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Instructions

In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

Question 1

Millions of Jews lost (A)/ their kith and kin (B)/ in Hitler concentration camps.(C)/ No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

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Question 2

Mother-in-laws (A)/ are (B) / a nuisance.(C) / No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 3

Today people is ignorant (A)/ of the things that (B)/ are happening around them. (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 4

I think so (A)/ you have taken (B) / the right decision. (C) / No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

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Question 5

When Albert stayed at the African jungle (A) / he chose to put up with many inconveniences such as (B) / wild animals and poisonous insects.(C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 6

I recall you telling me (A) / the story of the seven witches (B)/ but I cannot remember where or when.(C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 7

I was surprised (A)/ when the hostess smiled (B)/ as if she saw me before.(C)/ No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

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Question 8

Each one of his sisters (A) / were (B) / hardworking.(C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: B

Question 9

His need for affection (A)/ stem from his (B)/ father's long absence. (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: B

Question 10

Due to his negligence,(A)/ he failed (B)/ in the examination.(C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: D

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Question 11

Ramesh is smarter enough (A)/ to get selected for this post,(B)/ without any recommendations. (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 12

Madhu lived in Mumbai (A)/ since 1970 to 1985, (B)/ but is now living in Chennai. (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: B

Question 13

It has been shown that (A)/ very high doses of vitamin C actually (B)/ causes cancer cells to grow. (C)/ No Error (D).

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

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Question 14

Excess energy intake from (A)/ food may fuel the (B)/ growth of several cancers. (C)/ No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: D

Question 15

Mr. Gaurav Sharma (A)/ is coming (B)/ to dinner. (C) / No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: D

Question 16

You have been working very hard (A)/ for the past two years.(B)/ isn't it? (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

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Question 17

I visited my (A)/ grandpa and grandma's house (B)/ and found their missing. (C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

Question 18

You should learn to adopt (A)/ yourself to (B)/ changing circumstances.(C)/ No Error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: A

Question 19

He was smiling, (A)/ but his eyes retained (B)/ a look of solemnness.(C)/ No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

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Question 20

I shall go (A)/ by the (B)/ 3 o' clock's train. (C) / No error (D)

A A

B B

C C

D D

Answer: C

Instructions

In the following question, sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for the question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Question 21

With the amount of conflicts in the world, a Third World War is _____

- A emanate
- B emanant
- C eminent
- D imminent

Answer: D

Question 22

The traditional way of saying that you feel fine is to say that you are _____.

- A alright
- B all correct
- C all good
- D all right

Answer: D

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Question 23

The army has been _____ to be ready to control the floods.

- A alerted
- B warned
- C awakened
- D wanted

Answer: A

Question 24

The relation between the Indian P.M. and the U.S. President is perfectly _____ .

- A excellent
- B smooth
- C informed
- D cordial

Answer: D

Question 25

Never _____ met any girl so beautiful.

- A have I
- B I have
- C I had
- D did I

Answer: A

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Instructions

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Question 26

Ineffable

- A unintelligible
- B illegible
- C inexplicable
- D inexpressible

Answer: D

Question 27

Espionage

- A hypnotism
- B spying
- C perception
- D detente

Answer: B

Question 28

Apathy

- A negligence
- B indifference
- C sympathy
- D silence

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Question 29

Theoretical

- A punctual
- B uncritical
- C emotional
- D practical

Answer: D

Question 30

Mitigate

- A enlarge
- B reduce
- C increase
- D multiply

Answer: C

Question 31

Elegance

- A vehemence
- B fragrance
- C graceless
- D ostentatious

Answer: C

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Instructions

In the following question, four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

Question 32

- A orthopeadic
- B orthopadic
- C orthopaedic
- D orthopedic

Answer: C

Question 33

- A miscellaneous
- B micellaneous
- C misellaneous
- D miscelaneous

Answer: A

Question 34

- A vaccum
- B vacuum
- C vacum
- D vaccuum

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/Phrase.

Question 35

Take the bull by the horns

- A crush something with a heavy hand
- B grapple the situation courageously
- C close your eyes and attack the bull
- D take defensive measures to deal with a crisis.

Answer: B

Question 36

A gentleman at large

- A a man in the crowd
- B a man without a job
- C a man who runs around
- D a man who is generous

Answer: B

Question 37

Lose face

- A become embarrassed.

- B feel angry
- C get injured
- D feel surprised

Answer: A

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Question 38

Build castles in the air

- A work tirelessly
- B fly
- C dream
- D film something

Answer: C

Question 39

Fall back on

- A retreat
- B overtaken
- C suffer an accident
- D resort to something

Answer: D

Question 40

Go to rack and ruin

- A a state of utter chaos
- B a state of despair
- C a condition of exhilaration
- D get into a bad condition

Answer: D

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Question 41

Bite the dust

- A eat poorly
- B suffer a defeat

- C clean something
- D attack and defeat somebody

Answer: B

Question 42

Have a chip on one's shoulder

- A nurse a grudge
- B feel physically tall
- C suffer an ailment
- D carry a burden

Answer: A

Question 43

The seamy side

- A on the right side
- B unpleasant aspect
- C visible aspects
- D on the left side of something

Answer: B

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Question 44

Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians.

- A a proud gathering
- B an inefficient situation
- C an anti-national meeting
- D a top-level meeting

Answer: B

Instructions

In the following question the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Question 45

1. Some animals like fishes lay eggs and leave them.
P. The mother does not care for the eggs at all.
Q. They lay thousands of eggs at a time but do not look after them.
R. Most of the eggs die and only a few of them develop into fishes.
S. She simply leaves the eggs and never comes back to them.
6. Is this not something terrible? Yet, it is a fact.

- A QPSR
B PSQR
C RQPS
D QSPR

Answer: A

Question 46

1. Why should I tell you again and again?
P. They know what they have to do.
Q. Don't you know your duties?
R. Only you require to be told.
S. Other students need not be told.
6. I will not tolerate this anymore.

- A QSPR
B QRPS
C SPRQ
D QPSR

Answer: A

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Question 47

1. One evening he lit a large lamp in the bedroom and sat near his wife.
P. 'Why not?', was the answer.
Q. 'Whatever you like.'
R. 'Shall I read you something?', he asked.
S. 'What shall I read?', he continued.
6. He was somewhat taken aback by her answer.

- A RPSQ
B SRQP
C RQPS
D SQPR

Answer: A

Question 48

1. Marine biology is the study of organisms in the ocean.
P. At a fundamental level, marine life helps determine the very nature of our planet.
Q. Marine life is a vast resource.
R. Shorelines are also shaped and protected by marine life.
S. Marine organisms contribute significantly to the oxygen cycle.
6. Marine biology covers a great deal, from the microscopic to the huge whales.

- A PSRQ
B QPSR
C RPSQ
D SPQR

Answer: B

Question 49

1. Suddenly the man heard the low hum of an engine.
P. Instead, it grew louder and louder and seemed to be coming from above.
Q. At first he thought that it must be a car travelling along the road he had recently left.
R. He looked up quickly and saw an aeroplane cutting a crazy, zigzag path across the sky.
S. He expected the noise to fade away in the distance.
6. It disappeared for an instant behind some clouds, then emerged and plunged into the field.

- A QSPR
B SPRQ
C RPSQ
D QPRS

Answer: A

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Question 50

1. I got on a colourful bus filled with all kinds of strange people.
P. We arrived at a gate like the one in Salvador Dali's paintings.
Q. The bus rode across the dirty expanses without roads.
R. At first, I wasn't aware that the bus roof was loaded with drugs.
S. Everyone was filled with dust and often the wheels would sink into the soft soil.
6. It was a gate neither separated nor connected anything from or to anything.

- A QRSP
B SPQR
C RQSP
D RSPQ

Answer: A

Question 51

1. Prices of food products are going up.
- P. Seven straight weeks of rising prices have burnt holes in common man's pockets.
- Q. But it ruled out any "blind control" to rein in the increasing rates.
- R. Wholesale price-based inflation has already touched over a three-year high.
- S. The government has admitted that containing inflation would be a more difficult task.
6. This may hurt economic growth and reforms.

A S Q R P

B P Q R S

C P R S Q

D R S Q P

Answer: C

Question 52

1. The biggest villain in Deadwood has always been one thing: Fire.
- P. In less than an hour the flames were leaping through the tree-tops.
- Q. In our own times, a great fire threatened the town yet again.
- R. The wind roared through the forest carrying the flames almost to the edge of town.
- S. It all began when some waste-paper caught fire at the foot of the valley.
6. Fire-brigades arrived from all parts of the country to save Deadwood.

A R Q S P

B S Q P R

C P S R Q

D Q S P R

Answer: D

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Question 53

1. Health and fitness have now become one of the major concerns.
- P. This made life active and alert.
- Q. Earlier humans used to hunt for their living.
- R. Now, life has become more simple and easy.
- S. Due to which their body had to undergo a lot of physical exercise.
6. Everything we need is just a phone call away.

A R P S Q

B P Q R S

C Q S P R

D S R Q P

Answer: C

Question 54

1. My friend Peter went to live in a village.
- P. But it was a very slow animal.
- Q. So Peter bought a donkey for five hundred rupees.
- R. One day his neighbour told him that he must buy a donkey.
- S. Every family there had a donkey to carry things for them.
6. It did not like to work.

- A RSPQ
- B QPSR
- C SRQP
- D RSQP

Answer: C

Question 55

1. The master returned home after sometime.
- P. The snake was lying dead under the cradle.
- Q. He went into the room where the baby was sleeping.
- R. It had been killed by his dog.
- S. He noticed a snake.
6. He realised that his dog had saved his baby.

- A SRPQ
- B QRPS
- C QSPR
- D PQRS

Answer: C

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Question 56

1. In summer tiny oysters are collected.
- P. Then each oyster is taken out and a small hole is drilled in its shell.
- Q. There they are kept for three years.
- R. A tiny piece of sand is put inside the oyster.
- S. They are placed in trays and planted in the sea.
6. Then the oysters are again left in the sea.

- A QSPR
- B SQPR
- C RPSQ
- D PSRQ

Answer: B

Question 57

- 1. Time flows on without any stop.
- P. In fact change is the law of nature.
- Q. The condition in which a man lives; his ideas and thoughts are changing from age to age.
- R. This is true not only of physical life.
- S. That is why, things are always changing.
- 6. Thus, our mode of living and ideas are different from those of our grandfathers.

- A SRPQ
- B SQPR
- C SPQR
- D SPRQ

Answer: D

Question 58

- 1. Adversity is a curse.
- P. When every thing goes on well, we are tempted to take matters easy.
- Q. But, it has its uses also.
- R. But adversity prompts us to exert ourselves.
- S. We fall into a life of comfort and idleness.
- 6. This develops our latent powers, enabling us to prosper in life.

- A QSPR
- B QPSR
- C QRSP
- D QSRP

Answer: B

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Question 59

- 1. Giving advice is a difficult task.
- P. Moreover one doesn't know oneself, amid ambiguity, how can one know others.
- Q. It is a wonder how such people like politicians, reformers and people suchlike are so confident as to invent measures to live their life.
- R. Life is but one and mistakes are often irreparable.
- S. Unless he knows another person, how can he advise?
- 6. I find it very difficult to give advice.

- A PSQR
- B QRPS
- C SQPR
- D RPQS

Answer: B

Question 60

1. A traveller had spent many a year in Africa.
P. "How did you manage it?" asked one of his friends, greatly impressed.
Q. On his return home, he narrated his adventures to his friends.
R. "Oh, it was nothing", replied the traveller.
S. "When I was in El Doab", he said, "I made fifty Arabs run!"
6. "I ran, and they ran after me!"

- A RPQS
B QRSP
C QSPR
D PQSR

Answer: C

Question 61

1. Religion can bring revolution in the country.
P. Younger generation should read religious books.
Q. But it should be practised from within.
R. They will learn values of life from those books.
S. Their actions must be properly motivated.
6. Then they can be better human beings in Indian society.

- A QPRS
B QRPS
C RSPQ
D PRQS

Answer: A

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Question 62

1. We wanted to relax and have fun.
P. All of us agreed to share responsibilities.
Q. Two of us took our cars.
R. We decided to go on a picnic at Lodhi Gardens.
S. Each one of us brought one dish, some fruits and sweets.
6. We enjoyed ourselves a lot and felt a welcome change in our monotonous life.

- A SPQR
B PRQS
C RPQS
D SRPQ

Answer: C

Question 63

1. My hobby is to collect thought provoking articles from newspapers, magazines and Journals.
P. It has made me a much sought after speaker.
Q. It keeps me updated and helps me in my profession.
R. My successful talks give me self-satisfaction and fame.
S. Whenever I have to deliver a talk on topics such as education, personality development, stress management, I have a lot to say.
6. There is no doubt that a hobby is a boon if it combines pleasure and usefulness.

- A QSPR
B RSPQ
C SPQR
D PQRS

Answer: A

Question 64

1. First Deserve and then Desire.
P. Earlier I was very ambitious and wanted to fulfil my desires by hook or by crook.
Q. One can be exposed any time and put to shame.
R. This saying proved to be a mantra for success in my life.
S. But I realised that success through short cuts is short-lived.
6. I followed this saying and today I am a successful businessman.

- A SPQR
B RPSQ
C PRSQ
D QRPS

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Question 65

When something moves in a straight line.

- A quadrilineal
B octalineal
C rectilineal
D trapilineal

Answer: C

Question 66

Tending to associate with others of one's kind

- A grassivorous
- B gregarian
- C gregarious
- D graminivorous

Answer: C

Question 67

General pardon for offences against the state

- A sanctify
- B amnesty
- C gratuity
- D red-tapism

Answer: B

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Question 68

A person motivated by irrational enthusiasm.

- A moderate
- B conservative
- C fanatic
- D fan

Answer: C

Question 69

Wide, uninterrupted view.

- A windowview
- B panorama
- C macroscopic
- D eagle-view

Answer: B

Question 70

An instrument for measuring pressure of gases

- A barometer
- B anemometer

C micrometer

D manometer

Answer: D

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Question 71

That cannot be expressed in words.

A indelible

B ineffable

C ingrate

D inexorable

Answer: B

Question 72

A mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant material, used to provide a gentle natural scent inside buildings, especially in residential settings.

A potpourri

B perfume

C scent

D aroma

Answer: A

Question 73

Placing different things in order to create an interesting effect

A sit for a portrait

B render precisely

C juxtapose

D framing

Answer: C

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Question 74

Study of cultures.

A eremology

B etymology

C ethology

D ethnology

Answer: D

Question 75

A person speaking many languages.

A conversant

B polyglot

C talkative

D orator

Answer: B

Question 76

A lengthy and aggressive speech addressed to a large assembly.

A hullabaloo

B cacophony

C pandemonium

D harangue

Answer: D

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Instructions

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

Question 77

He could have solved the problem.

A The problem could be solved by him.

B The problem could have solved by him.

C The problem could have been solved by him.

D The problem could solve by him.

Answer: C

Question 78

Do not insult the poor.

A The poor are not insulted.

B The poor is not insulted.

C Let the poor be not insulted.

D Let the poor not be insulted.

Answer: D

Question 79

Do not disturb me.

A Let me be disturbed not.

B Let me not disturbed.

C Let me not be disturbed.

D Let I not be disturbed.

Answer: C

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Question 80

Who will help me?

A By whom I shall be helped?

B By whom will I be helped?

C By whom would I be helped?

D By whom I will be helped?

Answer: B

Question 81

Who has destroyed Nagasaki?

A By whom Nagasaki have been destroyed?

B By whom has Nagasaki been destroyed?

C By whom Nagasaki had been destroyed?

D By whom Nagasaki has been destroyed?

Answer: B

Question 82

Arun has written a newspaper report on the inauguration of Delhi Metro Railways.

A A newspaper report on the inauguration of Delhi Metro Railways have been written by Arun.

B A newspaper report on the inauguration of Delhi Metro Railways had been written by Arun.

C A newspaper report on the inauguration of Delhi Metro Railways is written by Arun.

D A newspaper report on the inauguration of Delhi Metro Railways has been written by Arun.

Answer: D

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Question 83

The students have dedicated an issue of magazine to him.

- A An issue of magazine had been dedicated to him by the students.
- B An issue of magazine has been dedicated to him by the students.
- C An issue of magazine have been dedicated to him by the students.
- D An issue of magazine is dedicated to him by the students.

Answer: B

Question 84

The old owl will listen to the squirrel's problems, patiently.

- A The squirrel's problems shall be listened patiently by the old owl.
- B The squirrel's problems will be listened to patiently by the old owl.
- C The squirrel's problems would be listened patiently by the old owl.
- D The squirrel's problems should be listened patiently by the old owl.

Answer: B

Question 85

Parents elected him the chairman of PTA as he was the only talented contestant.

- A He was elected the chairman of PTA by parents as he was the only talented contestant.
- B He had been elected the chairman of PTA by parents as he was the only talented contestant.
- C He have been elected the chairman of PTA by parents as he is the only talented contestant.
- D He is elected the chairman of PTA by parents as he was the only talented contestant.

Answer: D

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Question 86

The movie will create tension in the Indian society.

- A Tension would be created in the Indian society by the movie.
- B The tension shall be created in the Indian society by the movie.
- C Tension will be created in the Indian society by the movie.
- D The tension can be created in the Indian society by the movie.

Answer: C

Question 87

Late arrival of the Gomati Express created confusion among the passengers.

- A Confusion has been created among passengers due to the late arrival of the Gomati Express.
- B Confusion have been created among passengers due to the late arrival of the Gomati Express.
- C Confusion was created among passengers due to the late arrival of the Gomati Express.
- D Confusion is created among passengers due to the late arrival of the Gomati Express.

Answer: C

Question 88

The scorpion stung the farmer.

- A The farmer was stung by the scorpion.
- B The farmer had been stung by the scorpion.
- C The farmer is stung by the scorpion.
- D The farmer has been stung by the scorpion.

Answer: A

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Question 89

Let Sumita help him.

- A Let them be helped by Sumita.
- B Let him be helped by Sumita.
- C Let him helped by Sumita.
- D He should help by Sumita.

Answer: B

Question 90

I found the box last night in a ditch near my house.

- A The box I found last night in a ditch near my house.
- B The box was found last night in a ditch near my house.
- C Last night I found the box in a ditch near my house.
- D The box is found last night in a ditch near my house.

Answer: B

Question 91

The government has launched a programme to improve the performance of the ministries.

- A** To improve the performance of the ministries, a programme has been launched by the government.
- B** For the improvement of performance by the ministries, a programme has been launched by the government.
- C** A programme has been launched for the improvement of ministries by the government.
- D** The programme launched by the government was for the improvement of performance of the ministries.

Answer: A

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Question 92

A hundred carefully-screened people were invited to dinner by the Prime Minister.

- A** The Prime Minister invited a hundred people after screening them to dinner.
- B** The Prime Minister invited a hundred carefully screened people to have dinner with him.
- C** The Prime Minister invited a hundred carefully-screened people to dinner.
- D** The Prime Minister invited to dinner a hundred persons who were carefully screened.

Answer: C

Question 93

It is good that your ideas can be expressed with such clarity by you.

- A** It is good that you can express your ideas with such clarity.
- B** It is good that such clarity can be expressed by you through your ideas.
- C** It is good that you could have expressed your ideas with such clarity.
- D** It is good that you could express yourself with such clarity.

Answer: A

Question 94

A good deal of money will be made by that investment.

- A** That investment has made a good deal of money.
- B** That investment will be making a good deal of money.
- C** That investment has been making a good deal of money.
- D** That investment will make a good deal of money.

Answer: D

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Question 95

He had transported all his equipment to his factory.

- A All his equipment are transported to his factory by him.
- B All his equipment were transported to his factory by him.
- C All his equipment have transported by him to his factory.
- D All his equipment had been transported by him to his factory.

Answer: D

Question 96

Marketing professionals play a major role in the development of business sectors.

- A A major role is played by the marketing professionals in the development of business sectors.
- B A major role is being played by the marketing professionals in the development of business sectors.
- C In the development of business sectors, a major role was played by the marketing professionals.
- D In the development of business sectors, a major role has been played by the marketing professionals.

Answer: A

Instructions

In the following question, a sentence / a part of sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option.

Question 97

The student told her teacher to explain the passage.

- A asked her teacher
- B said to her teacher
- C conveyed to her teacher
- D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 98

Ram cooked a conspiracy to cheat Abdul.

- A cultivated
- B hatched
- C fabricated
- D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 99

Raja is a bad singer, he is tone-deaf.

- A stone-deaf
- B deaf
- C tune-deaf
- D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 100

Whether we realise or not we are continuously making choices every moment of our lives.

- A comprehensively
- B comparatively
- C constantly
- D No improvement

Answer: C

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Question 101

One night they sank through the shiny water, and for the first time since he has known them, began to quickly swim.

- A he had known them, began to swim quickly.
- B he have known them, begin to quickly swim
- C he knew them, began to swim quickly
- D No improvement

Answer: A

Question 102

Having run here and there in rage, he stood defeated, his cries suppressed into sobs.

- A to and fro
- B helter-skelter
- C far and wide
- D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 103

Forewarned is forearmed.

- A For warned is forearmed.
- B Before warned is forearmed.

C Forewarned is for armed.

D No improvement

Answer: D

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Question 104

Usain Bolt is second to one as an athlete.

A second to no one

B second to none

C none of second

D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 105

He spoke as though his throat had had suffered an injury.

A has had

B had

C would have

D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 106

All the family members of his are in Ernakulam.

A All the members of his family.

B All his family members

C All of his family members

D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 107

We are witnessing not triumph but the breakdown of democracy.

A not the triumph but breakdown

B not the triumph but the breakdown

C note triumph but breakdown

D No improvement

Answer: A

Question 108

Woe betide the youngster who is less than respectful.

A Woes beside

B Woe beside

C Woes betide

D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 109

My office is within a stone's throw from the university.

A in a stone's throw

B within a stone throw

C at a stone's throw

D No improvement

Answer: D

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Question 110

Herself saw the thief.

A Herself she saw the thief.

B She herself saw the thief.

C Herself she see the thief.

D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 111

My parents will reach Delhi by Monday next.

A are reaching

B will have reached

C were reaching

D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 112

I think so she will come to the party.

- A So I think she will come to the party.
- B I am thinking she will come to the party.
- C I think she will come to the party.
- D No improvement

Answer: C

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Question 113

Old habit die hardly.

- A Old habits die hardly.
- B Old habits die hard.
- C Older habits die too hard.
- D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 114

The burglar broke in the shop last night.

- A broke
- B broke through
- C broke into
- D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 115

Nida was too clever to see through his tricks.

- A see his tricks.
- B see into his tricks.
- C see over his tricks.
- D No improvement

Answer: D

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Question 116

Teachers are exemplary to the virtues of middle class.

- A exemplify
- B are examples to
- C exemplificate
- D No improvement

Answer: A

Question 117

The revolt of 1857 happened during the rein of Bahadur Shah Zafar.

- A in the rein off
- B in the reign of
- C during the reign of
- D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 118

We were introduced to each other by a mutual friend.

- A through a mutual friend.
- B by a common friend.
- C by mutual friends.
- D No improvement

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best express the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

Question 119

He said that she was coming that year.

- A He said,"She will come this year."
- B He said,"She is coming this year."
- C He said,"Come this year."
- D He said,"She was coming that year."

Answer: B

Question 120

My mother says,"I have often told you not to play with fire."

- A My mother has often told me not to play with fire.
- B My mother said that I should not play with fire.
- C My mother says that she has often told me not to play with fire.
- D My mother says that she often tells me not to play with fire.

Answer: C

Question 121

The teacher said to the student,"Why were you absent yesterday?"

- A The teacher asked the student why had been he absent the previous day.
- B The teacher asked the student why had he been absent the previous day.
- C The teacher informed the student that why he had been absent the next day.
- D The teacher asked the student why he had been absent the previous day.

Answer: D

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Question 122

My sister said,"They will contact you as soon as they finish the job."

- A My sister said that they would contact me as soon as they would finish the job.
- B My sister said that they would contact me as soon as they finish the job.
- C My sister said that they would contact me as soon as they will finish the job.
- D My sister told to me that they would contact me as soon as they would finish the job.

Answer: B

Question 123

Sheela reassured me,"I can come tonight."

- A Sheela told me I could come that night.
- B Sheela told me she could come that night.
- C Sheela told me she could come tomorrow evening.
- D Sheela told me she could will come that night.

Answer: B

Question 124

I said to you,"I can not be blamed for this."

- A I told you that you could not be blamed for that.
- B I told you that I could not be blamed for that.
- C I said you that I can not be blamed for this.
- D I said to you that I can not be blamed for this.

Answer: B

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Question 125

The father said to the son, "Why do you not start preparing for the examination this month?"

- A The father asked the son that why did he not start preparing for the examination this month?
- B The father told the son why he did not prepare for the examination that month.
- C The father enquired of the son why he did not start preparing for the examination this month.
- D The father asked the son why he did not start preparing for the examination that month.

Answer: D

Question 126

He said, "How can a Zebra talk?"

- A He wondered how a Zebra talks.
- B He questioned a Zebra talking.
- C He asked how a Zebra could talk.
- D He was amazed how a Zebra can talk.

Answer: C

Question 127

"What did you eat last night?" asked my mother.

- A My mother said to me what did I eat last night.
- B My mother asked me what I had eaten the previous night.
- C My mother said what did you eat last night.
- D My mother questioned me what I ate last night.

Answer: B

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Question 128

He asks which chair he is to sit on.

- A He said,"Which chair am I to sit on?"
- B He asked,"Which chair he is to sit on?"
- C "Which chair am I to sit on?" asks he.
- D He said,"Which chair should I sit on?"

Answer: C

Question 129

The boss said, "Please give me the latest reports."

- A The boss said to please give the latest reports.
- B The boss wanted to please the latest reports.
- C The boss wanted the latest reports, please.
- D The boss requested for the latest reports.

Answer: D

Question 130

They said to me,"Bring these books upstairs."

- A They ordered me to bring those books upstairs.
- B They implored me to take those books upstairs.
- C They suggested me to take those books upstairs.
- D They asked me bring the books upstairs.

Answer: C

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Question 131

She said,"I've been in this school since 1998."

- A She said that she had been in that school since 1998.
- B She said that she have been in this school since 1998.
- C She said that she was in this school since 1998.
- D She said that she was being in that school since 1998.

Answer: A

Question 132

"Are you the same person I met in the park?" I asked.

- A I asked the stranger if he was the same person I had met in the park.
- B Was he the same person I met in the park I asked the stranger.

C I asked the stranger if I was the same person he had met in the park.

D I asked the stranger if he was the same person I met in the park.

Answer: D

Question 133

He exclaimed with regret that he was perished by the people he had made.

A He said, "Alas! I perished by the people I made."

B He said, "Alas! I have perished by the people I have made."

C He said, "Alas! I am perished by the people I have made."

D He said, "Alas! I am perished by the people I made"

Answer: C

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Question 134

"I always keep a tin of biscuits in my room, girls."

A The matron said that she always keeps a tin of biscuits in her room.

B The matron informed the girls that she always kept a tin of biscuits in her room.

C The matron told the girls that she would always keep a tin of biscuits in her room.

D The matron told the girls that she had kept a tin of biscuits in her room.

Answer: B

Question 135

Mother said, "Don't step out of the house in the summer season."

A The mother requested the children not to step out in the summer season.

B The mother threatened the children not to step out of the house in the summer season.

C The mother persuaded the children not to step out of the house in the summer season.

D The mother advised the children not to step out of the house in the summer season.

Answer: D

Question 136

The teacher said that the burglar had broken into the office.

A The teacher said, "The burglar had broken into the office."

B The teacher said, "The burglar break into the office."

C The teacher said, "The burglar broken into the office."

D The teacher said, "The burglar was broken in the office."

Answer: A

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Question 137

Salim told Ajay that he would return the book to him the next day.

- A "I will return this book to you the next day,"said Salim.
- B Salim said,"I will be returning the book to you tomorrow, Ajay."
- C "Ajay, I will return the book to you tomorrow,"said Salim.
- D "Ajay will return this book to you tomorrow,"said Salim.

Answer: C

Question 138

I can't stand on my head because I am not well."

- A He said that he couldn't stand on his head because he was not well.
- B He said that he can't stand on his head because he was not well.
- C He told that he couldn't stand on his head because he was not well.
- D He declared that he couldn't stand on his head because he was not well.

Answer: A

Question 139

He said that when he was a boy he could stay up as long as he liked.

- A He said,"When I had been a boy I could stay up as long as I liked."
- B He told,"When I was a boy I could stay up as long as I liked."
- C He said,"When I was a boy I could stay up as long as I liked."
- D He said,"When I am a boy I can stay up as long as I like."

Answer: C

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Question 140

He explained that he knew the place well because he used to live there.

- A "I know the place well because I use to live here,"he explained.
- B "I know the place well because I used to live here,"he explained.
- C "I knew the place because I used to live here,"he explained.
- D "I have known the place well because I used to live here,"he explained.

Answer: B

Question 141

She said,"We were thinking of selling the house but we had decided not to"

- A** She said that they were thinking of selling the house but they decided not to.
- B** She said that they thought of selling the house but decided not to.
- C** She said that they have been thinking of selling the house but decided not to.
- D** She said that they had been thinking of selling the house but had decided not to.

Answer: A

Question 142

The guide suggested, "Let's rest here for a while."

- A** The guide suggested that we should rest there for a while.
- B** The guide suggested that we rest there.
- C** The guide suggested we should rest for a while.
- D** The guide suggested resting for a while there.

Answer: A

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Question 143

"Good-bye! Dear friend," said the patriot, "we will meet again."

- A** The patriot said good-bye to his dear friend and said that they will meet again.
- B** The patriot bade his friend good-bye and said that they must meet again.
- C** Bidding his dear friend good-bye, the patriot said that they would meet again.
- D** The patriot said good-bye to his friend and said that they are sure to meet again.

Answer: C

Question 144

He told his mother that he was starting in two days' time.

- A** "I am starting the day after tomorrow, mother,"he said.
- B** "I will start the next day, mother,"he said.
- C** "I may start in two days time, mother,"he said.
- D** "I must start in two days time mother,"he said.a

Answer: A

Question 145

He told me, "Your train will leave if you do not go at once."

- A He told me that his train will leave if he did not go at once.
- B He told me that my train will leave if I do not go at that moment.
- C He told me that his train would leave if he did not go that moment.
- D He told me that my train would leave if I did not go that moment.

Answer: D

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Instructions

In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

We are ____ in a time of great and ____ changes. The most obvious ____ of the modern world is the ____ development of science and technology. This has given man a deeper ____ of nature.

Question 146

We are ____ in a time of great

- A existing
- B living
- C surviving
- D alive

Answer: B

Question 147

time of great and ____ changes

- A convenient
- B continuing
- C coveted
- D consequent

Answer: B

Question 148

The most obvious ____ of the modern world.

- A part
- B side
- C feature
- D nature

Answer: C

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Question 149

the modern world is the _____ development of science and technology.

- A magnanimous
- B erratic
- C rapid
- D inconsistent

Answer: C

Question 150

This has given man a deeper _____ of nature.

- A understanding
- B control
- C management
- D questioning

Answer: A

Instructions

In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

War and Peace, an epic historical novel by Leo Tolstoy, was _____ published as *Voyna i mir* in 1865-69. This _____ study of early 19th century Russian society, noted for its _____ of realistic detail and variety of psychological _____ is generally regarded as one of the world's greatest novels. War and Peace is _____ concerned with the histories of five aristocratic families, the members of which are _____ against the _____ background of Russian social life during the war against Napoleon. The _____ of war, however, is _____ to the story of family existence which involves Tolstoy's optimistic belief in the life-asserting _____ of human existence.

Question 151

War and Peace an epic historical novel by Leo Tolstoy, was _____ published as *Voyna i mir* in 1865-69.

- A basically
- B wilfully
- C originally
- D faithfully

Answer: C

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Question 152

This _____ study of early 19th century Russian society,

- A panoramic

- B histrionic
- C omnipotent
- D explicit

Answer: A

Question 153

Noted for its ____ of realistic detail and

- A energy
- B veracity
- C suitability
- D mastery

Answer: D

Question 154

Variety of psychological ____ is generally regarded as one of the world's greatest novels.

- A criticism
- B analysis
- C instances
- D depth

Answer: B

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Question 155

War and Peace is ____ concerned with the histories of five aristocratic families,

- A importantly
- B primarily
- C heavily
- D connectively

Answer: B

Question 156

The members of which are ____ against

- A portrayed
- B displayed
- C treated

D based

Answer: A

Question 157

The ____ background of Russian social life during the war against Napoleon.

A soporific

B merciful

C vivid

D hardened

Answer: C

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Question 158

The ____ of war, however, is

A case

B prisoner

C perpetrator

D theme

Answer: D

Question 159

____ to the story of family existence

A inordinate

B subordinate

C audacious

D judicious

Answer: B

Question 160

Which involves Tolstoy's optimistic belief in the life-asserting ____ of human existence.

A pattern

B appropriation

C dogma

D suitability

Answer: A

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Instructions

In the following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

The nation has been ____ as a relatively extensive, territorial relation of nativity. We have further formulated the ____ of the nation as a territorially ____, yet bounded, social relation for the generation, transmission, and ____ of life. When the nation is a national state, it is also a ____ for the protection of life. The nation is often ____ by the metaphor of familial relations and, indeed, has sometimes been considered as some kind of ____ family. This is understandable because both the nation and the family are relations of _____. Nonetheless, there is an important difference, and to understand this will ____ a more detailed examination of the ____ between territory and bonding.

Question 161

The nation has been ____ as a relatively extensive

- A denied
- B designed
- C defined
- D derived

Answer: C

Question 162

We have further formulated the ____ of the nation

- A profession
- B purpose
- C proposition
- D purport

Answer: B

Question 163

as a territorially ____, yet bounded, social relation

- A extended
- B extrapolated
- C excessive
- D extensive

Answer: D

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Question 164

for the generation, transmission, and ____ of life

- A susceptibility
- B subtraction
- C sustenance
- D suspension

Answer: C

Question 165

When the nation is a national state, it is also a _____ for the protection of life.

- A structure
- B frame
- C harness
- D garter

Answer: A

Question 166

The nation is often _____ by the metaphor of familial relations

- A defiled
- B descanted
- C decried
- D described

Answer: D

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Question 167

and, indeed, has sometimes been considered as some kind of _____ family.

- A extended
- B exhibited
- C exhorted
- D exhumed

Answer: A

Question 168

This is understandable because both the nation and the family are social relations of _____.

- A family
- B bonding

- C kinship
- D acquaintance

Answer: B

Question 169

Nonetheless, there is an important difference, and to understand this will ____

- A enquire
- B esquire
- C retire
- D require

Answer: D

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Question 170

a more detailed examination of the ____ between territory and bonding.

- A situation
- B enclaves
- C relationship
- D chain

Answer: C

Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

True, It is the function of the army to maintain law and order in abnormal times. But in normal times there is another force that compels citizens to obey the laws and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and the properties of law abiding men. Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others. Now the good citizen, of his own free will obey these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. But the bad citizen is only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequence of his actions. And the necessary steps to compel the bad citizen to act as a good citizen are taken by this force. The supreme control of law and order in a State is in the hands of a Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly and acts through the Inspector General of Police.

Question 171

The expression 'customs and ceremonies' means:

- A Fairs and festivals
- B Habits and traditions
- C Usual practices and religious rites
- D Superstitions and formalities

Answer: B

Question 172

Which of the following is not implied in the passage ?

- A Laws protect those who respect it.
- B Laws ensure people's religious and social rights absolutely and unconditionally
- C A criminal is deterred from committing crimes for fear of the law.
- D The forces of law help to transform irresponsible citizens into responsible ones

Answer: B

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Question 173

According to the writer, which one of the following is not the responsibility of the police ?

- A To protect the privilege of all the citizens.
- B To check violent activities of citizens.
- C To ensure peace among citizens by safeguarding individual rights.
- D To maintain peace during extraordinary circumstances.

Answer: C

Question 174

"They are made to secure the property of citizens against theft and damage" means that the law:

- A Helps in recovering the stolen property of the citizens.
- B Assists citizens whose property has been stolen or destroyed.
- C Initiate process against offenders of law.
- D Safeguards peoples possessions against being stolen or lost.

Answer: D

Question 175

The last sentence of the passage implies that:-

- A The Inspector General of Police is the sole authority in matters of Law and order.
- B In every state, maintenance of public peace is under the over all control of the responsible minister.
- C The State Assembly exercises direct authority in matters pertaining to law and order.
- D The Inspector General of Police is responsible to the State Assembly for maintaining Law and order.

Answer: D

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Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

Riparian vegetation [the green band of vegetation along a watercourse] can help stabilize stream banks; filter sediment from surface runoff; and provide wildlife habitat, livestock forage, and scenic value. Well-developed vegetation also allows bank soils to absorb extra water during spring runoff, releasing it later during drier months, thus improving late-summer stream flows.

In many parts of the arid West, trees and shrubs are found only in riparian areas. Woody plants are very important as winter cover for many wildlife species, including upland game birds such as pheasants and turkeys. Often this winter cover is the greatest single factor limiting game bird populations. Woody vegetation also provides hiding cover and browse for many other species of birds and mammals, both game and nongame. Dead trees ("snags") are an integral part of streamside habitats and should be left standing whenever possible. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, brown creepers, and other birds eat the insects that decompose the wood. These insects usually pose no threat to nearby living trees. Occasionally a disease organism or misuse of pesticides will weaken or kill a stand of trees. If several trees in a small area begin to die, contact your local extension agent immediately.

Question 176

What is the effect of the word choice 'riparian'?

- A It gives the article an authoritative, scientific tone.
- B It causes confusion, since both streams and rivers could be viewed as riparian.
- C It seems condescending, as if the author is bending over backwards to teach readers.
- D It misleads reader into thinking they are getting scientific information when they are not.

Answer: A

Question 177

What is the overall sense conveyed by the author when the specific birds that live in riparian areas are listed in the passage?

- A Urgency on behalf of endangered species.
- B The rich and varied life in such areas.
- C His or her own importance as a scientific expert.
- D Poetic wander

Answer: B

Question 178

What is discussed in the second paragraph of this passage?

- A The types of birds that live in riparian areas.
- B The effect of winter cover on water purity.
- C The role of trees and shrubs in riparian areas.
- D How winter cover affects game bird populations.

Answer: D

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Question 179

Overall the assertions seem to be based on:

- A Rash opinion with little observation behind it.
- B Deeply held emotional convictions.
- C Facts derived from scientific literature.
- D Inconclusive evidence gathered in field studies.

Answer: C

Question 180

How dependent are plants and animals on each other?

- A Not dependent
- B Very dependent
- C Completely independent
- D Slightly dependent

Answer: B

Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

Implanting standards, right values, the science of good and evil are an essential part of education. Many forces thwart this to work, but two of the most serious hindrances to it are examinations and specialization. The examination system is both an opiate and a poison. It is an opiate because it lulls Man into believing that all is well when most is ill. It is a poison because it paralyses or at least slows down the natural activities of the healthy mind. Man finds himself a creature of unknown capacities in an unknown world, wants to learn what the world is like, what he should be and do in it. To help him in answering these questions is the one and only purpose of education. However, tests of progress are useful and necessary. Examinations are harmless when the examinee is indifferent to their result, but as soon as they matter, they begin to distort his attitude to education and to conceal its purpose. For disinterestedness is the essence of all good education and liberal education is impossible without it.

Question 181

The author considers specialization as :

- A A boon
- B An obstacle
- C A curse
- D A distraction

Answer: B

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Question 182

One of the core elements of education is :

- A A right value system
- B A good examination system

C A system with extra-curricular activities

D A system with specialization

Answer: A

Question 183

The examination system is an opiate because

A It paralyses the mind.

B it lulls Man into believing that all is well when it is not.

C It slows the natural activities of Man.

D It makes Man lazy

Answer: B

Question 184

The purpose of education is

A Performing well in exams.

B Learning the right values.

C Knowing what is right and wrong.

D Helping man to understand his potential, the world around him and his role in it.

Answer: D

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Question 185

The author

A Encourages indifference to the outcome of examinations.

B Encourages examinations.

C Encourages specialization.

D Encourages learning.

Answer: A

Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

The man who is perpetually hesitating which of the two things he will do first, will do neither. The man who resolves, but suffers his resolution to be changed by the first counter-suggestion of a friend, - who fluctuates from opinion to opinion, from plan to plan, and veers like a weather-cock to every point of the compass, with every breath of caprice that blows - can never accomplish anything great or useful. Instead of being progressive in any thing, he will be at best stationary, and more probably retrograde in all. It is only the man who first consults wisely, then resolves firmly, and then executes his purpose with flexible perseverance, undismayed by those petty difficulties which daunt a weaker spirit that can advance to eminence in any line. Take your course wisely, but firmly; and having taken it, hold upon it with heroic resolution, and the Alps and Pyrenees will sink before you.

Question 186

A man who cannot decide which of the two things he will do first, end up doing_____.

- A All
- B The second thing
- C The first thing
- D Nothing

Answer: D

Question 187

What is the meaning of "retrograde" in the passage?

- A Stop moving
- B Move backwards
- C Move slowly
- D Crawl along

Answer: B

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Question 188

What will the man who sticks to his resolve and executes it advance to?

- A Wisdom
- B Progress
- C Eminence
- D Resolution

Answer: C

Question 189

Who is daunted by petty difficulties?

- A Someone who fluctuates
- B One who hesitates
- C One with a strong spirit
- D One with a weak spirit

Answer: D

Question 190

The writer advises us to be _____.

- A wise, firm and resolute.
- B weak, firm and resolute.
- C happy, firm and resolute.
- D flexible, happy and resolute.

Answer: A

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Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.
Passage:

The public sector banks are witnessing in india a period of transition and are at crossroads, where they without giving up social responsibility, should also remain healthy. They need to undertake risky experiments yet perform it innovatively in a way it does not fail. They should make forays into new areas which are rarely tread by them and lose no emerging opportunities. It should be understood that absence of any bad advance is no sign of efficient banking system. It only indicates immense conservatism. However this is no guarantee for profit. There should be a balance between liquidity and risk. Past sins should be forgotten. Novel and pragmatic techniques should be adopted without which banks would be in danger.

Question 191

What according to the author, are the public sector banks witnessing.

- A A period of profit
- B A period of change
- C A period of certainty
- D A loss making period

Answer: B

Question 192

In addition to being socially responsible, what does the author want the banks to be.

- A Customer friendly
- B Able to attract foreign investors.
- C Financially healthy
- D Senseless risk takers

Answer: C

Question 193

How can the banks take risks without risking a failure?

- A By being innovative
- B By soliciting the help of the government
- C By being financially healthy

D By being conservative.

Answer: A

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Question 194

What does the absence of any bad advance indicate?

- A A penchant for risks
- B Immense conservatism
- C Financial independence
- D A deep-seated social commitment

Answer: B

Question 195

What would happen if novel and pragmatic techniques are ignored?

- A It will put the banks in danger.
- B It will undermine the banks social commitment.
- C It will reveal the untapped talent.
- D It will result in inefficient portfolio management.

Answer: A

Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

The human eye is a complex part of the body that is used for seeing. Eyes enable people to perform daily tasks and to learn about the world that surrounds them. Sight, or vision, is a rapidly occurring process that involves continuous interaction between the eye, the nervous system, and the brain. When someone looks at an object, what he really sees is the light reflected from the object. This reflected light passes through the lens and falls on the retina of the eye. Here the light induces nerve impulses that travel through the optic nerve to the brain and then over other nerves to muscles and glands.

The eye is similar to a television camera. Both the eye and the television camera convert light energy to electrical energy. The eye converts light to nerve impulses that are interpreted by the brain as the sense perception called sight. A television camera converts light to electronic signals that are broadcast and transformed into light images in a television receiver. It is wonderful that human eyes blink an average of once every six seconds. This washes the eye with the salty secretion from the tear or lachrymal glands. Each tear gland is about the size and shape of an almond. These glands are situated behind the upper eyelid at the outer corner of the eye. After passing over the eye, the liquid from the gland is drained into the nose through the tear duct at the inner corner of the eye.

Question 196

What do we see when we look at an object?

- A The object reflected by the light.
- B The light reflected from the object.
- C The shadow of the object.
- D The object as it is.

Answer: B

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Question 197

The eye is similar to the television camera because both

- A** Convert light energy to mechanical energy.
- B** Convert light energy to electrical energy.
- C** Convert energy to mechanical light
- D** Convert mechanical light to electrical energy.

Answer: B

Question 198

The sense perception that the brain releases after the eye converts light to nerve impulses is known as

- A** Blindness
- B** Image
- C** Sight
- D** Glare

Answer: C

Question 199

The average rate of blinking of an eye is

- A** Six times every second
- B** Once every six seconds
- C** Six times every six seconds
- D** Once every second

Answer: B

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Question 200

Lachrymal glands or tear glands are situated

- A** Inside the eye.
- B** In the black of the eye.
- C** At the outer corner of the eye.
- D** On the eyelid.

Answer: C

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