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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

In my opinion (A)/a pencil is always (B)/ more preferable to a pen.(C)/ No error (D)

- A A
- **B** B
- C C
- **D** D

Answer: C

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Question 2

The climate(A)/ of Mumbai (B)/ is better than Hyderabad.(C)/ No error(D)

- A A
- **B** B
- C C
- **D** D

Answer: C

Question 3

The best known leader(A)/ among them were(B)/ Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru.(C)/ No error(D)

- **A** A
- **B** B
- C C
- **D** D

Answer: A

Question 4

The burglar stole all the money(A)/ in the house but surprisingly missed(B)/ the jewelleries in the locker.(C)/ No error(D)

- A A
- **B** B
- **C** C
- **D** D

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Question 5

Owing to the disturbing noise,(A)/ the speaker was forced (B)/ to adjourn the meetings.(C)/ No error (D)

- **A** A
- **B** B
- **C** C
- **D** D

Answer: 0

Question 6

No man can become a great(A)/ artist unless he(B)/ apply himself continually to his art.(C)/ No error(D)

- **A** A
- **B** B
- C C
- **D** D

Answer: C

Question 7

No one wants to drive to work anymore(A)/ because of traffic jams (B)/ at rush hour.(C)/ No error (D)

- **A** A
- **B** B
- C C
- **D** D

Answer: D

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Question 8

As they climb(A)/ higher, the air(B)/ became cooler.(C)/ No error(D)

- **A** A
- **B** B
- **C** C
- **D** D
- A -- ---

Question 9
Rama has(A)/ no taste(B)/ in classical music.(C)/ No error(D)
A A
B B
C C
D D
Answer: C
Question 10
A unique feature of a mobile phone(A)/ is that it enables seamless telephone calls even(B)/ when the user are moving around wide areas.(C)/ No error(D)
A A
B B
C C
D D
Answer: C
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Question 11
My father, (A)/ though old,(B)/ goes everywhere by foot.(C) No error(D)
A A
в в
c c
o D
Answer: C
Question 12
You better (A)/ consult a doctor(B)/ immediately.(C)/ No error(D)
A A
B B
D D
Answer: A

Ann recieved the promotion instead of Susan (A) / as Ann is senior than So Ann.(C)/ No error(D)	isan in age (B)/ though Susan had worked there before
A A	
ВВ	
; c	
) D	P
Answer: B	
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Question 14	(5)
The officer has (A)/ given orders to his(B)/ soldiers yesterday.(C)/ No erro	·(D)
A A	
в в	
C C	
D D	
Answer: A	
Question 15	
When your in doubt(A)/ about your best friend's loyalty (B)/ you can't help	peing disappointed.(C) No error(D)
A A	
в	
С	
D D	
Answer: A	
Question 16	
Scarcely had he gone(A)/ than I remembered(B)/ his name.(C)/ No error	
A A	
3 B	
c c	
) D	
Answer: B	

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Were I the President(A)/ I would award(B)/ you a title.(C)/ No error(D) Α В D Answer: D **Question 18** The patient died(A)/despite he had recieved(B)/ the best medical help.(C)/ No error(D) C D Answer: B **Question 19** One of my friend(A)/ has gone(B)/ to Canada.(C)/ No error(D) Α В С D Answer: A **SSC Free Preparation App Question 20** Florence Nightingale(A)/ was called(B)/ Lady with the lamp.(C)/ No error(D) 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 17

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Qu	estion 21				
	man standing in that corner is a police man in plain clothes.				
Α	Some				
В	Any				
С	A				
D	The				
1	Answer: D				
Ou	Question 22				
	ht cylinder engines are that use great amount of petrol.				
,	,				
Α	conveyances				
В	devices				
С	instruments				
D	apparatus				
A	Answer: B				
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Qu	estion 23				
He	would always be late with submissions because he would whatever he was supposed to do.				
Α	prevaricate				
В	procrastinate				
С	interrogate				
D	discriminate				
1	Answer: B				
Qu	estion 24				
He	talked on and on				
Α	ad infinitum				
В	voraciously				
С	hesitatingly				
D	ad interim				
A	Answer: A				
Qu	estion 25				
Th	e order is and you must abide by it, as there is not even the slightest chance of its being modified or withdrawn.				

- A irretrievable
- **B** irreparable
- **C** irrevocable
- **D** irreconciliable

Answer: C

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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

Evince

- A recollect
- **B** show
- **C** appear
- **D** produce
 - Answer: B

Question 27

Pernicious

- **A** filthy
- **B** foul
- C continuous
- **D** injurious
 - Answer: D

Question 28

Eulogy

- **A** harmony
- **B** euphoria
- **C** praise
- **D** homily

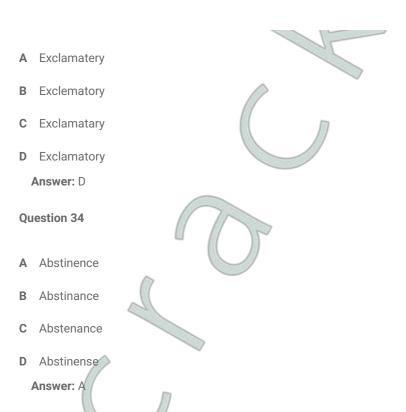
Answer: C

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Instructions

In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word **Question 29 Accumulated** squandered receded collected garnered Answer: A **Question 30 Diffident** reserved happy confident strong Answer: C **Question 31 Fickle** debilitating firm repulsive yielding Answer: B Free SSC Study Material (18,000 Solved Questions) 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** Precience Prescienc Presciensce Prescience Answer: D **Question 33**

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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

Make one's mark

- A distinguish oneself
- B score high marks
- C highlight something in a page
- **D** reveal something

Answer: A

Question 36

Throw in the towel

- A fight with vigour
- **B** acknowledge defeat
- C get success
- D concentrate more

Answer: B

Question 37

Mare's nest

A phenomenal discovery





- **B** worthless thing
- C joyful event
- D huge mistake

Answer: B

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Question 38

A storm in a teacup

- A steam while having tea
- B something which encourages
- C big fuss over a small matter
- D special positions

Answer: C

Question 39

Blue-blooded

- A inferior
- B of noble birth
- C of unknown origin
- **D** unhealthy

Answer: B

Question 40

Do a roaring trade

- A in the animal business
- B highly successful
- **C** in the habit of shouting at others
- **D** extermely reluctant

Answer: B

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Question 41

Keep body and soul together

- A maintain his health
- B continue with his work

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- to have just enough to sustain be physical and spiritual Answer: C **Question 42** Will-o-the-wisp smoky place marsh land unreal imagining rumour whispered by many Answer: C **Question 43** Cloak- and - dagger an armoured suit a game of martial skill an activity that involves mystery and secrecy a wide coat without sleeves and a small sword Answer: C SSC CGL Free Mock Test (Latest Pattern) **Ouestion 44** Palm off clearly visible
- B uneasy with something
- C to dispose off with the intent to deceive
- **D** conceal

Answer: C

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.

- 1. Information Technology is a recent development.
- P. These changes are attributed to the Internet, website, e-mail and Fax.
- Q. As a result of these techniques, the whole world has shrunken into a global village.
- R. The invention of computer has accelerated the speed of computing.
- S. It has brought about revolutionary changes in the field of communication.
- 6. Browsing Internet has become a regular feature.
- A QPRS
- **B** SRPQ
- C QRPS
- **D** SPRQ

Answer: B

Question 46

- 1. The telephone is the most tyrannical of all the machines we have invented.
- P. We might be watching television, reading a book, or doing some gardening.
- O. It uses us more than we use it.
- R. But at the first summon, we hasten to answer its call.
- S. It rings frantically whenever we are in the middle of doing something else.
- 6. Are we not like slaves hastening to their whip-cracking masters?
- A SPRQ
- **B** SRPQ
- C OSPR
- **D** QPSR

Answer: C

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Ouestion 47

- 1. One day G. Washington was riding along a road.
- P. The beam was too heavy to lift without help.
- Q. The Corporal was giving them orders.
- R. On the way, he saw soldiers lifting a heavy beam.
- S. They needed just one more man.
- 6. G. Washington dismounted and helped the soldiers to lift the beam.
- A RQPS
- **B** QPRS
- C SQRP
- **D** QRPS

- 1. There was a boy named Ali.
- P. They asked him to find work.
- Q. He lived with his parents.
- R. But Ali refused to work.
- S. They were very poor.
- 6. They asked him to leave the house.
- A RQPS
- **B** PSQR
- C QSPR
- **D** SQPR

Answer: Q

Question 49

- 1. The second centre is much smaller.
- P. It will be known as Dhana Dhanya Cultural Complex.
- Q. It will come up at Alipore.
- R. The State Government has decided to setup this centre.
- S. But it is equally attractive.
- 6. This will be built in the memory of Dwijendralal Roy.
- A PQSR
- **B** RQSP
- C SOPR
- **D** QPSR

Answer: C



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Ouestion 50

- 1. Siem Reap is a small town near the temple of Angkor Wat.
- P. There are some fine examples of Khmer and French architecture.
- Q. The town is charming and worth exploring.
- R. In Angkor Wat you will find more than 100 stone monuments and temples.
- S. Now a days, visitors are using it as a base for visits to nearby temples.
- 6. To see the whole town can take several days.
- A QPSR
- **B** PSRQ
- C RSPQ
- **D** SPRQ



- 1. The northeastern region presents a diverse system of habitats, ranging from tropical rainforests to alpine meadows.
- P. In eastern Himalayas the rainfall ranges from 125 to 300 cms, in Assam from 178 to 305 cms.
- Q. The temperature in the region varies with location, elevation, topography, rainfall and humidity.
- R. The uneven distribution affects the region in two opposite ways, floods and droughts.
- S. It is largely a humid tropical region with two periods of rainfall; the winter rains come from the west and the summer rains are brought by the monsoon winds.
- 6. The winter temperature in Shillong, for example, varies from $4^{\circ}C$ to $24^{\circ}C$; in Gangtok, from $9^{\circ}C$ to $23^{\circ}C$.
- A QRSP
- **B** SPRQ
- C PORS
- D RSQP

Answer: B

Question 52

- 1. On vacation in Tangier, Morocco, my friend and I sat down at a street cafe.
- P. At one point, he bent over with a big smile, showing me a single gold tooth and a dingy fez.
- Q. Soon I felt the presence of someone standing alongside me.
- R. But this one wouldn't budge.
- S. We had been cautioned about beggars and told to ignore them.
- 6. Finally a man walked over to me and whispered,"Hey buddy, this guy is your waiter and he wants to take your order".
- A SQRP
- **B** SQPR
- C QSRP
- **D** QSPR

Answer: C

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Question 53

- 1. The manual typewriter is worked by hand.
- P. The required letter is thus printed on the paper.
- Q. When one of the keys is tapped, a hammer goes and strikes the ribbon against the blank paper.
- R. Then the roller automatically moves on, another key is tapped and the next letter is printed.
- S. A sheet of paper is clipped against the roller.
- 6. A person who knows typing, can really work fast on this machine.
- A SQPR
- **B** RPQS
- C PSQR
- **D** QPSR

- 1. I usually sleep quite well in the train, but this time I slept only a little,
- P. Most people wanted it shut and I wanted it open.
- Q. Soon there was a quarrel about the window.
- R. The quarrel left me completely upset.
- S. There were too many people and too much luggage all around.
- 6. The window was shut all night as usual.
- A RSQP
- **B** SQPR
- C SQRP
- D RSPQ

Answer: B

Question 55

- 1. We stayed on the second floor of an individual house.
- P. Then she would add the three fourths water that he would anyway add to the milk.
- Q. One day she said to him that he was too old to climb upstairs with the heavy can of milk.
- R. My mother was very angry with the old man who brought diluted milk to us.
- S. She suggested to him that he should come up with the can, one fourth full with milk.
- 6. So that he was not burdened with climbing upstairs with the heavy can.
- A QRSP
- **B** RQSP
- C PORS
- **D** SPRQ

Answer: B

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Ouestion 56

- 1. Reporters gather news for newspaper.
- P. The newspaper is sent to the distributors.
- Q. The news is classified and arranged by the editors.
- R. It is printed in the press.
- S. Then the newspapers are sent to news agencies.
- 6. The news agencies sell the newspapers.
- A SRPQ
- **B** RPSQ
- C QRPS
- **D** PRQS

Answer: C



- 1. The trial of Madhuri Gupta began on the morning of 22 March 2012, almost two years after she was first taken into police custody.
- P. She was released on bail after having already served 21 months in Tihar jail waiting for a trail.
- Q. Shortly before 10 a.m., Gupta was chatting amiably with the policmen on duty at North Delhi's Tis Hazari Courts complex.
- R. She had been jailed until January of this year, when she was formally charged with violating the official Secrets Act, 1923.
- S. Home to about 400 courtrooms, the complex is among the largest of its kind in Asia.
- 6. The place presents a dim picture of the depressing realities of justice at work.
- A PRSQ
- **B** QPSR
- C SRQP
- D RPQS

Answer: D

Question 58

- 1. By 1 pm, the producers were ready and the show time sirens wailed.
- P. He was wearing a skullcap and sported his now signature long beard.
- Q. Jamshed was to pre-record episodes of ALIF LAAM MEEM, a 2011 Islamicised version of WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE for Geo TV.
- R. Junaid Jamshed made his entrance, standing tall in a kurta.
- S. We were at International Studios in Karachi.
- 6. Geo TV is one of Pakistan's biggest TV networks.
- A PRQS
- B RPSO
- C QSPR
- D PQRS

Answer: B

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Question 59

- 1. When he was a little boy, he lived on a farm in the country.
- P. He used to feed the chicken in the morning.
- Q. After Lunch, it was too hot to work or play.
- R. It was his grandfather's vegetable farm.
- S. Then he played in the fields until noon.
- 6. So everyone took a nap for two or three hours.
- A PQSR
- B RPOS
- C PSRO
- **D** RPSQ

Answer: D



- 1. It was 7 o' clock in the morning.
- P. He was keenly looking at the approaching vehicles.
- Q. His house was in the lead.
- R. Shardul was waiting for his school bus.
- S. Today is the final day of his school athletic meet.
- 6. As a leader of the house, he wanted to win the General Championship by scoring maximum points.
- A PRSQ
- **B** SRPQ
- C RSPQ
- D RPSQ

Answer: D

Question 61

- 1. Little indeed is known of the origin of English literature.
- P. This has not prevented some scholars from writing their "lives" from hints in the texts themselves.
- Q. So far as poets are concerned, again, little or nothing is known beyond the names of two of them.
- R. We can be certain that poetry made its appearance long before the first prose was written down.
- S. Critics have also relied on scanty contemporary references, and also a mass of conjecture that cannot be described as intelligent.
- 6. Not withstanding the mists, old English literature has an amazing richness.
- A PQRS
- **B** SRQP
- C PROS
- D RQPS

Answer: D

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Ouestion 62

- 1. A film director decided to make a romantic film.
- P. A long spell of audition was conducted to find a suitable heroine.
- Q. Mr. Mohan Lal was singned as the hero of the film.
- R. The director wanted a new face for the heroine of his film.
- S. Finally, he selected a young school girl for his film.
- 6. The film was a box office hit.
- A QRPS
- **B** QPSR
- C RPSO
- **D** RPQS



- 1. Rohit went to the airport to see off his friend.
- P. He explained that he had lost his bag in the crowd.
- Q. Rohit asked him why he was worried and anxious.
- R. Just then, a policman was seen with a teenager who had a bag in his hands.
- S. The friend appeared worried and anxious about something.
- 6. They told the policman about their lost bag & claimed it.
- A QSPR
- **B** RPSQ
- C PQRS
- D SQPR

Answer: D

Question 64

- 1. I boarded a bus from Tilak Nagar to the Railway Station.
- P. It was very embarrassing when people looked at me as if I was a fool.
- Q. The conductor came and I asked for a ticket.
- R. I was very happy to occupy a seat as I was sure that my journey will be comfortable.
- S. He told me that I had boarded a wrong bus.
- 6. But the conductor was kind enough to tell me that I could get down on the next-stand and get bus to the station.
- A PSRQ
- **B** SPQR
- C POSR
- **D** RQSP

Answer: D

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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

One who is not easily pleased by anything

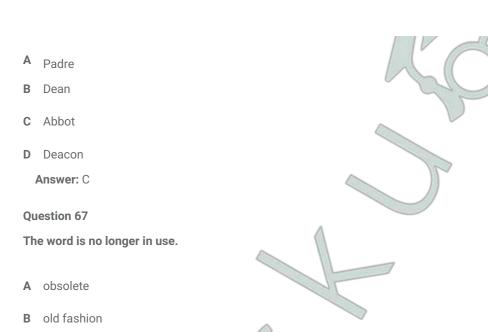
- **A** gullible
- **B** fastidious
- **C** innocent
- **D** amenable

Answer: B

Question 66

Head of monks in an abbey





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Question 68

antique

vanished

Answer: A

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

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

Answer: C

Question 69

Inscription on a gravestone

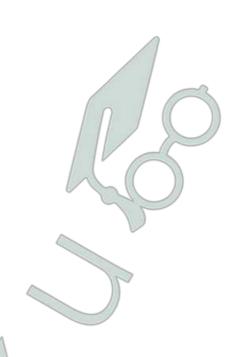
- A obituary
- **B** memorial
- C epitaph
- **D** epigraph

Answer: C

Question 70

Violation of that which is holy and sacred

- A malevolent
- **B** sacrilege



- **c** bizarre
- D iniquitous

Answer: B

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Question 71

One who believes in many Gods,

- A polyglot
- **B** polygamy
- C polygon
- **D** polythiest

Answer: D

Question 72

One who lends money on high rates of interest

- A usurper
- **B** usherer
- C usurer
- **D** undertaker

Answer: C

Question 73

A post with little work but high salary.

- A freelancer
- B sine qua non
- **C** sinecure
- **D** quangos

Answer: C

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Question 74

A person, especially a young one, with exceptional abilities.

- A intellectual
- **B** prodigy
- **C** genius





D	mastermind			
4	Answer: B			
Qu	estion 75			
Incapable of feeling tired or exhausted				
Α	invincible			
R	inflatable			

Answer: C

indefatigable

inextricable

A new word coined by an author.

- **A** novelty
- **B** innovation
- C neologism
- **D** inception

Answer: C



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

The enemies have destroyed the 'Ajooba' town.

- A The 'Ajooba' town was destroyed by the enemies.
- B The 'Ajooba' town had been destroyed by the enemies.
- C The 'Ajooba' town have been destroyed by the enemies.
- D The Ajooba town has been destroyed by the enemies.

Answer: D

Question 78

Rohit had written an essay on 'Pollution'.

- A An essay on 'Pollution' was written by Rohit.
- B An essay on 'Pollution' had been written by Rohit.
- C An essay on 'Pollution' wrote Rohit.



D An essay on 'Pollution' have been written by Rohit.

Answer: B

Question 79

He had already torn the pages of the book.

- A The pages of the book has already been torn by him.
- **B** The pages of the book have already been torn by him.
- C The pages of the book had already been torn by him.
- **D** The pages of the book had already torn by him.

Answer: C



Question 80

This word cannot be uttered by a sane man.

- A A sane man did not utter this word.
- B A sane man will not utter this word.
- **C** A sane man cannot utter the word.
- D A sane man cannot utter this word.

Answer: D

Question 81

The national anthem is being sung by Jason.

- A Jason was singing the national anthem.
- B Jason is singing the national anthem.
- C Jason sings the national anthem.
- D Jason has sung the national anthem.

Answer: B

Question 82

Can he complete the job in three weeks?

- A Can he in three weeks complete the job?
- B Can't the job be completed by him in three weeks?
- C Can the job be completed by him in three weeks?
- D He cannot complete the job in three weeks?

Answer: C



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Question 83

Grid failure brings five hundred trains to a halt.

- A Five hundred trains are being brought to a halt by grid failure.
- B Five hundred trains are brought to a halt by grid failure.
- C Five hundred trains were brought to a halt by grid failure.
- **D** Five hundred trains had been brought to a halt by grid failure.

Answer: B

Question 84

The teacher was pleased with his recitation.

- A His recitation pleases the teacher.
- B His recitation pleased the teacher
- C His recitation will please the teacher.
- D His recitation has pleased the teacher.

Answer: B

Question 85

We saw her singing at her work.

- A Her singing was seen by us at her work.
- B Her singing was seen at her work by us.
- **C** She was seen being sung at her work by us.
- **D** She was seen singing at her work.

Answer: D

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Question 86

They will help us with money.

- A We will be helped by them with money.
- **B** We should be helped by them with money.
- C We must be helped by them with money.
- D We could be helped by them with money

I was asked my name.

- A My name was asked for.
- B They asked me my name.
- C They asked my name fom me.
- D My name was asked.

Answer: B

Question 88

Kamala was told the bad news as soon as she arrived.

- A Someone had told Kamala the bad news as soon as she arrived.
- B Some is telling Kamala the bad news as soon as she arrived.
- C Someone told Kamala the bad news as soon as she arrived.
- D Someone has told Kamala the bad news as soon as she arrived.

Answer: C

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Question 89

The girl's death has opened a can of worms.

- A A can of worms is being opened by the girl's death.
- **B** A can of worms has been opened by the girl's death.
- **C** A can of worms are being opened by the girl's death.
- **D** A can of worms were being opened by the girl's death.

Answer: B

Question 90

By that time tomorrow, they would have completed the work allotted to them.

- A By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to them would be completed by them.
- B By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to them would complete by them.
- **C** By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to them would be complete by them.
- **D** By that time tomorrow, the work allotted to them would have been completed by them.

Answer: D

Question 91

While I was on holiday, my camera was stolen from my hotel room.

- A While I was on holiday, somebody stole my camera from my hotel room.
- B While I was on holiday, my camera had been stolen from my hotel room.
- C While I was on holiday, they steal my camera from my hotel room.
- **D** While I was on holiday, they had stolen my camera from my hotel room.

Answer: A

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Question 92

By 1829, British goods worth seven crore rupees were being exported to India by Britain.

- A India was exporting British goods worth seven crore rupees to Britain, by 1829.
- **B** By 1829, Britain exported British goods worth seven crore rupees to India.
- C By 1829, Britain was exporting British goods worth seven crore rupees to India.
- D Britain exported British goods to India worth seven crore rupees by 1829.

Answer: C

Question 93

Do all the necessary tests soon.

- A All the necessary tests may be done soon.
- **B** Let all the necessary tests be done soon.
- C Let all the necessary tests were done soon.
- **D** All the necessary tests have to be done soon.

Answer: B

Question 94

She had locked the door, before she left.

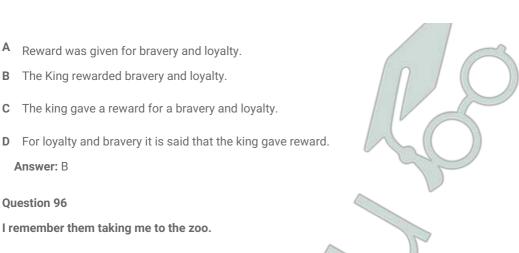
- A She locks the door, before she leaves.
- **B** She locked the door and left.
- C The door was locked by her, before she took leave.
- D The door had been locked by her, before she left.

Answer: D

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Question 95

Bravery and loyalty were rewarded by the king.



- I remember having being taken to the zoo.
- I remember to be taken to the zoo.
- I remember being taken to the zoo.
- I remember I was taken to the zoo.

Answer: C

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

She insisted to go there, though her husband cautioned her on it.

- on going
- upon going
- going
- No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 98

I started <u>lending</u> books from the library.

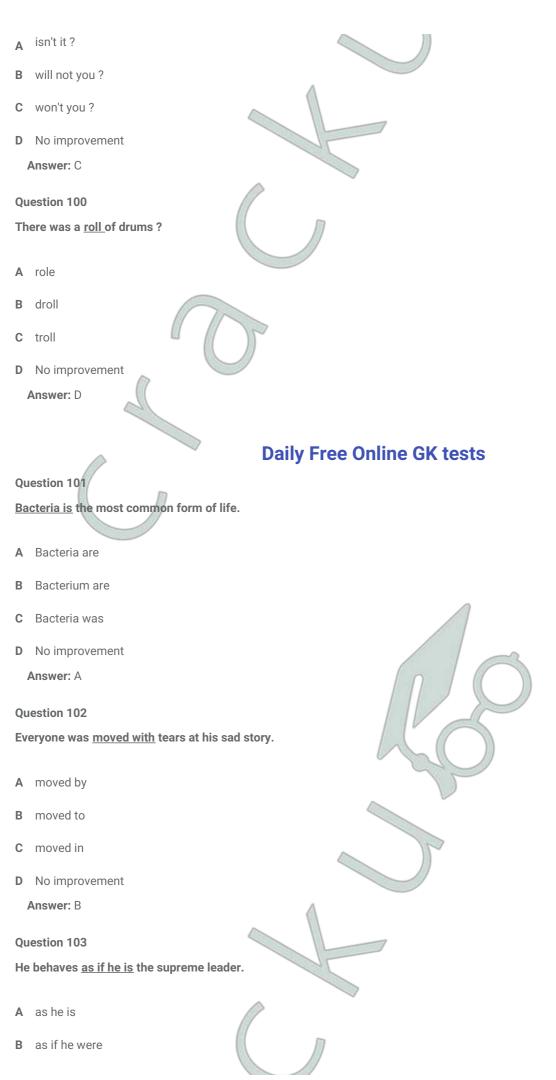
- borrowing
- lending of
- loan of
- No improvement

Answer: A

Question 99

You will come to my party tomorrow, will you?





- c as if he was
- **D** No improvement

Answer: B

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Question 104

She stopped and said that she <u>had forgotten taking the key from</u> the keyhole.

- A forgot taking the key from
- B forgot to take the key off from
- C had forgotten to take the key from
- **D** No improvement

Answer: C

Question 105

Beside cricket Rahul plays tennis as well.

- A Beside, Rahul plays cricket and tennis as well.
- B Besides cricket Rahul plays tennis as well.
- C Besides, Rahul plays cricket and tennis as well.
- **D** No improvement

Answer: B

Question 106

Two of the biggest corporate firms in the world are Apple and IBM which both are in the computer business.

- A which are both
- B both of which are
- **C** which are
- D No improvement

Answer: B

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Question 107

I've been to a few of his talks but understood little of what he has said.

- A little of what he said
- B a little of what he has said
- C little of what he has talked

No improvement Answer: A **Question 108** I welcome all the delegates on behalf of ABC corporation. on the account of on the parts of for No improvement Answer: D **Question 109** Any of these two options could be the correct answer. Either one of Any two of Either of No improvement Answer: C SSC CHSL Prevoius Papers (DOWNLOAD PDF) **Question 110** Several ministers have been expected to meet the people tomorrow. have been expectant have been expecting are expected No improvement@ Answer: C Question 111 Looking forwards to meet you in Kochi. to be meeting you to meeting you

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meeting with you

No improvement

Answer: B

Rafeek introduced me to his friend who is both a scientist and a musician.

- A scientist-musician friend.
- **B** friend, who is a scientist as well as musician.
- C friend who is scientist and musician together.
- **D** No improvement

Answer: D

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Question 113

The last census tells us that the population of Calcutta is greater that any other town in India.

- A are greater than that of any other towns in India
- **B** is greater than all other town in India.
- C is greater than that of any other town in India.
- **D** No improvement

Answer: C

Question 114

My teacher forbade me to use mobile phone in the class.

- A forbade me not to use
- B forbid me not to use
- C forbade me using
- D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 115

From all accounts she is the best and honest student of the class.

- A she is the best and most honest student of the class.
- B the best and honest student of the class is she.
- C she is honest and best student of the class.
- **D** No improvement

Answer: A

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Not only the robbers robbed the tourist of his purse but they also wounded him grievously.

- A Not only did the robbers robbed
- B Not only the robbers rob
- C Not only did the robbers rob
- **D** No improvement

Answer: C

Question 117

The meeting adjourned abruptly by the chairperson after about an hour of intense deliberation.

- A The meeting was adjourned abruptly.
- B The meeting was abruptly adjourned.
- C The meeting was adjourned abrupt.
- **D** No improvement

Answer: B

Question 118

How long were you learning English for?

- A How long have been you learning English?
- B How long have you been learning English?
- C How long have you been learning English for?
- **D** No improvement

Answer: C

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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 expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

Question 119

Rakesh says,"Can you prepare a cup of tea for me, Sunita?'

- A Rakesh tells Sunita to prepare a cup of tea for him.
- B Rakesh tells Sunita if she could prepare a cup of tea for him.
- C Rakesh asked Sunita if she can prepare a cup of tea for him.
- D Rakesh asks Sunita if she can prepare a cup of tea for him.

Answer: D



The Prime Minister said at a meeting, "There is no need of a working President for the party now."

- A The Prime Minister told a meeting that there was no need of a working President for the party now.
- B The Prime Minister said at a meeting that there was no need of a working president for the party then.
- C The Prime Minister told a meeting that there was no need of a working President then.
- D The Prime Minister addressed a meeting that there was no need of a working President for the party then.

Answer: B

Question 121

He said,"Be quiet and listen to my words."

- A He asked to be quiet and listen to his words.
- **B** He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
- C He said to them be quiet and listen to his words.
- **D** He told to listen to his words and be quiet.

Answer: B

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Question 122

Anil said, "Ali deserved the prize."

- A Anil says that Ali deserves the prize.
- **B** Anil said that Ali deserves the pirze.
- C Anil said that Ali has deserved the prize.
- D Anil said that Ali had deserved the prize

Answer: D

Question 123

He said to me, "May God bless You."

- A He prayed so I would be blessed.
- B He prayed so that God will bless me.
- C He prays because I need blessing.
- D He prayed that God might bless me.

Answer: D

Question 124

I said to the old man, "Don't sit on that chair, it is broken."



- A I cautioned the old man against sitting on that chair as it was broken.
- B I cautioned the old man against sitting on that chair, it was broken.
- **C** I requested the old man not to sit on that chair because it is broken.
- **D** I asked the old man not to sit on the chair as it is broken.

Answer: A

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Question 125

"Well," He said. "A strange man!"

- A A strange man said well well.
- **B** He said that well is a strange man.
- C He observed that he was a strange man.
- D He commented that the strange man was well.

Answer: C

Question 126

He said, "I am coming tomorrow."

- A He told that he was coming tomorrow.
- **B** He said that he was coming tomorrow.
- C He told he come the next day.
- D he said that he was coming the next day

Answer: D

Question 127

He says,"The sun rises in the east."

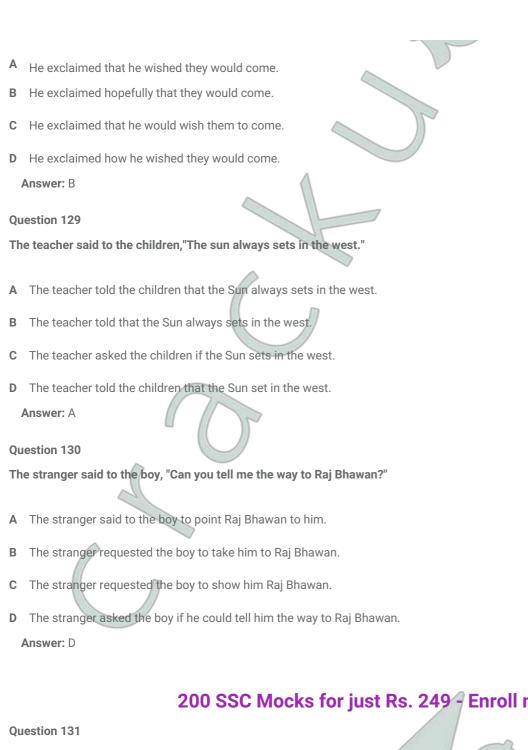
- A He said that the sun rose in the east.
- B He says that the sun has risen in the east.
- **C** He says that the sun rises in the east.
- D He said that the sun rises in the east.

Answer: C

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Question 128

He said, "How I wish they would come!"



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The teacher asked the students, "Did the guide bring you right up to top?"

- The teacher enquired from the students whether the guide had conducted them right upto the top.
- The teacher wanted to know whether the guide climbed with them right upto the top.
- The teacher sought information from the students whether the guide brought them right upto the top.
- The teacher asked the students whether the guide took them right upto the top.

Answer: A

Ouestion 132

"By God! I have not cheated," said the boy.

- The boy said he will not cheat.
- The boy exclaimed by God of not cheating.

- c In the name of God I have not cheated.
- D The boy swore that he had not cheated.

Answer: D

Question 133

"Why don't you see a doctor?" said Mrs. Lal to Nina.

- A Mrs. Lal asked Nina why she could't see a doctor.
- B Mis. Lal demanded why Nina did't see her doctor.
- C Mrs. Lal advised Nina to see a doctor.
- **D** Mrs. Lal advised that Nina to see her doctor.

Answer: C

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Question 134

She said, "My sister was here ten days ago, but she in not here now."

- A She said that her sister was here ten days ago, but she was not there then.
- B She said that her sister had been there ten days before but she was not there then.
- C She told that her sister had been there ten days before, but she has not been there then.
- D She informed that her sister was there ten days before but she was not there then.

Answer: B

Question 135

He said, "Let it rain ever so hard, I shall go."

- A He said that he would go however hard it might rain.
- **B** He said that he would go ever if it rains very hard.
- C He suggested that he should go, let it rain very hard.
- D He was determined to go even if it rained so hard.

Answer: A

Question 136

"Who are you? Where have you come from?" said the little boy to him.

- A The little boy exclaimed who he was and asked where he had come from.
- B The little boy asked him who he was and that where he had come from.
- C The little boy enquired of him who he was and where he come from.
- **D** The little boy enquired of him who he was and where he had come from.

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Ouestion 137

The teacher said to his students, "Health is wealth, whatever you may say."

- A The teacher told his students that health was wealth, whatever they might say.
- **B** The teacher exclaimed to his students that health is wealth whatever they might tell.
- C The teacher assured his students that health was weath whetever they might say.
- D The teacher told his students that health is wealth whatever they might say.

Answer: D

Question 138

The child said, "What a beautiful sight!"

- A The child said that it was to be a beautiful sight.
- B The child exclaimed that it was a beautiful sight.
- C The child said that it had been a beautiful sight.
- **D** The child exclaimed that it has to be a beautiful sight.

Answer: B

Question 139

Mohan will say, "I want two persons to assists me."

- A Mohan will say that he will want two persons to assist him.
- B Mohan says that he will want two persons to assist him.
- C Mohan will say that two persons want to assist him.
- **D** Mohan will say that he wants two persons to assist him.

Answer: D

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Question 140

He said, "Why did you give up your job?"

- A He asked her why she had given up her job.
- **B** He asked her why you gave up the job.
- **C** He demand to know why she gave up job.
- **D** He requested her why she gave up the job.

Answer: A

Question 141

She said, " I really wish I had bought that new car."

- A She told me she really wished she bought that new car.
- B She told me she really had wished she had bought that new car.
- C She told me she really wished she had bought that new car.
- **D** She told me she would buy that new car.

Answer: C

Question 142

Ram said,"Are you really serious about becoming a pilot, son?"

- A Ram asked his son if he was really serious about becoming a pilot.
- B Ram asked his son was he really serious about becoming a pilot.
- C Ram asked his son is he really serious about becoming a pilot.
- D Ram asked to his son if he was really serious about becoming a pilot.

Answer: A

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Question 143

Tom said that the burglar had come in through the window.

- A Tom said,"The burglar had came in through the window."
- B Tom said,"The burglar must have come in through the window."
- C Tom said,"Did the burglar come in through the window."
- **D** Tom said,"The burglar came in through the window."

Answer: D

Question 144

He glanced at his watch, "And by the way, I must be off."

- A He glanced at his watch and remarked that it was rather late and that he must go.
- B He glanced at his watch and quickly went away saying that he must go.
- C He glanced at his watch and remarked that he must leave at once.
- **D** He glanced at his watch and hurried away.

Answer: C

Question 145

He said, "Sita, when is the next train?"



Α	He said to Sita when the next train was.			
В	He asked Sita when the next train was.			
С	He asked Sita about the next train.			
D	He asked when the next train is.			
4	Answer: B			
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Ins	tructions			
bla	he following passage some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the giver nk out of the four alternatives. ssage:			
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•	estion 146			
Wl	en both myths and counter-myths occur in the narrative field of a society, people can			
Α	internalize			
В	externalize			
С	concretize			
D	secularize			
4	Answer: A			
Qu	estion 147			
Th	e psychological relevance of stories in the cases of myths and horror films may be in the experincing of the binary tensions			
Α	overlying			
В	destructive			
С	comforting			
D	underlying			
1	Answer: D			
Qu	estion 148			
rat	her than in the manifestof the story.			
Α	relay			
В	education			
С	content			
D	morality			

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Question 149

The tensions in	the story is	s, however,	through the	binary contrasts.
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- A dissolved
- **B** dissipiated
- C opposed
- **D** maintained

Answer: D

Question 150

The message conveyed is a____complex.

- A holistic
- **B** constructive
- C difficult
- **D** prolific

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:

There is an old story told of a man whointo a deep sleep. His friend stayed by him as long as he Being compelled to go and
fearing that he might be in want, the friend hid ain the old man's garment. When the old man, not that his friend had
a jewel in his garment, he wandered about in, hungry. A long time afterwords, the two men met again. The friend told the
poor man about the jewel andhim to look for it. Like the old man in the story, peopleabout in this life,of what is hidden
away in their inner nature, pure and untarnished.

Question 151

There is an old story told of a man who ____into a deep sleep.

- A fell
- **B** fall
- C slept
- **D** fallen

Answer: A

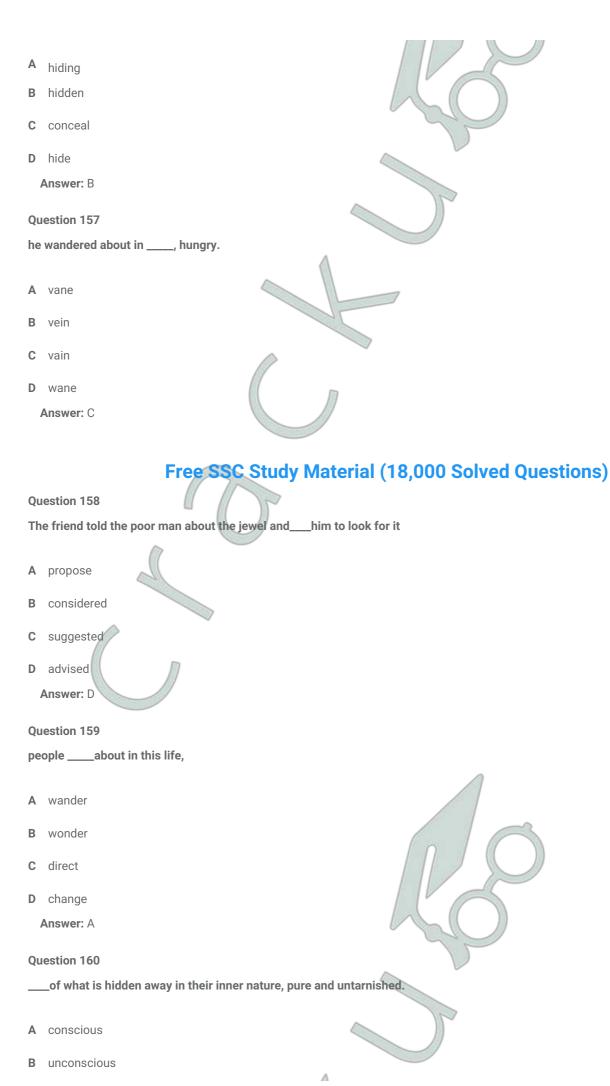
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Question 152 His friend stayed by him as long as he____ can could should D will Answer: B **Question 153** the friend hid a____in the old man's garment sparkle glimmer jewel treasure Answer: C **Question 154** When the old man____, not wake waken arise awoke Answer: D **General Science Notes for SSC CGL** Question 155 not ____ that his friend had knowing know known knew Answer: A

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Question 156

that his friend had ____a jewel in his garment,



- aware
- subconscious

Answer: B



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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:
In a very short period of time the internet has had a impact on the way we live. Since the internet was made, it has lowered the to creative expression. It has providedto information on a larger scale. It hasinnovation without changes to its An open, borderless andplatform means that barriers to entry are low,is and innovation is rapid.
Question 161
In a very short period of time the internet has had a impact on the way we live.
A profound B intricate C pernicious
D harmful
Answer: A
Question 162
Since the internet was made,
A radical
B unavoidable
C operational
D provisional
Answer: C
Question 163
it has lowered the to creative expression.
A encroachment
B barriers
C discrimination
D tendency
Answer: B

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Question 164 It has provided_ _to information on a larger scale. assess assets access right Answer: C **Question 165** It has____innovation without assimilated accumulated obliterated accommodated Answer: D **Question 166** without____ changes to its insignificant massive peculiar eventual Answer: B Latest Job Updates on Telegram - Join here **Question 167** changes to its_ Infrastructure technique originality method Answer: A Question 168 An open, borderless and ___platfrom means that barriers



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Question 170

____ and innovation is rapid.

- A reassured
- **B** pressured
- C assured
- **D** uncertain

Answer: C

Instructions

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

Great books do not spring from something accidental in the great men who write them. They are the effluence of their very core, the expression of the life itself of the authors. And literature cannot be said to have served its true purpose until it has been translated into the actual life of him who reads. It is the vast reservoir of true ideas and emotions. In a world deprived of literature, the broad, the noble, the generous would tend to disappear and life would be correspondingly degraded, because the wrong idea and the petty emotion would never feel the upward pull of the ideas and emotions of genius. Only by conceiving a society without literature can it be clearly realised that the function of literature is to raise the plain towards the top level of the peaks. Literature exist so that where a man has lived finely, ten thousands may afterwards live finely. It is a means of life, it concerns the living essence.

Question 171

How have great books been written?

- A By an accidental means.
- **B** By great men who write them.
- C By men who think too much.



D	By men who imagine sometimes.				
1	Answer: B				
Qu	estion 172				
Wl	What does the words "effluence of their very core" mean?				
Α	Expression which is the outflow from the heart of the author.				
В	Expression which is the influence from people's talk.				
С	Expression of things that the author may have thought of.				
D	Expression that the author wrote accidentally.				
	Answer: A				
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	estion 173				
Lit	erature cannot be said to have served its true purpose untill it has been into the actual life of the person who reads.				
Α	transfigured				
В	transgressed				
С	translated				
	transmuted				
4	Answer: C				
Qu	estion 174				
lf a	world is deprived of literature, what would happen to the broad, the noble and the generous?				
Α	They would be living a free life without care.				
В	They would worry themselves into petty issues.				
С	They would tend to dissappear and life would be correspondingly degraded.				
D	They would celebrate life.				
	Answer: C				
	estion 175				
WI	aat is the function of literature?				
Α	To raise the plain above sea level.				
В	To raise everything so that it does not sink to the sea level.				
С	To raise the peaks towards the highest mountain.				
D	To raise the plain towards the top level of the peaks.				
4	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:

A classless society, however, does not mean a society without leaders. It means rather one in which every citizen becomes for the first time eligible for leadership, if he has the power to lead. It means a society in which every one is given, as far as possible, the chance to develop this power by the widest diffusion of educational opportunities in the broadest sense, and by keeping the career wide open to talents of every useful kind. It is often said that a community of equals will not allow itself to be led. But in fact, most men are, in most things, very willing to be led, and more in danger of giving their leaders too much than too little authority, especially if they are free to choose them, and assured that the leaders cannot exploit them for personal economic advantage; leadership, so far from disappearing, will come into its own in a truly democratic society. But it is likely to be a more diffused leadership than we are used to; for a better-nurtured people will have more citizens with strong wills and minds of their own, wishful to lead; some in politics, some in industry, and some in professions and arts of life.

This is the idea of a classless society. Some will reject it as contrary to their interest, some as utopian and against 'Human nature,' for there are some who deny, indeed if not in word, that the aim of society should be to promote the greatest happiness and welfare of the greatest number and others who hold, with pessimistic honesty, that most men must be driven and not led.

Question 176

According to the passage, a classless society is _____

- A A society in which there are no leaders
- **B** A society where no one is willing to be led.
- **C** A society where everyone would not give authority to their leaders
- **D** A society where everyone can become a leader.

Answer: D

Question 177

What kind of leadership would a classless society have?

- A Leaders would not exploit others for their personal advantage.
- **B** Leaders would not have too much authority over people.
- C Many would develop leadership in the field of their interest.
- **D** Every person would have a reason to lead.

Answer: C

Question 178

What kind of people would be ideal for a classless society?

- A People who are assertive enough is lead.
- **B** People who book no opposition.
- C People with conviction in their ideas.
- **D** People willing to innovate.

Answer: C

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Question 179

According to the passage, the kind of people who deny the idea of a classless society may be called _____

- A Utopian
- **B** Cynical
- **C** Idealists
- **D** Dictatorial

Answer: B

Question 180

What is the tone adopted by the author in this passage?

- A Expository
- **B** Factual
- **C** Critical
- D Satirical

Answer: A



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

Translation is of immense importance today. With rapid commercialization, the narrow barriers between nations are fast disappearing. In the past, there used to be practically no communication amongst nations. The modern world, however, is no longer divided into water-tight compartments. We are heading towards one world, thanks to development in the fields of communication among nations today. Translation forges bonds of unity amongst people who speak different languages. Even if we do not know a particular language or the literature of a particular nation, we can know its richness and the depth of its ideas through translation. Translation also helps in understanding the rich cultural heritage of a nation. Thus a multi-lingual person has a multi-focal view of the world. Translation also serves as a mode of cultural excannge in a multi-lingual country. It plays a pivotal role in the evolution of a pluralistic national identity. The achievement of translation is both the globalisation of culture and the promotion of intra and inter-cultural bonding. One may appreciate and enjoy through translation the plays of Shakespeare even if one does not know the English language. One may also know the rich world of Homer, Virgil, Dante, Milton, Dickens, Hardy, Leo Tolstoy, Zola and Munshi Prem Chand through translation. Translation responds to our intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs. It is necessary for information and for the exchange of ideas. Translation, which has hitherto been neglected and marginalized, has assumed importance with rapid globalization. It is now considered an art which requires mastery and perfection. A good translator is able to do away with superficiality and has a clear understanding of the text to be translated. He should have mastery over the subtle nuances of the language from which he is translating. Translating a passage of one language into another literally is not only impossible but would also result in incorrect grammar and syntax

Question 181

According to the author, what does translation do?

- A Translation divides the world into compartments.
- B Translation brings together people speaking different languages.
- C Translation gives rise to animosity among people.
- D Translation is a means to succeed in the practical world.

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Question 182

How does translation help us?

- A It creates a babel of tongues.
- B It denies us access to other cultures.
- c It provides an insight into the cultural heritage of a nation/ people.
- **D** It helps us to understand the ideas of the other languages

Answer: C

Question 183

Globalisation has

- A Neglected the importance of translation.
- **B** Made us aware of the importance of translation.
- C Allowed us to enjoy the works of great writers.
- D Given translation its rightful place.

Answer: D

Question 184

What should be the approach of a good translator?

- A Have mastery over his language.
- **B** Have good knowledge of the other literature.
- **C** Do away with the nuances and express only the main ideas.
- **D** Do away with the unwanted things and express only the main ideas.

Answer: D

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Question 185

What should be the primary concern while translating a passage from one language into another?

- A Structural lapses should be ignored.
- **B** Word by word translation should be done.
- C The sense should be conveyed.
- D The arrangement of the words in the original should be retained.

Answer: C

Instructions

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

The Eiffel Tower is an iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars in Paris. It was named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower. Erected in 1889, it was initially criticised by some of France's leading artists and intellectuals for its design, but has become both a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognisable structures in the world. The tower is the tallest structure in Paris and the most visited monument in the world; 6.98 million people ascended it in 2011. The tower received its 250 millionth visitor in 2010.

The tower is 324 metres, about the same height as an 81-storey building. During its construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the Washington Monument to assume the title of the tallest man-made structure in the world. The tower has three levels for visitors, with restaurants on the first and second. Tickets can be purchased to ascend by stairs or lift to the first and second levels. Although there are stairs to the third and highest level, these are usually closed to the public and it is generally only accessible by lift. As a global landmark, the Eiffel Tower is featured in media including films, video games, and television shows.

Question 186

Choose the most appropriate response.

- A The name of the tower is not connected with anyone.
- **B** The name of the tower is connected with a real person.
- **C** The name of the tower is connected with a certain company.
- **D** The name of the tower is connected with another tower in Paris.

Answer: B

Question 187

What is the Eiffel Tower made of?

- A It is made of wood.
- B It is made of stone.
- C It is made of iron structure.
- **D** It is made of silver.

Answer: C

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Question 188

Select the most appropriate answer from the passage.

- A The Eiffel Tower continues to be criticised by French intellectuals and artists.
- **B** The Eiffel Tower has never been criticised by French intellectuals and artists.
- C The Eiffel Tower will never be criticised by French intellectuals and artists.
- **D** The Eiffel Tower was criticised at the beginning by French intellectuals and artists.

Answer: D

Question 189

Why is 2010 considered a significant year?

- A A year marked by a decline in tourism.
- B A year marked by unfortunate accidents
- C A year marked by a landmark achievement in French tourism.
- D A year marked by stagnation.

Answer: C

Question 190

Which statement truly reflects the status of the Eiffel Tower?

- A The Eiffel Tower features prominently in popular culture.
- **B** The Eiffel Tower is simply a regional icon.
- **C** The Eiffel Tower has no international or aesthetic appeal.
- D The Eiffel Tower has never captured public imagination.

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:

Is there any difference between "genius" and "talent"? We generally feel that a man of genius is in some way higher than a man of talent; and that talented men are more common than genius. This is true, but it is rather vague. Genius implies "very extraordinary gifts or native powers, especially as displayed in original creation, discovery, expression or achievement; phenomenal capacity regarded as relatively independent of instruction and training". Talent, on the other hand, consists of "mental endowments or capacities of superior character; marked mental ability". "Talent" is more the capacity to learn to do a thing well; but "genius" is an inborn inspiration that drives a man to do a thing with original excellence. As Meredith said, "Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can".

Shakespeare in drama and poetry, Isaac Newton in science, Napoleon in war, Beethoven in music, were geniuses; many well-known poets, scientists, generals and musicians have been men of talent.

Question 191

What is the general view of a "genius" and a "talented" man?

- A A genius is more superior than other men
- **B** A talented man is a skilful man.
- **C** A genius is superior to the man of talent and that talented men are more common than genius.
- D A genius looks down on a talented man

Answer: C

Question 192

A genius is a man with _____ ideas.

Α	common
В	original
С	clever
D	bright
	Answer: B
Qu	estion 193
То	learn to do a thing well is to be
Α	professional
В	skillful
С	talented
D	a genius
1	Answer: C
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Qu	estion 194
Wh	no can be considered a true genius?
Α	Any independent thinker
В	An exceptionally intelligent person
С	An interesting person
D	Any amusing and constructive thinker
1	Answer: B
Qu	estion 195
As	per the ideas expressed in the passage, Shakespeare, in drama and poetry, is a genius and
Α	Issac Newton is a talented scientist.
В	There are many other well-known talented musicians.
С	Napoleon is a genius in music.
D	There are many generals who are geniuses.
4	Answer: B
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Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrects of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a casual personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Question 196

What kind of collaboration helped Curie's to unlock the secrets of the atom?

- **A** friendly
- **B** competitive
- C courteous
- **D** industrious

Answer: A

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Question 197

What will best describe Marie Curie's personality?

- A strong
- **B** lighthearted
- C humorous
- **D** envious

Answer: B

Question 198

When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, Marie felt _____.

- A hopeless
- **B** annoyed
- C happy
- D perversely excited

Answer: B

Question 199

Marie _____ left Poland and travelled to France to enter the Sorbonne.

- A boldly
- B showed intelligence
- C behaved
- D was distressed

Answer: A



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Question 200

Marie Curie's doctorate was in which academic discipline?

- **A** Medicine
- **B** Cancer studies
- C Radiation Chemistry
- D Physics

Answer: D

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