e.g. One-third of this *article* **has** been published.
e.g. Much of the *work* **seems** irrelevant.
e.g. Fifty per cent of the *job* **is** routine.
e.g. All the *information* **is** correct.
- With a plural noun, we use a plural verb:
e.g. One-fourth of the *girls* **have** failed the exam.

e.g. Many *computers* **contain** virus.

- Thus, replace '**have**' with '**has**' to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **One-third of the construction has been completed in a short span.**

154. A

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

- Please note that **if reporting speech has some imagined condition, there is no change in the tense.**
- The pronoun 'I' is changed to '**she**' and the **conjunction "that"** is used.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **Priyanka told Saurabh that if she were trapped on a deserted island, she'd lose her mind in fear.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

155. C

Sol. The correctly spelled word is **Probable** which means likely to happen or be the case.

Other words with correct spelling and with their meanings are :-

Fidelity = faithfulness to a person

Befallen = (especially of something bad) happen to (someone).

Salvager = someone who saves something from danger or violence

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

156. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form of simple past tense**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

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

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

157. B

Sol. The underlined part is grammatically incorrect.

- The phrasal verb '**clear off**' means **to leave a place quickly**.

e.g They've all cleared off and left me to clean this mess up.

Here, it is not correct contextually.

- The phrasal verb '**clear up**' means to make a place tidy by removing things that you have finished using or no longer want.

e.g. I'll **clear up** if you want to go to bed.

Thus, replace 'clear off' with 'clear up'.

- The use of '**it** (**singular**) in the sentence suggests that there is **only one drawer**.

The use of the demonstrative pronoun 'these' is incorrect.

These - is used with a plural noun.

This - is used with a singular noun.

Thus, replace 'these' with 'this'.

- Thus, replace the underlined part with the one given in option B.

The correct sentence will be: **I will clear up this drawer and then you can put your things in it.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

158. D

Sol. The sentence is grammatically and contextually **correct**.

- If nouns or pronouns are joined by "with, together with, along with, as well as, in addition to, besides, like, unlike, rather than, and not" the verb is according to the first noun or pronoun.
- For example: "**You as well as your sister were in the wrong company**" , "**He together with his friends is coming today**".

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

159. B

Sol. This is a **direct narration** of **exclamatory sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- Said will be changed to **praised** according to the sense of the sentence.
- Inverted commas will be removed and conjunction, '**that**' will be used.
- The tense of the reported speech is the **present perfect tense** (have done) and it will be changed to the **past perfect tense** (had done).
- Also, the **second person pronoun** (you) will be changed to **third person pronoun** (he) in the indirect narration.
- The word "Bravo" is omitted.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **Sukesh praised him that he had done well.**

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

160. D

- Sol. • The first sentence should be **Q** since it introduces the subject of the passage i.e. '**mutation**'.
- The second sentence, **S**, tells how mutation can occur.
- The sentence **P** further tells another way how mutation can occur. **S** and **P** are **mandatory pairs** here.
- The sentence **R** then aptly concludes the passage by mentioning that there are two types of mutations.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **QSPR**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A mutation is a change in a DNA sequence. Mutations can result from DNA copying mistakes made during cell division or exposure to ionizing radiation. It can also happen by exposure to chemicals called mutagens, or infection by viruses. There are two types of mutations – germ line mutation and somatic mutation.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

161. B

- Sol. The given sentence is in **passive voice**. Its tense is **present continuous**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

Active: **Subject + am/is/are + verb (ing) + object...**

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **Shankar is playing the flute.**

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

162. C

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form of past indefinite tense**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

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

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **Maya wrote this beautiful story.**

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

163. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of the noun '**currency**'.

- The adjective "several" should be followed by a plural noun form.

e.g. I've seen "Gone with the Wind" several **times**.

e.g. It took several **hours** to clear the road after the accident.

- So, the word 'currency' must be used in its **plural form**, i.e. "**currencies**".

The correct sentence will be: **The ABC Mill posted mixed results against several currencies.**

164. B

Sol. The idiom "gnomes of Zurich" means big international bankers. Swiss financiers or bankers regarded as having sinister influence – derogatory.

Example: International monetary affairs are governed by the gnomes of Zurich.

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

165. D

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

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

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration.
- The reporting verb 'said' will be changed to 'told'.
- Since the reported speech is a fact, **we will not change its tense** in the indirect speech.

The sentence in indirect speech will be :- **The teacher told the students that the earth revolves around the sun.**

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

166. C

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

Perturb = to agitate someone.

Example: News of the arrest perturbed her greatly.

Confound = to confuse and surprise somebody.

Commend = to praise someone.

Soothe = to calm someone.

Example: I picked up the crying child and tried to soothe her.

Fluster = to make someone nervous or confused.

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

167. B

Sol. The given sentence is a direct speech, and we need to convert it into indirect speech. The sentence is in **past 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 the form of WH-Question (i.e. 'why' in the given sentence), no conjunction is used before the question word. The question word itself works as a conjunction.
- 'Said to' will be changed to 'asked' in indirect speech.
- Past tense changes to past tense i.e. 'did not' will be changed to 'had not'.
- Second person pronoun changes according to the object of reporting speech i.e. 'you' will be changed to 'I'.
- Words like 'this' will be converted into 'that'.
- Question mark will be removed.

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into indirect sentence: **Sona asked me why I had not read that book.**

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

168. D

Sol. The idiom "to have/keep something up your sleeve" means to keep a plan or an idea secret until you need to use it.

Example: You need to have something up your sleeve if the current plan does not work.

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

169. B

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

Etiquette = is the customary code of polite behavior in society or among members of a particular profession or group.

Usage = the way something is treated or used

Habit = something that you do often and regularly, sometimes without knowing that you are doing it

Dignity = calm, serious, and controlled behaviour that makes people respect you

- **Etiquette** is the correct word to be used in the sentence as the sentence talks about **proper table manners that one person should possess.**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

170. B

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

- "It is time/high time" is followed by **second form** or **V2** of main verb.
- For example: **It is time you apologized for your mistakes.**
- "Decide" is the V1 form or present form of the verb.
- Thus, the correct form would be "**decided**" and it will replace "decide" to make the sentence grammatically sound.

The correct sentence will be: **Looking at the situation, it is time you decided on your next course of action.**

171. B

Sol. This is an **assertive sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and "**that**" conjunction is used.
- "Said to" will be changed to "**told**" in indirect speech as it is followed by an **object** (us).

- **Must** does not change in the indirect speech.
- **Second person pronoun** (you) changes to **first person pronoun** (we) according to the **object** of reporting speech (us).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **Sheela told us that we must work hard.**

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

172. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form** (in the **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:- **My friends were helped by Mohan.**

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

173. C

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

- This given sentence is a **conditional sentence** and we use these sentences to talk about situations in the past that did not actually happen.
- We use the **past perfect tense** in the **if-clause** and **would have + past participle** in the main clause.
- See the example below:
If I had known about the rainy weather, I would not have gone hiking.

- Some sentence starts with the verb "had" and omit the "if". In that case as well we will follow the same structure just the "had" will be **inverted**.
- Also, the correct past participle form of the verb "reach" is "**reached**"

The correct sentence will be: **Had you not reached in time, we would have lost our lives.**

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

174. C

Sol.

- The given passage talks about **a Russian Cargo Plane** delivering in space in record time. Hence, **Q** should be the first sentence as it introduces the topic.
- **R** should follow it as it talks more about the timings of the cargo plane.
- **S** should follow it because it gives further information about the time taken by the spacecraft to dock the supplies.
- **P** should be the last sentence as it gives a concluding remark (how a fast-track approach has been used for the first time) to the overall para.

Thus, the correct sequence is: **QRSP**.

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **A Russian cargo ship delivered a fresh load of fuel, food, and other supplies for the International Space Station on Tuesday, making it in record time. The Progress MS-09 lifted off as scheduled at 3:51 a.m. (2151 GMT; 5:51 p.m. EDT Monday) from the Russia-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The unmanned spacecraft loaded with nearly three tons of supplies docked at the station in automatic mode less than four hours after the launch. It marked the first time such a fast-track approach was used. In the past, it took the Progress ships up to two days to reach the space outpost.**

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

175. D

Sol. The idiom "bring to light" means to make or become widely known or evident.

Example: Her research has brought to light new information about Jefferson's early life.

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

176. C

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

Animosity = enmity/hostility.

Example: Of course we're competitive, but there's no personal animosity between us.

Sarcasm = convey contempt.

Bitterness = lack of sweetness.

Benevolence = kindness.

Example: His sunny, calm tone suggested a man of deep benevolence.

Contamination = state of making or being made impure by polluting.

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

177. B

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

Armory = a place where weapons are kept.

Allegory = A story that expresses ideas through symbols.

Amatory = relating to or induced by sexual love or desire.

Aleatory = depending on the throw of a dice or on a chance.

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

178. A

- Sol.
- The word "hello" in the direct speech denotes **greeting** and "how are you" denotes **a question**.
 - Hence, the **verbs** "greeted" and "asked" are used accordingly in indirect speech.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

179. B

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

- According to the sentence, she found a wooden table that is broken. Here '**Table**' is the noun while '**wooden**' and '**broken**' are the adjectives.
- The adjectives are use in **OSASCOMP** order i.e. opinion, size, age, shape, colour, origin, material, purpose.
- Here we have two adjectives that show **condition** (opinion) and **material**. 'Wooden' is the material and 'broken' is the condition.
- So, it should be "**broken + wooden**" according to order of adjectives.
- Also, the article "**a**" shows there was only one table. Thus "tables" must be made singular as "**table**".

The correct sentence will be: **She found only a broken wooden table after opening the locked room in the first floor.**

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

180. C

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

- The given sentence consists of a **question tag**. When question tag is used in a sentence, it follows the following rules:
 1. The question tag should be written in the **same tense** in which the main sentence has been

written.

2. If the main sentence is of **affirmative** tone, the question tag would of **negative** tone and vice versa.
 3. The auxiliary verb and the verb of the question tag are **similar** to each other (Do > Don't, Isn't > Is etc.)
 4. The subject of the question tag is written in accordance with the subject of the main clause.
- The given sentence is incorrect because both the sentence belong to simple present indefinite tense while the their verbs are different. The main sentence shows an action, thus a "do" verb is needed here and not a "be" verb.
 - **So, change "isn't it" to "doesn't".**
 - The **pronoun** used in the question tag is also incorrect. The pronoun to be used here should refer to the main subject of the sentence which is "**Umesh**".
 - Therefore, "**he**" should be used instead of "**it**". "**It**" is used for **objects** not a definite person.

The correct sentence will be: **Umesh bowls faster than Shami in every T20 tournament, doesn't he?**

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

181. C

- Sol.
- Sentence **R** will be the first sentence of the sequence as we use "**once upon a time**" to introduce a story.
 - Sentence **P** which starts with pronoun '**they**' which has been used for the disciples talked about in sentence .
 - So, **PQ** is a mandatory pair and will follow **R**.
 - **S** will come at the end of the sequence.

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

After rearranging the sentences, the passage will be: **Once upon a time, a great sage had a group of obedient disciples. They were all very bright and eager to learn, and the sage was proud of them. One day he realized that he had imparted sufficient knowledge to his disciples. There was only one thing that he had not taught them – a special mantra that could bring the dead back to life.**

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

182. D

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

Incredible = impossible to believe.

Illusive = deceptive; illusory.

Inapt = not suitable or appropriate in the circumstances.

Illicit = forbidden by law, rules, or custom.

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

183. B

Sol. This is an **assertive sentence**. The rules for changing such sentences into indirect speech are given below:

- The inverted commas (" ") used in Direct Narration is removed in Indirect Narration and “**that**” conjunction is used.
- "Said to" would remain **same** in indirect speech as it is not followed by an object.
- **Simple present tense** (have to go) changes to **simple past tense** (had to go).
- **First person pronoun** (I) changes to **third person pronoun** (she) according to the **subject** of reporting speech (she).

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the sentence into indirect speech: **She said that she had to play a match.**

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

184. B

Sol. The given sentence is in **active form** (in the **present continuous tense**).

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

Active Voice :- Subject +is/am/are + verb (+ing form) + object.

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

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into passive voice :-
Terrorist training camps are being run by Pakistan.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

185. A

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

- **Altercation** = a loud argument or disagreement
- **Alteration** = a change, usually a slight change, in the appearance, character, or structure of something
- **Aberration** = a temporary change from the typical or usual way of behaving
- **Affirmation** = the act of confirming something to be true

Let's find out the correct word to fill in the blank:

- The sentence talks about something between two brothers.
- After analyzing the meaning of the given words definitely "alteration", "aberration", and "affirmation" cannot be the correct words as they are out of context to the sentence.

- out of the given words, only "altercation" fits here.

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

186. A

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form of past perfect tense**. The structures for active/passive voices are:

Passive: **Object + had + been + verb (IIIrd form) + by + subject...**

Active: **Subject + had + verb (IIIrd form) + object...**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice: **The Governor had opened the books exhibition.**

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

187. B

Sol. For sentences (in the passive voice) that start with "by whom", it will change into "who" in the active voice:

Active: Who + verb (in the second form) + object...?

Passive: By whom + was/were + object + verb (IIIrd form)?

So, the sentence in the active voice would be: **Who did this work?**

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

188. C

Sol. Option C has the grammatically incorrect part. The error is in the use of "OF" after '**despite**'.

- "**Despite**" is a **preposition** and it means without being affected by; in spite of.

This preposition is **never followed** by 'of'.

e.g. **Despite** having very little money, they enjoy life.

- **In spite of** and **despite** are prepositional expressions. We usually use **in spite of** and **despite** with a noun.

e.g. He got the job in spite of his *prison record*.

e.g. John's company is doing extremely well despite *the recession*.

- *Thus*, we can either remove '**of**' from the above sentence or we can replace the preposition '**despite**' with '**in spite of**'.

The correct sentence will be: **Despite the good services offered by the company, its reputation did not improve in the market.**

or

In spite of the good services offered by the company, its reputation did not improve in the market.

189. A

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

Proliferation = rapid increase in the number or amount of something

Promotion = an act of raising in rank

Propensity = an inclination to do something

Paucity = shortage

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

190. B

Sol. The given sentence is in **passive form of present tense** containing **modals**.

The structures for active/passive voices are :-

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

Active: **Subject + should + verb (Ist form) + object**

So, with the help of the above structures, we can convert the given sentence into active voice :- **You should serve the poor.**

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

191. C

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

Trivial = of little value or importance.

Worthless = having no real value or use.

Significant = sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.

Irrelevant = not connected with or relevant to something.

- The first sentence of the passage introduces **beads** as an **important fashion accessory**.
- Only option C “**significant**” fits in the blank. The other three options mean the opposite of important.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

192. A

- Sol. • The previous sentence has already mentioned the **beads as a popular fashion accessory**.
- That is why “**fashion**” is the best fit for the blank.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

193. B

- Sol. • It has been already mentioned in the previous lines that **beads have played a vital role in knowing many cultures and civilizations**.

- Option B fits this context as **beads** tell the **story of a civilization**.

The other three options do not fit in this context.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

194. A

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

Remarkable = worthy of attention; striking.

Insignificant = too small or unimportant to be worth consideration.

Unimportant = lacking in importance or significance.

Pointless = having little or no sense, use, or purpose.

- This sentence describes **the value of a particular statue (Priest-king from Mohenjo-Daro)**.
- “**Remarkable**” describes this value and the other options mean the opposite of “remarkable”.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

195. D

Sol. • The blank needs **a verb** for the **subject 'findings'**.

- This sentence talks about the result of the findings from Mohenjo-daro.
- The word “**show**” gives this sense.
- Options A, B and C give a sense of hiding.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

196. B

Sol. • This sentence discusses the headband of the statue and gold embedded in that.
• “**Center-piece**” (**used for a part of the headband**) is the only option associated with **headband and gold**.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

197. C

- Sol. • All the previously mentioned **components** (**gold fillet, gold circlet, steatite bead**) have resulted in an extraordinary elite item.
• “**Elements**” is the correct word to describe these components.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

198. D

- Sol. • The whole passage talks about the **importance of beads**.
• This sentence supports that by mentioning how archeologists have also played a role in telling this.
• “**Explained**” fits this context perfectly. Options A, B and C mean the opposite of “explained”.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

199. C

- Sol. • **Harappan and Indus Valley** are two ancient **civilizations** of India.
• Therefore they should be followed by the word “**civilization**”.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

200. A

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

Understanding = the ability to understand something; comprehension.

Confusing = bewildering or perplexing.

Clouding = to make something less clear or easy to understand

Puzzling = to make somebody feel confused because he/she does not understand something

- The **last line sums up the passage** by stating how beads play a role in learning about the past.
- “**Understanding**” describes this sense aptly. The other three options mean the opposite of “understanding”.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.