Reasoning Ability

Directions (1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

Nine persons - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and J are working in a company at different designations such as General Manager, Senior Manager, Manager, Deputy Manager, Junior Manager, Senior Officer, Senior Assistant, Assistant and Junior Assistant. The hierarchy of the designations is given in decreasing order such that General Manager is a seniormost designation and Junior Assistant is the juniormost designation.

Not more than one person is junior to C. G is senior to DM but not designated as General Manager. Only five persons are designated between G and H. Only two persons are designated between F and A. F is junior to Manager. D is immediately junior to A. B is senior to E, but not immediately senior. At-least two persons are designated between E and J, who is junior to DM.

1. Who among the following person is designated as junior Manager?

A. B

B. F

C. The one who is immediately senior to E

D. A

E. The one who is immediately senior to J

2. Who among the following person is three persons senior to J?

A. G

B. E

C. D

D. B

E. A

3. ___ is ____ to the one who is immediately junior to __

A. G, Immediately senior, D

B. A, two persons senior, E

C. F, three persons junior, E

D. D, two persons senior, H

E. B, two persons senior, A

4. Which of the following statements is/are not true as per the given arrangement?

A. No one is designated between J and F

B. Only two designations are between E and D

C. Only three persons are senior to F

D. Both a and b

E. Both b and c

5. How many persons are designated between A and H?

A. One

B. As many persons senior to E

C. No one

D. As many persons designated between G and J

E. More than four

Directions (6-8): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

N is the son of P, who is the father-in-law of U. N is not the spouse of U but the father of K. J is the only child of O whereas F is the only daughter of Q, who is the son of S. S has two children. Q is the brother-in-law of J. K is the son of J.

6. If R is the father-in-law of N, then how is R related to J?

A. Brother

B. Grandson

C. Son

D. Father

E. None of these

7. Who among the following person is the spouse of Q?

A. O

B. P

C. U

D. N

E. K

8. How is F related to P?

A. Daughter

B. Granddaughter

C. Son

D. Grandson

E. Cannot be determined

Directions (9-13): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

Seven people - P, Q, R, S, T, U and V were born in seven different months viz., March, April, May, June, July, August and September of the same year. Each of them likes different writers- Orwell, Neruda, Kofka, Rumi, Tagore, Shakespeare and Milton. Only one person was born in each month. P was born in the month having only 30 days. The one who likes Neruda was born immediately after P. As many people born before the one who likes Neruda as after V. The one who likes Tagore was born in the month having 31 days and immediately after the one who likes Orwell. R was born in the month having only 30 days and immediately after the one who likes Rumi. The number of people born after S is **three less** than the number of people born between U and the one who likes Kofka. P does not like Milton and R does not like Kofka. Q and the one who likes Kofka were born in the month having only 30 days.

9. Who among the following person likes Shakespeare?

A. S

B. Q

C. P

D. T

E. R

10. Who among the following person was born two people before T?

A. U

B. The one who was born in April

C. S

D. The one who likes Shakespeare

E. Q

11. Who among the following person was born in the month having 31 days?

I). The one who likes Orwell

II). The one who likes Milton

III). The one who likes Shakespeare

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Only II and III

D. Only III

E. All I, II and III

12. Who among the following person was born May?

A. Q

B. U

C. S

D. V

E. T

13. How many persons were born between U and the one who likes Milton?

A. One

B. Two

C. Three

D. No one

E. More than three

14. If in the following numbers, the digits at even position (from the left end) are dropped and the remaining digits are added within the number then which of the following numbers yields more than twenty-five?

I). 583647921

II). 486952747

III). 793684561

A. Only I

B. Both II and III

C. Only II

D. All I, II, and III

E. None of these

Directions (15-19): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

Six persons - A, B, C, D, E, and F live on three different floors of a three storeyed building where the lowermost floor is numbered one, the one above that is numbered two and so on till the topmost floor is numbered three. Each person is from different cities viz., Abredan, Singapore, Yokohama, Lima, Canberra and Kanpur.

Note-I: Each floor has two flats viz., Flat-P and Flat-Q, where **Flat P is to the west of Flat Q.**

Note-II: Flat Q of floor 2 is immediately above Flat Q of floor 1. Similarly, Flat P of floor 3 is immediately above Flat P of floor 2 and so on.

Note-III: Area of each flat on each floor is equal.

Note-IV: Only two persons live on each floor and only one person lives in each flat.

A lives on an even numbered floor. The one who is from Lima lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which A lives. Only one floor is between the one who is from Lima and the one who is from Yokohama. B, who is from neither Abredan nor Singapore, lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which C lives. C does not live immediately above the one who is from Yokohama. F lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which the one who is from Singapore lives. No one lives to the east of the one who is from Canberra. The one who is from Kanpur lives in the flat below the flat in which E lives. The one who is from Yokohoma does not live to the west of the one who is from Abredan. E is not from Abredan.

15. D is from which of the following city?

A. Singapore

B. Abredan

C. Yokohama

D. Lima

E. Kanpur

16. Who among the following pair of persons lives in the same type of flat?

I). B, the one who is from Canberra

II). D, the one who is from Singapore

III). A, the one who is from Yokohama

A. Only I and II

B. Only I and III

C. Only II

D. Only III

E. All I, II and III

17. Which of the following statements is/are TRUE as per the given arrangement?

A. No one lives below the one who is from Canberra

B. E lives to the north-west of the one who is from Yokohama

C. D and F are living in the same type of flat

D. All the given statements are true

E. All the given statements are false

18. Who among the following person is from Canberra?

A. E

B. B

C. F

D. D

E. C

19. Match the correct combination:

i). F	A). Kanpur	I). Floor number 2, flat Q
ii). D	B). Abredon	II). Floor number 1, flat P
iii). B	C). Lima	III). Floor number 3, flat P

A. i-C-I, ii-B-III, iii-A-II

B. i-C-III, ii-A-I, iii-B-II

C. i-B-II, ii-A-I, iii-C-III

D. i-C-III, ii-B-II, iii-A-I

E. i-A-I, ii-C-II, iii-B-III

Directions (20-22): Study the following statements and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding the commonly known facts.

20. Statements:

Some Schools are College.No College is a Hostel. Only a few Schools are Ground.

Conclusions:

I). Some Schools being Hostel is a possibility.

II). Some Grounds can be College.

A. Only conclusion I follows

B. Only conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

E. Both conclusions I and II follow

21. Statements:

Only a few Doctors are Nurses. No Nurse is a Patient. All Child are Patients.

Conclusions

I). All Patients are Doctors.

II). Some Patients are not Doctors.

A. Only conclusion I follows

B. Only conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

E. Both conclusions I and II follow

22. Statements:

Some Darks are Night. Only a few mid are Night. Only Dark is a Chocolate.

Conclusions

I). Some Nights being Chocolate is not a possibility.

II). Some Chocolates can be Night.

A. Only conclusion I follows

B. Only conclusion II follows

C. Either conclusion I or II follows

D. Neither conclusion I nor II follows

E. Both conclusions I and II follow

Directions (23-27): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

Eight persons are sitting around a circular table where four of them are facing towards the centre and four of them are facing outside (opposite to the centre).

One person sits between B and A, who is not an immediate neighbour of both D and F. D sits third to the right of B. Immediate neighbours of B are facing opposite direction that of B. Only three persons sit between D and H. F sits immediate left of C, who is facing towards the centre. Two persons sit between C and G. Immediate neighbours of C are facing the same direction. A and G face opposite direction that of E. Less than three persons sit between E and F, when counted from the left of F.

23. Who among the following person sits second to the right of E?

A. A

B. The one who sits immediate right of F

C. G

D. The one who sits third to the left of H

E. F

24. In which of the following option the second person sits third to the right of the first person?

A. DA

B. AB

C. FA

D. CH

E. EH

25. How many persons are sitting between G and B, when counted from the left of B?

A. Four

B. One

C. Five

D. Two

E. Three

26. In which of the following option the immediate neighbours of the given person faces same direction?

A. D

B. H

C. G

D. A

E. E

27. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and thus form a group. Which one of the following does not belong to the group?

A. AF

B. EB

C. DG

D. HC

E. BG

28. A girl started moving towards the east direction from her school to reach point D. After travelling for 16km, she turned towards her left and walks for 6km to reach point S. Then, she takes a right turn and walks for 8km to reach point M. Then, she turns towards the south and walks for 3km to reach point P. What is the direction of point P with respect to her school?

A. East

B. North-west

C. North-east

D. South-east

E. West

Directions (29-30): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

A certain number of persons are sitting in a linear row facing north with equal distance between adjacent persons.

Only five persons sit between M and H. P sits third to the right of M. C sits six places away from P. C sits immediate right of R and fourth to the left of K. As many persons sit between K and H as to the left of C. As many persons sit between K and R as between R and L.

29. If C sits exactly in the middle of the row, then how many persons are sitting in a linear row?

A. 15

B. 13

C. 10

D. 11

E. 12

30. Which of the following statements is/are false as per the given arrangement?

A. H sits third to the right of L

B. Only six persons sit between R and P

C. K sits eleventh from the left end

D. M sits two places away from C

E. All the given statements are true

31. If all the letters in the following words are changed to its next letter as per the alphabetical series, then which of the following words have more than one vowel thus formed?

I). WALKING

II). PARKING

III). SINGING

A. Only I

B. Only III

C. Only I and II

D. Only II

E. All I, II, and III

Directions (32-36): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions

Ten boxes viz., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J are kept one above another in a stack. It is assumed that no other boxes are kept in the stack other than the given boxes.

Only four boxes are kept between J and E. C is kept two boxes below J. Only three boxes are kept between C and G. The number of boxes kept between G and C is **two less** than the number of boxes kept between J and I. B is kept two boxes above F. The number of boxes kept above B is **one more** than the number of boxes kept below D. H is kept neither adjacent to A nor E. A is kept one of the positions below H.

32. How many boxes are kept below box H?

A. Six

B. None

C. Nine

D. Seven

E. Five

33. Which of the following box is kept three boxes below the box which is kept immediately above box A?

A. Box J

B. The box which is kept immediately above box D

C. Box F

D. Box C

E. The box which is kept four boxes below box I

34. The number of boxes kept between box I and box ___ is ___ the number of boxes kept below box ___ respectively
A. A, same as, J
B. H, two less than, F
C. B, one more than, G
D. D, one less than, B
E. E, two more than, F

35. How many boxes are kept between box J and box D?
A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. More than three
E. None

36. What is the position of box E with respect to box B?
A. Four boxes above
B. Three boxes below
C. Five boxes above
D. Seven boxes below
E. Immediately above

Directions (37-40): Study the following information carefully and answer the given questions.
In a certain code language,
"Technical toys fail rarely" is coded as "nf ie ct en"
"Merchant sell working toys" is coded as "me rt en gk"
"Employee fail in working" is coded as "ik nf rt xo"
"Rarely merchant struggle more" is coded as "ie vr gk zy"
(Note: All the given codes are two letter codes only)

37. What is the code for the word "Sell Rarely" in the given code language?
A. rt le
B. en le
C. gk le
D. me le
E. None of these

38. If "dynamic monitor struggle" is coded as "al zy ko", then what is the code for the word "more Toys" in the given code language?
A. ko en
B. vr en
C. ie en
D. gk en
E. None of these

39. Which of the following word denotes the code "ik" in the given code language?
A. Fail
B. In
C. Employee
D. Either Fail or In
E. Either In or Employee

40. Which of the following phrase denotes the code "ct rt gk" in the given code language?

A. Fail working Merchant

B. Toys Merchant sell

C. Technical Merchant working

D. Sell technical Merchant

E. None of these

Quantitative Aptitude

Directions (41-45): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

There are five colleges – A, B, C, D, and E in which different numbers of professors are teaching. The professors are teaching either literature or commerce in a particular college. The given table chart shows the total number of professors and the number of literature professors in five different colleges namely A, B, C, D and E.

College	Total professors	Number of literature professors
A	75	45
B	80	35
C	90	50
D	105	60
E	110	75

41. The number of female commerce professors in college D is 25% more than the number of male commerce professors in college D. Each male professor takes a total of 15 hours of classes in a week and each female professor takes 12 hours of total classes in a week. Find the difference between the total number of classes taken by all the male professors in a week and all the female professors in a week in College D.

A. 100

B. 50

C. 0

D. 20

E. None of these

42. If the ratio of literature professors in colleges E and F is 5 : 6 and the number of commerce professors in college F is 15 more than the number of literature professors in college F, then find the total number of commerce professors in colleges F, B, and C.

A. 190

B. 150

C. 210

D. 175

E. None of these

43. In college B, the number of post-graduate commerce professors is the same as the average number of commerce professors in colleges D and E. The Remaining commerce professors of College B are Under Graduate professors (UG). All UG professors of college B are teaching economics and 1/3 of total commerce professors in college B are teaching economics. Find the number of post-graduate commerce professors in college B who are not teaching economics.

A. 50

B. 20

C. 15

D. 30

E. None of these

44. 2/5th of the commerce professors in college C are transferred to college X. The ratio of newly joined commerce professors and old commerce professors in college X is 8 : 7. The number of old commerce professors in college X is what percentage of the number of literature professors in college B?

A. 25%

B. 40%

C. 50%

D. 60%

E. None of these

45. If each commerce professor in college A has permission to take 2 leaves weekly (each weekly leave would result in a deduction of Rs. 300 from the salaries of the professors). If 30% of commerce professors in college A take a total of 12 weekly leaves in a month then what will be the average net salary of those professors in that month? (The salary of each commerce professor is Rs. 30000.)

A. 27400

B. 26800

C. 24600

D. 29600

E. None of these

Directions (46-50): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

Three companies namely G, H, and K and they sold two different types of cars i.e. Hatchback and Sedan. The number of Hatchback cars sold by Company G is 33.33% of the number of Sedan cars sold by Company H. The number of Hatchback cars sold by Company H is 62 more than the number of Sedan cars sold by it. The ratio of the number of hatchback cars sold by Company H and K is 2 : 1 respectively. The total number of hatchback cars sold by all three companies is 247 and the total number of Sedan cars sold by all their companies is 231.

46. If the ratio of the number of A.C. Hatchback cars sold to Non-A.C. hatchback cars sold by Company H is 37 : 36, then find the difference between the number of A.C. Hatchback cars sold by Company H and the number of Sedan cars sold by Company H.

A. 10

B. 15

C. 20

D. 18

E. None of these

47. If the number of Hatchback cars sold by Company G is 70% of the total number of cars (Hatchback + Sedan) sold by Company G, then find the number of Sedan cars sold by Company K.

A. 145

B. 115

C. 135

D. 125

E. None of these

48. The number of hatchback cars sold by Company G is how much less than the number of Hatchback cars sold by Company K.

A. 45

B. 60

C. 30

D. 50

E. None of these

49. If 36.5% of the Hatchback cars were sold by Company H, then find the number of unsold Hatchback cars in Company H.

A. 272

B. 268

C. 236

D. 254

E. None of these

50. Number of sedan cars sold by Company H is either white-colored or yellow-colored. If the ratio of the number of white to yellow colored Sedan cars by Company H is 5 : 7, then the number of yellow-colored Sedan cars sold by Company H is what percentage of the number of Hatchback cars sold by Company G?

A. 125%

B. 175%

C. 150%

D. 160%

E. None of these

Directions (51-56): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

The given table graph shows the total number of passengers who travelled by three (economy class + business class) different airlines namely A, B and C and also given the percentage of passengers who travelled by economy class in these three airlines and also given the number of female passengers who travelled by business class in these three airlines.

Airline	Total number of passengers who travelled	Percentage of passengers who travelled by economy class	Number of female passengers who travelled by business class
A	480	66.67%	95
B	640	75%	70
C	500	61%	110

51. The number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in airline B is the same as the sum of the number of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline A and B together. Out of the total male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline B, 3/5th are going to Dubai and the rest are going to Turkey. Find the number of male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline B who are going to Turkey.

A. 120

B. 110

C. 130

D. 150

E. None of these

52. 30% of the business class passengers and 60% of the economy class passengers who travelled in Airline A booked their tickets through online and the remaining booked their tickets in offline. The sum of the number of passengers travelling by Airline A who booked their ticket in offline is how much more or less than the total number of male passengers who travelled by business classes in all three airlines together?

A. 120

B. 40

C. 64

D. 80

E. None of these

53. The ratio of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline C and the number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A is 17 : 21. Out of the total number of male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A, the ratio of number of Children to adults is 21 : 22. The number of male children who travelled by economy class in Airline A is what percentage of the number of female passengers who travelled by business class in Airline B?

A. 150%

B. 160%

C. 125%

D. 140%

E. None of these

54. The cost of each business class ticket in Airline C is Rs. 5000 and a discount of 20% is given on each ticket. Find the total revenue collected from the male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline C?

A. Rs.360000

B. Rs.340000

C. Rs.280000

D. Rs.240000

E. None of these

55. The number of male passengers who travelled by Economy Class in Airline D is 20% more than the number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A which is 1/19 more than the number of female passengers who travelled by business class in Airline A. The ratio of number of male passengers who travelled by economy to business class in Airline D is 6 : 5. Find the difference between the number of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline D and the number of female passengers who travelled by business class in Airline C.

A. 25

B. 15

C. 30

D. 10

E. None of these

56. Destination of Airline C is New Zealand and Australia and the ratio of economy class passengers in Airline C who are traveling to Australia and New Zealand is 35 : 26. The total number of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline A and C together is what percentage of the total number of economy class passengers in Airline C who are traveling to Australia.

A. 83.54%

B. 72.76%

C. 85.71%

D. 77.81%

E. None of these

57. The upstream speed of boat X is equal to the downstream speed of boat Y. The speed of boats X and Y in still water is 10 km/h and 5 km/h respectively. Find the time taken by Boat Y to cover 15 km in downstream.

A. 2 hours

B. 2.5 hours

C. 3 hours

D. 1.5 hours

E. None of these

58. A can do a work in 1.5x hours and B can do it in x hours. Working together they can do the same work in 2 hours 24 minutes. If the efficiency of C is the same as A, then in how much time will all the three can complete the work together?

A. 9/7 hours

B. 15/7 hours

C. 17/7 hours

D. 12/7 hours

E. None of these

59. A invested Rs. 2P at 10% SI per annum for 4 years in Scheme X and A invested the amount received from Scheme X in Scheme Y at 8% SI per annum for 5 years. The difference between the interests obtained in Scheme X and Y is Rs. 216. How much did A invest in Scheme Y?

A. Rs.1260

B. Rs.1890

C. Rs.1750

D. Rs.1540

E. None of these

60. The lengths of trains A and B are 'L' and 'L + 60' meters respectively. They can cross a lamp post in 20 seconds and 24 seconds respectively. Train B can cover a distance of 72 km in 1 hour. In how much time they can cross each other while running in the opposite direction?

A. 600/43 seconds

B. 700/37 seconds

C. 900/41 seconds

D. 800/39 seconds

E. None of these

61. The ratio of ages of B and C after 8 years is 5 : 6. The average of present ages of A and C is 36 years. If the age of A, 5 years hence is equal to

the age of B, 6 years ago, then find the present age of B.

A. 37 years

B. 41 years

C. 35 years

D. 39 years

E. None of these

62. An equal amount of milk and water is added to 20-litres of pure milk, then the amount of milk becomes 70% of the total mixture. Now 20% of the mixture is removed and an equal amount of water is added. Find the amount of water in the final mixture.

A. 28 litres

B. 25 litres

C. 22 litres

D. 18 litres

E. None of these

63. 1/3rd of the volume of the right angle cylinder is equal to the volume of the cuboid whose length, breadth, and height are 11 cm, B cm, and 28 cm respectively. If the radius of the cylinder is 2 cm more than the breadth of the cuboid, find the value of 2B. The height of the cylinder is 18 cm, B is a whole number.

A. 18

B. 24

C. 27

D. 21

E. None of these

64. The cost price of the raincoat is Rs. y more than that of a jacket. If the jacket and the raincoat are sold at 20% and 50% profit respectively. The jacket is sold for Rs. 200 more than its cost price. The selling price of both the articles together is Rs. 6000. Find the value of y.

A. 1500

B. 1700

C. 2600

D. 2200

E. None of these

65. Given a, b are integers, then is (a + b)/10 an integer?

i). a, b both are multiple of 5.

ii). (a * b) is a multiple of 20.

A. Only statement i alone is sufficient to answer the question

B. Only statement ii alone is sufficient to answer question

C. Both statements i and ii are sufficient to answer the question

D. Neither statement I nor statement ii is sufficient to answer the question

E. None of these

66.

i). $9x^2 – 49x + 20 = 0$

ii). $5y^2 – 16y + 3 = 0$

Find the product of the larger root of equation I and the smaller root of equation ii.

A. 1

B. 5

C. 7

D. 6

E. None of these

67. $3x^2 – 4x – 21x + 28 = 0$

Which of the following are the roots of the given equation?

i). 7

ii). 3/4

iii). 4

iv). 1(1/3)

A. Both i and iii are the roots of the equation

B. both ii and iii are the roots of the equation

C. Both i and iv are the roots of the equation

D. Both ii and iv are the roots of the equation

E. None of these

Directions (68-72): Find the value of ? in the given series.

68. 25, ?, 524, 1575, 3152, 3153

A. 150

B. 125

C. 144

D. 130

E. None of these

69. 2688, ?, 1200, 1000, 1000, 1250

A. 1460

B. 1680

C. 1730

D. 1570

E. None of these

70. 85, 100, 85, 115, 25,?

A. 385

B. 425

C. 365

D. 415

E. None of these

71. 2000, 1800, 1700, 1600, ?, 600

A. 1200

B. 800

C. 1000

D. 1400

E. None of these

72. 7, 16, 24, 89, 113,?

A. 270

B. 330

C. 350

D. 300

E. None of these

Directions (73-77): Find the value of ?

73. $((516.94 + 36.97 + 472.03)/113.94) * ? = 575.92$

A. 73

B. 56

C. 64

D. 78

E. None of these

74. 1515 – ((839.87 * 3.12)/8.04) = ? * 79.96

A. 15

B. 24

C. 29

D. 11

E. None of these

75. √(390.95 + 138.08) + 13.14 * 11.92 = ?

A. 191

B. 183

C. 164

D. 179

E. None of these

76. 44.99% of 599.9 + 420.9 = ? – 34.01

A. 725

B. 600

C. 620

D. 710

E. 560

77. ?% of 799.99 = 59.99% of 600 + (19.8)2

A. 92

B. 95

C. 88

D. 66

E. 79

78. A and B invested in a business in the ratio 3:4. B left the business after 'm' months. C joined the business with twice the investment as compared to that of B. C invested 2 months more as compared to B in the business. At the end of one year, C received 48% of the total profit. Find the time for which B was there in the business?

A. 6 months

B. 5 months

C. 4 months

D. 8 months

E. None of these

79. Pipe A can fill half of the tank in 8 hrs 5 min and pipe B can fill the same tank completely in 16 hrs 5 min. Another pipe C can empty the full tank in 12 hrs. If all the pipes are opened together then in how much time 80% of the tank is filled(approx.)?

A. 30.2 hours

B. 16.4 hours

C. 26.2 hours

D. 19.2 hours

E. 24.4 hours

80. 60% of the voters promised to vote for A and the rest promised to vote for B. On the Election Day, 15% of voters who promised to vote for A went back from their promise and 18% of voters who promised to vote for B were abducted, who were released the next day. If A has won by 1380 votes, then find the total number of voters?

A. 12000

B. 10000

C. 11000

D. 14000

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E. 15000

English Language

Directions (81-88): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Thrift culture is slowly gaining popularity in our country, especially among the youth. Thrifting refers to the practice of purchasing pre-owned gently used products, mainly clothing. Thrift wear or upcycled products are those that are already used by someone, cleaned, retouched and, if needed, embellished and sold. These clothes are sold at a comparatively lower price than the original ones. Thrifting is more common among Gen Z as it combines fashion and sustainability. It also does not burn a hole in the pocket. It serves a larger goal of environmental protection. The fashion industry produces more than 150 billion pieces of clothing a year globally. About three in five of these clothing products become waste within years of production; they end up in landfill sites or incinerators. A dress made of polyester, a form of plastic, could take up to 200 years to _____ completely.

Thrifting and upcycling serve the purpose here. Second-hand clothes are eco-friendly as they are being reused with little or no modifications, thereby reducing the carbon footprint. The damage caused by the fast fashion industry is a driving force behind the shift towards thrifting. This mode of fashion is pocket-friendly. It saves our money. The thrifting culture saw a huge rise during the pandemic when the world was going through economic **turmoil**. Thrift clothes cost much less than new clothes. It also provides an **ample** amount of choice. Due to a change in the mindset, **(A)** thrifting has became more acceptable in India, **(B)** where wearing second-hand clothes **(C)** was once looked down upon. **(D)** While there are a few physical thrift stores in the country, online stores are more popular. Unlike Western countries, where thrift shopping is quite common and there are large stores dedicated to it, the concept is relatively new in India. But with steady demand, physical thrift stores have started coming up in Tier-1 cities. Physical stores are helpful because the clothing can be checked for fit before buying. Thrifting will continue to thrive, and it is in the best interest of people and the environment.

81. According to the passage, why did the thrifting culture witness a significant rise during the pandemic?

1). Social media influencers popularized thrifted fashion during the pandemic, influencing consumer behaviour.

2). Economic turmoil during the pandemic prompted people to seek more affordable options for clothing.

3). The pandemic spurred a decline in the availability of new clothing, driving people

towards thrift shopping.

A. Only 1

B. Only 2

C. Only 3

D. Both 1 and 2

E. Both 2 and 3

82. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by the passage regarding the benefits of thrifting?

A. Thrifting culture combines fashion and sustainability, particularly appealing to environmentally conscious Gen Z consumers.

B. Physical thrift stores allow customers to inspect clothing for fit before purchase, enhancing the shopping experience.

C. Thrift wear offers economical options, especially amid economic turbulence, appealing to budget-conscious consumers.

D. Thrifting combats fast fashion's environmental damage and fosters sustainability through conscious consumerism.

E. Thrifting fosters a culture of elitism, where individuals with lower incomes are stigmatized for purchasing second-hand clothing.

83. Which of the following words is similar in meaning to "ample" in the context of the passage?

A. reticent

B. lavish

C. copious

D. superfluous

E. exiguous

84. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to "turmoil" in the context of the passage?

A. tranquillity

B. disarray

C. ambivalence

D. commotion

E. discord

85. What is highlighted as a significant environmental issue caused by the fashion industry in the passage?

A. The burgeoning popularity of fashion fosters environmental consciousness.

B. Profligate textile production in fashion exacerbates environmental degradation.

C. Rapid turnover of fashion trends perpetuates superficial environmental values

D. Labor exploitation persists as a critical issue within the fashion industry

E. The fashion industry fuels fake economic growth through rapid textile production.

86. According to the passage, what is/are the effect(s) of thrifting on the environment?

1). Thrifting reduces carbon footprint by reusing clothing, mitigating environmental damage

caused by the fast fashion industry.

2). Thrifting minimizes textile waste, preventing clothes from ending up in landfills or incinerators and benefiting the environment.

3). Second-hand clothes reduce the demand for new clothing production, conserving resources and lowering environmental impact.

A. Only 1

B. Only 2

C. Only 3

D. Both 1 and 2

E. All 1, 2, and 3

87. Which of the following words should fill in the blank taken from the passage?

A dress made of polyester, a form of plastic, could take up to 200 years to _____ completely.

A. evaporate

B. deteriorate

C. perpetuate

D. decompose

E. biodegrade

88. Which of the following parts of the underlined sentence in the passage contains a grammatical error?

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. D

E. No error

Directions (89- 93): Read the sentence given below carefully. It has three blanks labelled I, II, and III. Below the sentence, you will find a table with three columns (I, II, and III), each containing three words. Choose the correct combination of words from the three columns that will fit into their corresponding blanks to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Select the appropriate combination and mark it as your answer.

89. Despite ___(I)___ conditions, she persisted in her ___(II)___ of excellence, tirelessly striving to ___(III)___ her role model's success and overcome every obstacle in her path.

I	II	III
A). adverse	D). pursuit	G). emulate
B). conducive	E). resilience	H). defy
C). propitious	F). tenacity	I). deviate

A. C - F - I

B. A - D - G

C. C - E - H

D. B - D - G

E. A - D - I

90. In the face of bleak circumstances, finding ___(I)___ solutions requires ___(II)___ all available resources, ingenuity, and creativity to ___(III)___ challenges and pave the way for progress.

I	II	III
A). obfuscated	D). leveraging	G).overcome
B). plausible	E). abandoning	H).relinquish
C). dubious	F). undermining	I).persist

A. B - D - I
B. C - E - G
C. C - F – I
D. B - F - H
E. B - D - G

I	II	III
A). docile	D). stagnation	G). meticulous
B). subtle	E).inception	H). haphazard
C). ferocious	F). conundrum	I). impetuous

A. C - E - G
B. A - E - I
C. B - E - H
D. B - D - I
E. C - D - H

91. The latest ___(I)___ in renewable energy technology underscored a ___(II)___ global effort towards sustainability, sparking ___(III)___ for a greener future.

I	II	III
A). conundrum	D). nebulous	G). pessimism
B). impasse	E). rejuvenated	H). cynicism
C). breakthrough	F). pernicious	I). optimism

A. C - E - I
B. A - F - I
C. B - D - G
D. C - E - G
E. A - D - H

92. His ___(I)___ determination to succeed mirrored the ___(II)___ of a grand plan, each step executed with ___(III)___ precision towards his goal.

93. With determination blazing in her eyes, she ___(I)___ fearlessly on a transformative journey of self-discovery, navigating through ___(II)___ challenges with unwavering ___(III)___ and courage.

I	II	III
A). languished	D). scant	G). indolence
B). embarked	E). myriad	H). complacency
C). contemplated	F). facile	I). resilience

A. A - E - G
B. A - D - H
C. B - E - I
D. C - F - I
E. B - D - H

Directions (94- 98): Read the sentence below carefully to determine whether it contains any grammatical errors. If any, errors will only be found in two parts of the sentence. Choose the option that represents the incorrect parts as your answer. If the sentence is grammatically and

contextually correct, mark 'No error' as your answer.

94. She bought three pieces of furnitures (A) for her new apartment, including (B) a comfortable sofa, a stylish dining table, (C) and a spacious wardrobe, to create (D) a cosy and functionally living space. (E)

A. A and E

B. B and C

C. A and D

D. C and D

E. No error

95. He doesn't have no time (A) for idly chatter, not when (B) there's mountains of work waiting to (C) be done, nor any inclination to (D) indulge in meaningless pleasantries. (E)

A. D and E

B. B and A

C. C and D

D. A and E

E. No error

96. Amidst the chaos of modern life, (A) he found solace in the simplicity of nature, (B) where the gentle rustle of leaves (C) and the melody of birdsong offered (D) a sanctuary for his weary soul. (E)

A. A and C

B. E and B

C. C and D

D. D and E

E. No error

97. She firmly believes that adopting (A) a balanced diet, regular exercise routine, (B) and sufficient sleep will farther her (C) overall well-being, ultimately positively effecting (D) her physical and mental health. (E)

A. B and E

B. D and B

C. A and C

D. C and D

E. No error

98. By this time next year, (A) after overcoming numerous obstacles (B) and dedicating countless hours to (C) planning and preparation, they will be achieving (D) their goal of launching there own business. (E)

A. E and D

B. B and C

C. E and A

D. B and C

E. No error

Directions (99-105): Read the passage given below carefully. The passage contains some words that are highlighted in bold. Some of these words may be incorrect and require replacement, while others may be correct. For each highlighted word, choose the option that provides the most

appropriate replacement. If you believe that the highlighted word is already correct, select "No replacement required" as your answer.

Basic first aid knowledge can **impede (A)** students to take immediate action in emergencies, potentially saving lives before professional help arrives. Accidents and medical emergencies can happen anywhere, and having a population knowledgeable in first aid turns bystanders into potential lifesavers. It creates a community where people are not just passive observers but active participants in ensuring each other's well-being. Including first aid in the curriculum **confounds (B)** a culture of preparedness and responsibility.

Students grow up with the mindset that they have the skills to respond effectively in emergencies, fostering a more **tenuous (C)** and caring society. In many situations, immediate professional medical help may not be readily available. Equipping students with first aid skills reduces dependence on healthcare professionals in the crucial moments after an incident, allowing for more effective and timely responses. The call for a comprehensive and practical education system **resonates (D)** with the pressing demands of our time.

The **amalgamation (E)** of life-saving courses into the curriculum is an essential step toward empowering the younger generation. Education should not only focus on academic proficiency but

also equip students to navigate real-life emergencies and challenges. By prioritising education that encompasses life-saving skills, we instil in our

students the confidence and capability to respond effectively to **mundane (F)** circumstances. It's a proactive approach that goes beyond the traditional classroom setting, preparing them for the unpredictable nature of the world around them. In this era of dynamic change, the true measure of education's success lies in its ability to save lives and foster resilience. It's time to embrace an educational **conundrum (G)** that not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates the life skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving society.

99. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (A) in the passage?

A. augment

B. equip

C. enhance

D. inhibit

E. No replacement required

100. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (B) in the passage?

A. emphasizes

B. deters

C. amplifies

D. inculcates

E. No replacement required

101. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (C) in the passage?

A. robust

B. empathetic

C. vulnerable

D. ingenious

E. No replacement required

102. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (D) in the passage?

A. addresses

B. contradicts

C. emphasizes

D. prioritizes

E. No replacement required

103. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (E) in the passage?

A. exclusion

B. enrichment

C. integration

D. segregation

E. No replacement required

104. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (F) in the passage?

A. transformative

B. unforeseen

C. essential

D. anticipated

E. No replacement required

105. Which of the following words should replace the highlighted word labelled as (G) in the passage?

A. context

B. rigidity

C. paradigm

D. innovation

E. No replacement required

Directions (106-110): Read the sentence given below which contains a blank in it. You need to choose the most appropriate phrase from the options given below to complete the sentence and make it grammatically and contextually correct. If none of the options are suitable to fill in the blank, choose "None of the above" as your answer.

106. Humanity must choose the path less travelled, abandoning unsustainable development to preserve our Earth and all its interconnected life forms, recognizing _____.

A. the benefits of regular exercise

B. the urgency of harmonizing with nature

C. the beauty of artistic expression

D. the power of compassionate understanding

E. None of the above

107. The resumption of school brought excitement, yet the _____, overshadowed by the intrusion of smartphones and earphones, altering the dynamic drastically.

A. unexpected traffic jam caused frustration

B. laughter filled the family gathering

C. once lively bus turned eerily silent

D. construction noise disturbed nearby residents

E. None of the above

108. _____; each person possesses unique qualities and potential, and embracing individuality leads to personal growth and true fulfilment.

A. Too much screen time harms eyesight

B. Avoid eating spicy foods excessively

C. Never compare yourself with others

D. Cultivate kindness towards all beings

E. None of the above

109. Skin, with its diverse textures and hues, has fascinated poets and storytellers, reflecting beauty, identity, and _____, while also serving as a canvas for expression.

A. whispers of timeless traditions

B. inspirations for artistic endeavours

C. radiant beams of eternal sunshine

D. cultural symbols throughout history

E. None of the above

110. Despite over 140 nations recognizing health as a constitutional right, more than half the world's population remains deprived of complete access to essential health services, _____.

A. advancing renewable energy technologies

B. promoting sustainable agricultural practices

C. supporting local entrepreneurship initiatives

D. celebrating diversity in cultural heritage

E. None of the above

Directions (111-115): A sentence is given below with three highlighted words (A, B, and C) in it. These highlighted words may or may not be inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Select the word(s) that is inappropriately used and mark it as your answer. If all the highlighted words are correct in the context of the sentence, mark "All are correct" as your answer.

111. Educational systems emphasizing marks, competitive exams, and societal expectations create immense (A) pressure on youth, exaggerating (B) mental health issues and increasing vulnerability (C) to tragic consequences like suicide and substance abuse.

A. Both A and B

B. Only A

C. Both B and C

D. Only B

E. All are correct

112. India's steadfast (A) commitment to universal health coverage is evident (B) through strategic plans meticulously (C) aiming to increase public health financing, which is aligned with sustained economic growth and overarching national health policy goals.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. All A, B, and C

E. All are correct

113. Access to top-tier healthcare services is frivolous (A) for economic and social well-being, as it plays a pivotal (B) role in enhancing productivity, promoting informed lifestyles, elevated (C) living standards, and fostering a healthier population overall.

A. Both A and B

B. Both B and C

C. Both C and A

D. All A, B, and C

E. All are correct

114. Receiving a complement (A) from her mentor was a validation (B) of her hard work and dedication to her craft, affirming that her relentless (C) pursuit of excellence had not gone unnoticed in her professional journey.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. Both A and C

E.All are correct

115. The police raided the warehouse, uncovering an elicit (A) operation trafficking drugs hidden among boxes of stationary (B) supplies, exposing the depths of criminally (C) activity in an unsuspecting business.

A. Both A and B

B. Both B and C

C. Both C and A

D. All A, B, and C

E. All are correct

Directions (116-120): Given below is an idiom followed by three sentences (A, B, and C) that incorporate the idiom. Determine which sentence(s) correctly uses the idiom and mark it as your answer.

116. ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

A). During the meeting, no one addressed the elephant in the room: the declining sales figures that everyone was avoiding.

B). The issue of mental health stigma remained the elephant in the room, silently impacting many but seldom discussed openly.

C).He's always been afraid his past would surface, revealing the elephant in the room, tarnishing his reputation irreparably.

A. Both A and B

B. Only C

C. Both A and C

D. All A, B, and C

E. None of these

117. A SHOT IN THE ARM

A). Without any leads or evidence, the investigators were forced to take a shot in the arm to solve the case.

B). The positive review from a respected industry leader was a shot in the arm for the struggling startup.

C). The warning from the rival company was a shot in the arm, signalling aggressive market expansion plans.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. Both B and C

E. All A, B, and C

118. TO LIGHT THE FUSE

A). The controversial decision by the government is likely to light the fuse of protests across the nation.

B). The journalist's article was designed to light the fuse, igniting debates and stirring emotions among readers.

C).To light the fuse, let's gather innovative ideas for the project during our collaborative brainstorming session.

A. Both C and A

B. Only A

C. Both B and C

D. All A, B, and C

E. None of these

119. IN THE RUNNING

A). Being in the running about industry trends helps businesses stay competitive and adapt to evolving market conditions.

B). Despite being the underdog, the small startup is in the running for the industry award thanks to its innovative approach.

C). With his exceptional performance in the auditions, Rahul is now in the running for the lead role in the upcoming movie.

A. All A, B, and C

B. Both A and B

C. Both C and A

D. Only C

E. Both B and C

120. COCK A SNOOK

A). Her rebellious nature led her to cock a snook at conventional norms and pursue her artistic dreams.

B). With a mischievous grin, the child cocked a snook at his teacher by making faces behind her back.

C). Despite warnings, he kept cocking a snook at authority, leading to a confrontation with the police.

A. All A, B, and C

B. Both A and B

C. Both B and C

D. Both C and A

E. None of these

General Awareness

121. Recently (Feb 2024), Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd announced that it had been the first in the industry to receive ISO 27001:2022 certification from the BSI which is headquartered in which country?

A. United Kingdom

B. Russia

C. Canada

D. Indonesia

E. Japan

122. Recently (February 2024), OpenAI has unveiled a new generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) model called Sora that can convert a text prompt into video. What does the name "Sora" mean in Japanese, symbolizing "limitless creative potential"?

A. Earth

B. Ocean

C. Fire

D. Mountain

E. Sky

123. In February as per the report, which state is set to become the first in India to adopt the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) after independence?

A. Uttar Pradesh

B. Uttarakhand

C. Punjab

D. Maharashtra

E. Karnataka

124. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made its largest gold purchase since July 2022 when it bought 8.7 tonnes of the metal in January 2024. Which year did the RBI begin purchasing gold in order to increase its reserves?

A. 2020

B. 2017

C. 2019

D. 2016

E. 2018

125. In March 2024, For mid- and small-cap mutual fund schemes, the Securities and

Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the market regulator, required a stress test. Who is the chairman of SEBI?

A. M V Rao

B. Shaji K V

C. Madhabi Puri Buch

D. Pramod Agarwal

E. Harsha Bangari

126. What is the theme for International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action 2024?

A. Protecting Lives, Building Peace

B. Promoting Safety, Fostering Harmony

C. Ensuring Security, Cultivating Unity

D. Safeguarding Communities, Nurturing Stability

E. Enhancing Security, Promoting Reconciliation

127. According to Airports Council International (ACI), in what position was the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi ranked among the world's busiest airports for the year 2023?

A. 5th

B. 7th

C. 8th

D. 9th

E. 10th

128. In April 2024, Renowned musician K.G. Jayan, father of prominent Malayalam actor Manoj K. Jayan, died at the age of 90. What genre of music was K.G. Jayan renowned for?

A. Hindustani

B. Western classical

C. Folk

D. Carnatic

E. Jazz

129. In which year was the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) launched by the government of India to streamline KYC processes across financial assets?

A. 2014

B. 2016

C. 2018

D. 2020

E. 2022

130. What is the minimum net worth requirement set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to transition to Universal Banks?

A. Rs 500 crore

B. Rs 1,000 crore

C. Rs 2,000 crore

D. Rs 750 crore

E. Rs 1,500 crore

131. What is the name of the individual recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) for the position of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), replacing Sivasubramanian Ramann?

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A. Manoj Mittal

B. Jagthesh Vinex

C. Ranjan Smith

D. Surya Atharsh

E. Mithal Jawan

132. Recently (Apr 2024), Murali Ramakrishnan was appointed as Non-Executive Independent Director of RBL Bank for the duration of _____.

A. 2 years

B. 3 years

C. 4 years

D. 5 years

E. 6 years

133. The prestigious Freedom Prize of the Media, presented by the Ludwig Erhard Summit, will be bestowed upon the late Aleksei Navalny and his wife, Yulia Navalnaya. Which country is the nationality of the late Aleksei Navalny, and his wife, Yulia Navalnaya?

A. Russia

B. United States

C. China

D. Germany

E. France

134. In a recent (April 2024) study involving cybercrime experts worldwide, India was placed in the 10th position for cybercrime, with advance fee payment fraud being identified as the most prevalent type. Which country topped the 'World Cyber Crime Index' according to new research?

A. Nigeria

B. Ukraine

C. China

D. Russia

E. United States

135. In April 2024, In a prudent decision, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) refused the application for a universal bank license submitted by Annapurna Finance Limited in January 2023. From which Indian state is Annapurna Finance Limited headquartered?

A. Maharashtra

B. Tamil Nadu

C. Gujarat

D. Odisha

E. Karnataka

136. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended a redesigned regulatory framework for Electronic Trading Platforms (ETPs) as the onshore FX market becomes more integrated with offshore markets. An entity seeking authorization as an ETP operator must have a minimum net worth of _____ and maintain it at all times.

A. Rs 3 crore

B. Rs 5 crore

C. Rs 8 crore

D. Rs 10 crore

E. Rs 15 crore

137. Recently (May 2024), Justice (retired) Dinesh Kumar has been appointed Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT). SAT is a statutory and autonomous organization established under the requirements of Section 15K of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act of which year?
A. 1991
B. 1992
C. 1993
D. 1994
E. 1995

138. As per recent data, On Ravi Varma's _____ birth anniversary, the first true copy of the 'Indulekha' painting was unveiled at the Kilimanoor Palace.
A. 180
B. 170
C. 176
D. 155
E. 160

139. Choose the name of the prolific American novelist known for the celebrated "New York Trilogy," who recently (May 2024) died.
A. Paul Auster
B. Jerome Rothenberg
C. Elliott Kieff
D. Scott Momaday

E. Frank Q. Nebeker

140. Every year May 1, is observed as both Gujarat and Maharashtra Day. In which year did two states, Maharashtra and Gujarat, emerge from Bombay's separation based on language?
A. 1958
B. 1960
C. 1962
D. 1964
E. 1968

141. According to the recent news (May 2024), which Indian state has seen the highest number of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) scheme?
A. Karnataka
B. Rajasthan
C. Kerala
D. Andhra Pradesh
E. Tamil Nadu

142. _____ is an online payment system for transferring funds from one bank to another started in November 2005 and established and maintained by the Institute for Development and Research in Banking and Technology.
A. National Electronic Funds Transfer
B. Immediate Payment Service
C. Unified Payments Interface
D. Bharat Bill Payment System

E. Real-Time Gross Settlement

143. Which country became the first to adopt India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) system as a payment platform?
A. Nepal
B. Bangladesh
C. UAE
D. Bhutan
E. Singapore

144. Which of the following are the features of Demand Draft (DD)?
A. DD is issued by one bank to another bank
B. It is only payable to the payee written on the demand draft and it is payable on demand
C. The Purchaser of the DD need not be a Customer of the bank
D. It is an Unconditional order of payment
E. All the above

145. Who has been appointed as the executive director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank for a 3-year term, effective from May 1, 2024?
A. John Smith
B. David Patel
C. Alice Johnson
D. Carol Furtado
E. Sarah Thompson

146. RailTel Corporation of India Limited and Quadrant Future Tek Limited signed an MoU to explore and implement KAVACH train collision avoidance system projects in India and abroad. In which year was the train collision avoidance system KAVACH adopted as a "National ATP System" by the Ministry of Railways?
A. 2018
B. 2019
C. 2021
D. 2020
E. 2017

147. According to the recent news (May 2024), who will be launching aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft for their third space mission to the International Space Station (ISS) on May 7, 2024?
A. Sunita Williams
B. Peggy Whitson
C. Mark Kelly
D. Chris Hadfield
E. Scott Kelly

148. Recently (May 2024), The Reserve Bank allowed Quant Mutual Fund to increase its holding in RBL Bank to 9.98%. Where is the headquarters of RBL Bank located?
A. Kolkata
B. Mumbai
C. Chennai
D. Pune
E. Hyderabad

149. As per recent news about Bajrang Punia, related to which of the following kinds of sports?

A. Wrestler

B. Boxer

C. Weight Lifter

D. Archer

E. Gun Shooter

150. In May 2024, Which state's cooperative dairy federation, which sells milk and products under the enormously popular 'Sanchi' brand, has cooperated with the country's largest cooperative, Amul, to expand its operations and increase procurement from farmers?

A. Andhra Pradesh

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Gujarat

D. Rajasthan

E. Tamil Nadu

151. Zomato, a well-known food tech company, announced that its subsidiary Zomato Payments Private Limited (ZPPL) has voluntarily surrendered the certificate of authorization obtained from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlements Systems Act of _____.

A. 2006

B. 2007

C. 2008

D. 2009

E. 2010

152. According to the recent news (May 2024), Who was given the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in Mussoorie?

A. Colin Barrett

B. Elle Marchray

C. Nicolas Padamsee

D. Amy Twigg

E. Ruskin Bond

153. Recently (May 2024), The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a mobile app, 'Saarthi 2.0', focused on personal finance for investors. In which year was the first version of the Saarthi app launched?

A. 2018

B. 2019

C. 2020

D. 2021

E. 2022

154. As per the recent report (June 2024), India will host the prestigious annual general meeting (AGM) of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in 2025, marking a significant milestone after 42 years. Which airline will serve as the host airline for the IATA AGM in 2025?

A. Air India

B. SpiceJet

C. GoAir

D. IndiGo

E. Vistara

155. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme and its beneficiaries?

i). Bihar has the highest number of farmers who surrendered their PM-Kisan benefits.

ii). The maximum number of farmers receiving PM-Kisan benefits are from Maharashtra.

iii). The 16th installment of the PM-Kisan scheme was released on 29 February 2024.

iv). Uttar Pradesh is the second-highest state in surrendering PM-Kisan benefits.

A. Only I, III and IV

B. Only I

C. Only II and III

D. Only I and II

E. All I, II, III and IV

156. PV Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist and world champion shuttler, has invested in and become the brand ambassador for Greenday's brand. What is the name of the brand for which PV Sindhu has become a brand ambassador and investor?

A. Healthy Life

B. Green Foods

C. Better Nutrition

D. NutriWell

E. Pure Health

157. Recently (June 2024), What app was launched by the Secretary of MeitY, Shri S Krishnan, on World Environment Day along with the Indigenous Air Quality Monitoring System?

A. CleanAir Monitor

B. Air-Pravah App

C. AirWatch App

D. GreenBreeze App

E. FreshAir Tracker

158. In March 2024, Which state celebrates ChapcharKut, its biggest festival, with customary fervor and joy all across the state?

A. Mizoram

B. Manipur

C. Nagaland

D. Sikkim

E. Tripura

159. As per the news on May 2024, The International Olympic Committee (IOC) partnered with the Reliance Foundation and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation to launch the "Let's Move India" campaign, inviting everyone to support the Olympians preparing for the Paris Olympics. The IOC's 'Let's Move' campaign, was initiated on Olympic Day in _____.

A. August 23

B. September 23

C. June 23

D. October 23

E. December 23

160. In May 2024, Researchers discovered the world's deepest blue hole, called Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH), in which nation?
A. Maldives
B. China
C. Singapore
D. Malaysia
E. Mexico

Computer Knowledge

161. Which is a hardware component, typically a circuit board or chip, which is installed on a computer so it can connect to a network?
A. NIC
B. NAD
C. NOS
D. NAT
E. NCI

162. In 1985, which is one of the oldest Internet protocols in current use and was designed by David L. Mills of the University of Delaware?
A. NIC
B. NAD
C. NOS
D. NAT
E. NTP

163. Which supports multiple attachments in a single e-mail, the non-ASCII characters, unlimited e-mail length and also supports multiple languages?
A. MIME
B. MIDI
C. MPEG
D. MIPS
E. MAC

164. ………..is a type of computer program that is used to create and edit basic images, to complex tools that can be used to create detailed 3D models and animations.
A. Spreadsheet
B. Presentation
C. Text editor
D. Graphics
E. Word processing

165. Which of the following is a form of computer graphics in which visual images are created directly from geometric shapes defined on a Cartesian plane, such as points, lines, curves and polygons?
A. Vector
B. Raster
C. 3D
D. Animation
E. Scaling

166. Which command bar that organize a program features into series of tabs at the top of

a window, it display the options like hide, show only ribbon and show the tabs & commands?

A. File

B. Edit

C. Ruler

D. Ribbon

E. Insert

167. …….. is the number of digits that system used to represent the value of numbers and it also known as radix.

A. Place

B. Value

C. Base

D. Digit

E. Point

168. Which system is the most commonly used in number system and it also called as Arabic number system?

A. Decimal

B. Binary

C. Octal

D. Hexa decimal

E. Radix

169. The digital computer internally uses the ……….. system to represent data and perform arithmetic calculations. Hence the base value is 2.

A. Hexa decimal

B. Decimal

C. Octal

D. Binary

E. Number coded

170. Which tab contains five related commands and the shortcut key to open this tab was Alt + H hence it's a default tab in MS office?

A. File

B. Edit

C. Reference tab

D. Developer tab

E. Home tab

171. An editor that allows text to be inserted and formatted, a method for inserting and manipulating graphic images and a slide-show system to display the content is called as……….

A. Spreadsheet

B. Presentation

C. DBMS

D. Graphics

E. Word processing

172. A computerized data-keeping system and users of the system are given facilities to perform several kinds of operations on such a system for either manipulation of the data in structure is called as ………..

A. Spreadsheet

B. Presentation

C. DBMS

D. Graphics

E. Word processing

173. ………..is a family of software programs used for editing vector graphics, illustration and design then created in graphics packages and which consist of object.

A. Photoshop

B. Illustrator

C. Corel draw

D. Ink space

E. GIMP

174. The arithmetic machine is the first automated calculator to perform only addition and subtraction. This machine is also called ……

A. Analytical engine

B. Tabulating machine

C. Pascaline

D. Difference engine

E. Analyzer

175. Which was the first digital mechanical calculator to do all four arithmetic calculations like addition, subtraction, division and multiplication?

A. Analyzer

B. Mark I

C. Stepped Reckoner or Leibniz Wheel

D. Pascaline

E. Napier bones

176. A text box is a section or object on a page that allows the user to enter the text for giving attention to specific text. Hence it is also called as………….

A. Fields

B. Class

C. Cells

D. Commands

E. Bar

177. Which device is used to produce large drawings and images such as maps, constructions plans, and blue print for mechanical object?

A. Printer

B. Monitor

C. Projector

D. Plotter

E. CRT

178. Which is a placeholder information associated with a single use of a program that can handle multiple concurrent user?

A. Kernel

B. Thread

C. Shell

D. Scheduler

E. Processor

179. Which is the grey color window that pop on system to display messages and allow the user to set parameters?

A. Dialog box

B. Tool bar

C. Taskbar

D. Status bar

E. Scroll bar

180. The search box is the most important graphical element in popular search engines or to get results from the PC. What is the shortcut key of search box?

A. Ctrl+ A

B. Ctrl+ V

C. Ctrl+ F

D. Ctrl+ P

E. Ctrl+ S

181. In operating system further divided the page table into equal frame size is called as……….

A. Multi-level

B. Inverted

C. Partitioning

D. Swapping

E. Segmentation

182. Which is a user friendly environment that allows the user to perform any action without having any programing language?

A. API

B. GUI

C. VGA

D. OS

E. I/O device

183. UNIX is the first OS to be written in which programming language?

A. C

B. C++

C. Java

D. BASIC

E. FORTRAN

184. Which OS was evolved from the Pison EPOC, has released on ARM processor?

A. Linux

B. IOs

C. Windows

D. Android

E. Symbian

185. In UNIX, which system call creates the new process?

A. Create

B. Fork

C. New

D. Modify

E. Own

186. Which tab consists of table of contents, Footnotes, Citations & Bibliography, Captions, Index, and Table of Authorities?

A. File

B. Edit

C. Reference tab

D. Developer tab

E. Home tab

187. How many insert tab can have group of related commands?

A. 8
B. 7
C. 9
D. 6
E. 5

188. The default size of header and footer in MS Word is…………..

A. 0.5 inch
B. 1.0 inch
C. 1.5 inch
D. 0.25 inch
E. 1.25 inch

189. What is the shortcut key of redo?

A. Ctrl+ L
B. Ctrl+ P
C. Ctrl+ R
D. Ctrl+ Z
E. Ctrl+ Y

190. How many columns in single sheet of MS Excel?

A. 17585
B. 16848
C. 18384
D. 16384
E. 15456

191. Which function key is used to save the active workbook under a new name by using save as dialog box?

A. f10
B. f12
C. f9
D. f 3
E. f 5

192. Which process is used in Page tabs also make it easy to add new pages anywhere in a notebook?

A. Organize
B. Front row
C. Template
D. Recording
E. Clipper

193. Which margin is used to setup facing pages for double-side document such as books, magazine, newspaper, etc.?

A. Normal
B. Narrow
C. Mirror
D. Gutter
E. Wide

194. Which series of commands and instructions that you group together as a single command to accomplish a task automatically?

A. Views
B. Panel

C. Zoom

D. Position

E. Macros

195. Which is the core object of orange data mining?

A. Python

B. C

C. C++

D. Java

E. BASIC

196. Which color Ethernet cables are considered "standard" and are often found in residential and commercial networks?

A. Blue

B. Grey

C. Orange

D. Black

E. White

197. Which windows operating system they introduced control panel first?

A. Windows 7

B. Windows 1

C. Windows 9

D. Windows 2

E. Windows 10

198. Who introduced Binary coded decimal?

A. Apple

B. IBM

C. Honeywell

D. AOL

E. QCS

199. What is the Size of Memory buffer register (MBR)?

A. 16

B. 64

C. 128

D. 8

E. 32

200. Which is the highest demand in data centre is owing to the connectivity environment between large numbers of server over different tiers?

A. Routers

B. Switches

C. Drivers

D. Cables

E. Firewalls

ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

Reasoning Ability

Directions (1-5):

Final arrangement:

Designations	Persons
GM	B
SM	G
Manager	E
DM	A
JM	D
SO	J
SA	F
A	H
JA	C

We have,

- Not more than one person is junior to C.
- G is senior to DM but not designated as General Manager.
- Only five persons are designated between G and H.

There are two possibilities from the above conditions.

Designation	Case 1	Case 2
General Manager		
Senior Manager	G	
Manager		G
Deputy Manager		
Junior Manager		
Senior Officer		
Senior Assistant		
Assistant	H	C
Junior Assistant	C	H

Again, we have

- Only two persons are designated between F and A.
- F is junior to Manager.
- D is immediately junior to A.

There are two possibilities to place A, D and F in Case 1- Case 1a and Case 1b

Designation	Case 1a	Case 1b	Case 2
General Manager			
Senior Manager	G	G	
Manager		A	G
Deputy Manager	A	D	A
Junior Manager	D		D
Senior Officer		F	
Senior Assistant	F		F
Assistant	H	H	C
Junior Assistant	C	C	H

Finally, we have

- B is senior to E, but not immediately senior.
- At-least two persons are designated between E and J, who is junior to DM

Case 1b and Case 2 can be eliminated based on the above conditions as we cannot place E, J and B.

Designation	Case 1a	~~Case 1b~~	~~Case 2~~
General Manager	B		
Senior Manager	G	G	
Manager	E	A	G
Deputy Manager	A	D	A
Junior Manager	D		D
Senior Officer	J	F	
Senior Assistant	F		F
Assistant	H	H	C
Junior Assistant	C	C	H

1. Answer: E
2. Answer: B
3. Answer: C
4. Answer: E
5. Answer: D

Directions (6-8):

$$P^+ = S^- \qquad O =$$

$$U^- = Q^+ \qquad N^+ = J^-$$

$$F^- \qquad\qquad K^+$$

6. Answer: D
7. Answer: C
8. Answer: B

Directions (9-13):

Final arrangement:

Months	Persons	Authors
March	U	Rumi
April	R	Orwell
May	V	Tagore
June	P	Shakespeare
July	S	Neruda
August	T	Milton
September	Q	Kofka

We have,

- P was born in the month having only 30 days.
- The one who likes Neruda was born immediately after P.
- As many people born before the one who likes Neruda as after V.

Month	Case 1		Case 2	
	Person	Author	Person	Author
March				
April			P	
May	V			Neruda
June	P			
July		Neruda	V	
August				
September				

Again, we have

- The one who likes Tagore was born in the month having 31 days and immediately after the one who likes Orwell.

- R was born in the month having only 30 days and immediately after the one who likes Rumi.

There are two possibilities from Case 1- Case 1a and Case 1b.

Month	Case 1a		Case 1b		Case 2	
	Person	Author	Person	Author	Person	Author
March				Rumi		
April		Orwell	R	Orwell	P	
May	V	Tagore	V	Tagore		Neruda
June	P		P			Orwell
July		Neruda		Neruda	V	Tagore
August		Rumi				Rumi
September	R				R	

Finally, we have

- The number of people born after S is **three less** than the number of people born between U and the one who likes Kofka.
- P does not like Milton and R does not like Kofka.
- Q and the one who likes Kofka were born in the month having only 30 days.

Case 1a and Case 2 can be eliminated based on these conditions as we cannot place S.

Month	Case 1a		Case 1b		Case 2	
	Person	Author	Person	Author	Person	Author
March			U	Rumi		
April	Q	Orwell	R	Orwell	P	Kofka
May	V	Tagore	V	Tagore		Neruda
June	P	Kofka	P	Shakespeare	Q	Orwell
July		Neruda	S	Neruda	V	Tagore
August		Rumi	T	Milton		Rumi
September	R		Q	Kofka	R	

9. Answer: C

10. Answer: D

11. Answer: B

12. Answer: D

13. Answer: E

14. Answer: C

I). 583647921→53491→22

II). 486952747→46577→**29**

III). 793684561→73851→24

Directions (15-19):

Final arrangement:

Floor	Flat P		Flat Q	
	Persons	City	Persons	City
3	F	Lima	E	Canberra
2	A	Singapore	B	Kanpur
1	D	Abredon	C	Yokohama

We have,

- A lives on an even numbered floor.
- The one who is from Lima lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which A lives.
- Only one floor is between the one who is from Lima and the one who is from Yokohama.

There are two possibilities from the above conditions.

Case 1				
	Flat P		**Flat Q**	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3		Lima		
2	A			
1		Yokohama/		Yokohama/

Case 2				
	Flat P		**Flat Q**	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3				Lima
2			A	
1		Yokohama/		Yokohama/

Now, we have

- B, who is from neither Abredan nor Singapore, lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which C lives.
- C does not live immediately above the one who is from Yokohama.
- F lives in the flat immediately above the flat in which the one who is from Singapore lives.

Case 1				
	Flat P		**Flat Q**	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3	F	Lima		
2	A	Singapore	B	
1		Yokohama/	C	Yokohama/

Case 2				
	Flat P		**Flat Q**	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3			F	Lima
2	B		A	Singapore
1	C	Yokohama/		Yokohama/

Finally we have,

- No one lives to the east of the one who is from Canberra.
- The one who is from Kanpur lives in the flat below the flat in which E lives.
- The one who is from Yokohoma does not live to the west of the one who is from Abredan.
- E is not from Abredan.

Case 2 can be eliminated as E is not from Abredan.

Case 1				
	Flat P		**Flat Q**	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3	F	Lima	E	Canberra
2	A	Singapore	B	Kanpur
1	D	Abredan	C	Yokohama

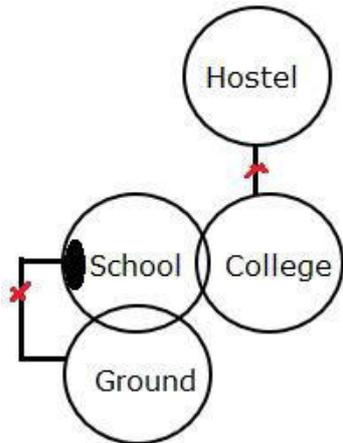|	Flat P		Flat Q	
Floor	Persons	City	Persons	City
3	E		F	Lima
2	B	Kanpur	A	Singapore
1	C	Yokohama	D	Canberra

~~Case 2~~

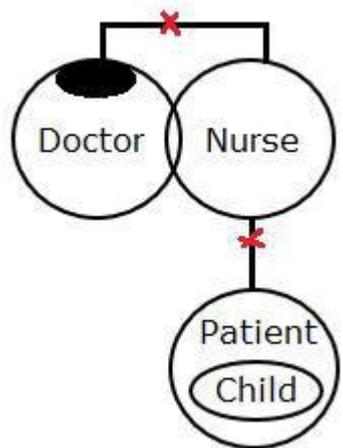15. Answer: B

16. Answer: A

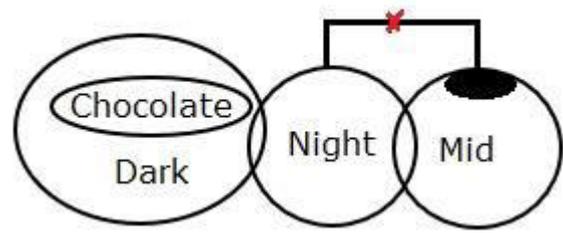17. Answer: C

18. Answer: A

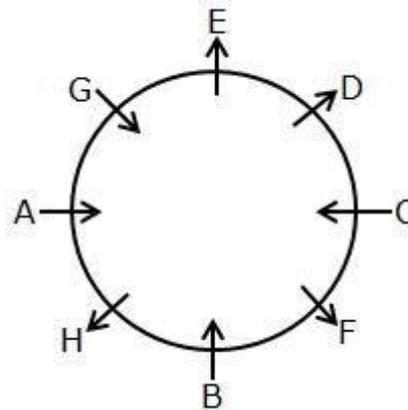19. Answer: D

20. Answer: E

21. Answer: C

22. Answer: A
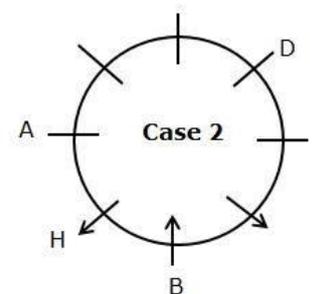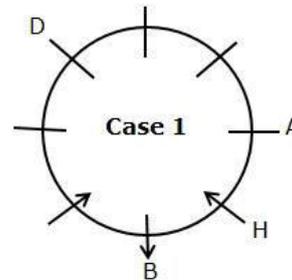

Directions (23-27):

Final arrangement:

We have,

- One person sits between B and A, who is not an immediate neighbour of both D and
- D sits third to the right of B.
- Immediate neighbours of B are facing opposite direction that of B.
- Only three persons sit between D and H.

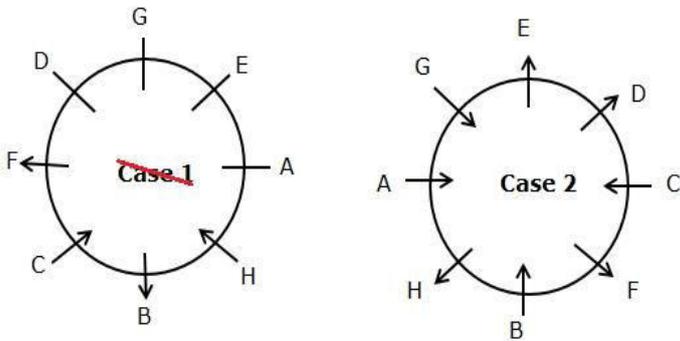There are two possibilities from the above conditions.
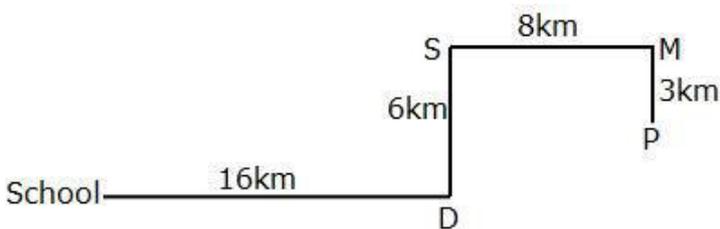

Again we have,

- F sits immediate left of C, who is facing towards the centre.
- Two persons sit between C and G.
- Immediate neighbours of C are facing the same direction.
- A and G face opposite direction that of E.
- Less than three persons sit between E and F, when counted from the left of F.

Case 1 can be eliminated based on the above conditions.

23. Answer: D
24. Answer: C
25. Answer: D
26. Answer: B
27. Answer: E (The given pair of persons face opposite direction, except option e)
28. Answer: C

Directions (29-30):
Final arrangement:
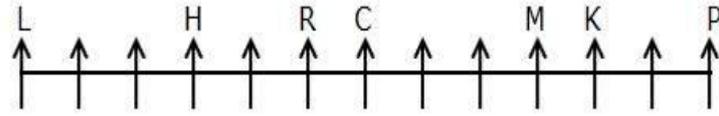
We have,
- Only five persons sit between M and H.
- P sits third to the right of M.

There are two possibilities from the above conditions.
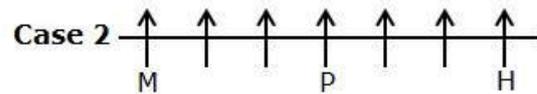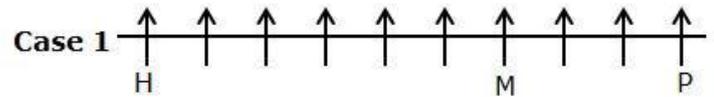
Again, we have
- C sits six places away from P.
- C sits immediate right of R and fourth to the left of K.
- As many persons sit between K and H as to the left of C.

There are two possibilities from Case 1- Case 1a and Case 1b, based on the above conditions.
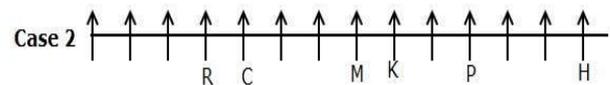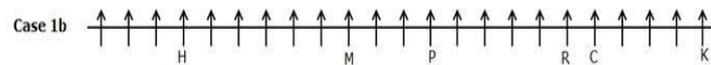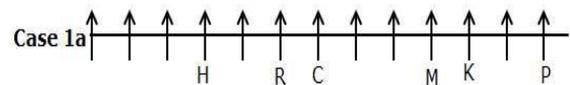
Finally , we have
- As many persons sit between K and R as between R and L.

Case 1b and Case 2 can be eliminated based on this condition.

Case 1a: L H R C M K P

~~Case 1b~~: H M P R C K

~~Case 2~~: R C M K P H
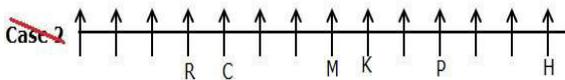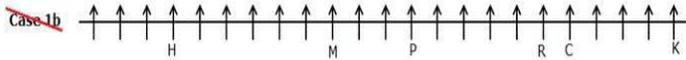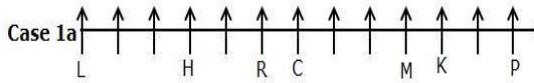
29. Answer: B

30. Answer: D

31. Answer: B

I). WALKING→XBMLJOH

II). PARKING→QBSLJOH

III). SINGING→TJOHJOH

Directions (32-36):

Final arrangement:

Boxes
H
I
E
A
D
G
B
J
F
C

We have,

- Only four boxes are kept between J and E.
- C is kept two boxes below J.

- Only three boxes are kept between C and G.
- The number of boxes kept between G and C is two less than the number of boxes kept between J and I.

Case 1	Case 2
G	I
	E
J	
C	G
	J
E	
I	C

Again, we have

- B is kept two boxes above F.
- The number of boxes kept above B is **one more** than the number of boxes kept below D.

We get two possibilities from Case 2 – Case 2a, Case 2b and Case 2c from the above conditions.

Case 1	Case 2a	Case 2b	Case 2c
G	I	I	
B	E	E	I
J			E
F	B	D	
C	G	G	D
	F		G
	J	J	B
E	D	B	J
I	C	C	F
D		F	C

Finally we have,

- H is kept neither adjacent to A nor E.
- A is kept one of the positions below H.

Case1, Case 2a and Case 2b can be eliminated based on these conditions.

~~Case 1~~	~~Case 2a~~	~~Case 2b~~	Case 2c
G	I	I	H
B	E	E	I
J	A	A	E
F	B	D	A
C	G	G	D
	F	H	G
	J	J	B
E	D	B	J
I	C	C	F
D	H	F	C

32. Answer: C

33. Answer: E

34. Answer: D

35. Answer: B

36. Answer: A

Directions (37-40):

From the given information, the following was determined.

Word	Code
Toys	En
Fail	Nf
Working	Rt
Rarely	Ie
Merchant	Gk
Technical	Ct
Sell	Me
Employee/In	ik/xo
Struggle/more	vr/zy

37. Answer: D

38. Answer: B

39. Answer: E

40. Answer: C

Quantitative Aptitude

Directions (41-45):

Number of commerce professors in college A = 75 – 45 = 30

Number of commerce professors in college B = 80 – 35 = 45

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Number of commerce professors in college C = 90 – 50 = 40

Number of commerce professors in college D = 105 – 60 = 45

Number of commerce professors in college E = 110 – 75 = 35

College	Total number of professors	Number of literature professors	Number of commerce professors
A	75	45	30
B	80	35	45
C	90	50	40
D	105	60	45
E	110	75	35

41. Answer: C

Let the number of male commerce professors in college D be x.

Number of female commerce professors in college D = 1.25x

x + 1.25x = 45

2.25x = 45

x = 20

Number of male commerce professors in College D = 20

Number of female commerce professors in College D = 20 * 125/100 = 25

Total number of classes taken by all the female professors in a week in college D = 25 * 12 = 300 hours

Total number of classes taken by all the male professors in a week in college D = 20 * 15 = 300

Required difference = 300 – 300 = 0

42. Answer: A

Number of literature professors in college F = 75 * (6/5) = 90

Number of commerce professors in college F = 90 + 15 = 105

Total number of commerce professors in college F, B, and C = 105 + 45 + 40 = 190

43. Answer: D

Number of post graduate commerce professors in college B = (45 + 35)/2 = 40

Number of Under graduate commerce professors in college B = 45 – 40 = 5

Total number of commerce professors teaching economics in college B = 45 * (1/3) = 15

Number of Under graduate commerce professors teaching economics in college B = 5

Number of post-graduate commerce professors teaching economics in college B = 15 – 5 = 10

Number of post-graduated commerce professors who are not teaching economics in college B = 40 – 10 = 30

44. Answer: B

Number of commerce professors in college C who are transferred to college X = 40 * (2/5) = 16

Number of old commerce professors in college X = 16 * (7/8) = 14

Number of literature professors in college B = 35

Required percentage = (14/35) * 100 = 40%

45. Answer: D

Number of commerce professors in college A = 30

Number of commerce professors who take 12 weekly leaves in a month in college A = 30 * (30/100) = 9

Total deduction in salaries of 9 commerce professors in college A = 12 * 300 = Rs.3600

Average deduction in salaries of 9 commerce professors in college A = 3600/9 = Rs.400

The average net salary of these 9 commerce professors in college A = 30000 – 400 = Rs.29600

Directions (46-50):

Let the number of sedan cars sold by company H be 3x.

The number of hatchback cars sold by company G = 3x * (1/3) = x

Number of hatchback cars sold by company H = 3x + 62

Number of hatchback cars sold by company K = (3x +62) (1/2)

Then, x + 3x + 62 + ((3x + 62) (1/2)) = 247

5.5x + 93 = 247

5.5x = 154

x = 28

Number of hatchback cars sold by Company G = 28

Number of hatchback cars sold by Company H = 3 * 28 + 62 = 146

Number of hatchback cars sold by Company K = 146/2 = 73

Number of sedan cars sold by Company H = 3 * 28 = 84

46. Answer: A

Number of A.C. hatchback cars sold by Company H = 146 * (37/73) = 74

Number of sedan cars sold by Company H = 84

Required difference = 84 – 74 = 10

47. Answer: C

Number of hatchback cars sold by Company G = 28

Number of sedan cars sold by Company G = 28 * 30/70 = 12

Number of sedan cars sold by Company K = 231 – (84 + 12) = 135

48. Answer: A

Required difference = 73 – 28 = 45

49. Answer: D

Number of hatchback cars sold by Company H = 146

Total number of cars in Company H = 146 * (100/36.5) = 400

Number of hatchback cars unsold by Company H = 400 – 146 = 254

50. Answer: B

Number of sedan cars sold by Company H = 84

Number of white color sedan cars sold by Company H = 84 * (5/12) = 35

Number of yellow color sedan cars sold by Company H = 84 – 35 = 49

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Required percentage = (49/28) * 100 = 175%

Directions (51-56):

Number of passengers traveling by economy class in airline A = 480 * (66.67/100) = 320

Number of passengers traveling by business class in airline A = 480 – 320 = 160

Number of male passengers traveled by business class in airline A = 160 – 95 = 65

Similarly we can calculate others' values as well

Airline	Total passengers travelled	Number of passengers who travelled by economy class	Number of passengers who travelled by business class	Number of male passengers who travelled by business class	Number of female passengers who traveled by business class
A	480	320	160	65	95
B	640	480	160	90	70
C	500	305	195	85	110

51. Answer: C

Number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline B = 65 + 90 = 155

Number of male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline B = 480 – 155 = 325

Number of male passengers going to Turkey in economy class in Airline B = 325 * (2/5) = 130

52. Answer: E

Number of business class passengers who booked their ticket in offline travelling by Airline A = 160 * (70/100) = 112

Number of economy class passengers who booked their ticket in offline travelling by Airline A = 320 * (40/100) = 128

The sum of the number of passengers travelling by Airline A who booked their ticket in offline = 112 + 128 = 240

The sum of the number of male passengers who travelled by business classes in all three airlines = 65 + 90 + 85 = 240

Required difference = 240 – 240 = 0

53. Answer: A

Number of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline C = 85

Number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A = 85 * (21/17) = 105

Number of male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A = 320 – 105 = 215

Number of male children who travelled by economy class in Airline A = 215 * (21/43) = 105

Number of female passengers who travelled by business class in Airline B = 70

Required percentage = (105/70) * 100 = 150%

54. Answer: B

The selling price of each business class ticket in Airline C = 5000 * (80/100) = Rs.4000

Revenue generated = 4000 * 85 = Rs.340000

55. Answer: D

Number of female passengers who travelled by business class in A = 95

Number of female passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline A = 95 * (20/19) = 100

Number of male passengers who travelled by economy class in Airline D = 100 * (120/100) = 120

Number of male passengers who travelled by business class in Airline D = 120 * (5/6) = 100

Number of female passengers who travelled by business class in Airline C = 110

Required difference = 110 – 100 = 10

56. Answer: C

Number of economy class passengers who are traveling to Australia in Airline C = 305 * (35/61) = 175

Required percentage = ((65 + 85)/175) * 100 = (6/7) * 100

= 85.71%

57. Answer: A

Let the speed of the stream be x km/hr.

Upstream speed of boat X = 10 – x km/hr

Downstream speed of boat Y = 5 + x km/hr

10 – x = 5 + x

2x = 5

x = 2.5 km/hr

Downstream speed of boat Y = 5 + 2.5

= 7.5 km/hr

Required time taken = 15/7.5 = 2 hours

58. Answer: D

Time taken by A alone to complete the work = 1.5x hours

Time taken by B alone to complete the work = x hours

Efficiency of A = 1/1.5x

Efficiency of B = 1/x

Time taken by A and B together to complete the work = 12/5 hours

Then, 1/((1/1.5x) + (1/x)) = 12/5

3x/5 = 12/5

x = 4

Efficiency of A = 1/6

Efficiency of B = 1/4

Efficiency of C = 1/6

Time taken by A, B, and C together to complete the work = 1/ ((1/6) + (1/4) + (1/6)) = 12/7 hours

59. Answer: B

Amount invested by A in Scheme Y = 2P * 10 * 4/100 + 2P = 4P/5 + 2P = 14P/5

Interest received by A in Scheme X = 4P/5

Interest received by A in Scheme Y = 14P/5 * 5 * 8/100 = 28P/25

28P/25 – 4P/25 = 216

8P/25 = 216

P = 675

Amount invested by A in Scheme Y = 14 * 675/25 = Rs.1890

60. Answer: C

Speed of train B = 72 km/h = 20 m/s

Distance covered by train B in 24 seconds = 20 * 24 = 480 m

Length of train B = 480 m

L + 60 = 480

L = 420 meter

Speed of train A = 420/20 = 21 m/s

Time taken by train A and train B to cross each other while running in opposite directions = (480 + 420)/(20 + 21) = 900/41 seconds

61. Answer: A

Let the age of B 8 years hence be 5x.

Present age of B = 5x – 8

Present age of C = 6x – 8

Age of B, 6 years ago = 5x – 14

Age of A, 5 years hence = 5x – 14

Present age of A = 5x – 19

Then, (5x – 19) + (6x – 8) = 36 * 2

11x – 27 = 72

11x = 99

x = 9

Present age of B = 5 * 9 – 8 = 45 – 8 = 37 years

62. Answer: C

Let the amount of milk added to 20 litres milk be x litre.

Then, (x + 20)/(2x + 20) = 7/10

10x + 200 = 14x + 140

4x = 60

x = 15

Quantity of milk in the mixture = 20 + 15 = 35 litres

Quantity of water in the mixture = 15 litres

Quantity of milk after extracting 20% mixture = 35 * ((100 – 20)/100) = 28 litres

Quantity of water after extracting 20% mixture = 15 * ((100 – 20)/100) = 12 litres

Final quantity of water = 12 + 10 = 22 litres

63. Answer: B

Volume of cuboid = 11 * B * 28 = 308B cm3

Radius of the cylinder = B + 2 cm

Height of the cylinder = 18 cm

Then, (1/3) * (22/7) * (B + 2)2 * 18 = 308B

3 (B2 + 4B + 4) = 49B

3B2 + 12B + 12 = 49B

3B2 – 37B + 12 = 0

3B2 – (36 + 1) B + 12 = 0

3B2 – 36B – B + 12 = 0

3B (B – 12) – 1(B – 12) = 0

(B – 12) (3B – 1) = 0

B = 12, 1/3

B = 12

Value of 2B = 2 * 12 = 24

64. Answer: D

Let the cost price of a jacket be Rs. x.

The cost price of a raincoat = x + y

Then, x * (20/100) = 200

x = 1000

Selling price of jacket = 1000 + 200 = Rs.1200

Selling price of raincoat = 6000 – 1200 = Rs.4800

Cost price of raincoat = 4800 * (100/150) = Rs.3200

1000 + y = 3200

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y = 2200

65. Answer: D

From statement I,

Let the value of a be 5x and the value of b be 5y respectively.

Putting the value of a and b in (a + b)/10

= (5x + 5y)/10

= (x + y)/2

If the sum of (x + y) is an even number then the given fraction is an integer.

If the sum of (x + y) is an odd number then the given fraction is not an integer.

Statement I alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

From statement ii,

a * b = 20k

If we take different values for a and b, some values do not satisfy the statement but some do.

Statement ii alone is not sufficient to answer the question.

Neither statement I nor statement ii is sufficient to answer the question.

66. Answer: A

From eqn. i,

$9x^2 - 49x + 20 = 0$

$9x^2 - (45 + 4) x + 20 = 0$

$9x^2 - 45x - 4x + 20 = 0$

$9x (x - 5) - 4(x - 5) = 0$

$(x - 5) (9x - 4) = 0$

x = 5, 4/9

From eqn. ii,

$5y^2 - 16y + 3 = 0$

$5y^2 - (15 + 1) y + 3 = 0$

$5y^2 - 15y - y + 3 = 0$

$5y (y - 3) - 1 (y - 3) = 0$

$(y - 3) (5y - 1) = 0$

y = 3, 1/5

The larger root of equation i = 5

The smaller root of equation ii = 1/5

Required product = 5 * (1/5) = 1

67. Answer: C

$3x^2 - 21x - 4x + 28 = 0$

$3x (x - 7) - 4 (x - 7) = 0$

$(x - 7) (3x - 4) = 0$

x = 7, 4/3

Both i and iv are the roots of the given equation.

68. Answer: D

25 * 5 + 5 = **130**

130 * 4 + 4 = 524

524 * 3 + 3 = 1575

1575 * 2 + 2 = 3152

3152 * 1 + 1 = 3153

The missing number is 130.

69. Answer: B

2688

2688 * 5/8 = **1680**

1680 * 5/7 = 1200

1200 * 5/6 = 1000

1000 * 5/5 = 1000

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1000 * 5/4 = 1250

The missing number is 1680.

70. Answer: A

85 + 15 = 100

100 – 15 = 85

85 + 30 = 115

115 – 90 = 25

25 + 360 = **385**

The missing number is 385.

71. Answer: D
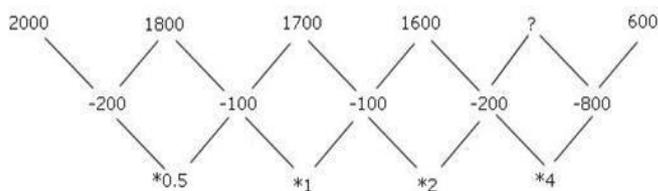
The missing number is 1400.

72. Answer: B

7 + 23 + 1 = 16

16 + 32 – 1 = 24

24 + 43 + 1 = 89

89 + 52 – 1 = 113

113 + 63 + 1 = **330**

The missing number is 330.

73. Answer: C

((517 + 37 + 472)/114) * ? = 576

(1026/114) * ? = 576

9 * ? = 576

? = 64

74. Answer: A

1515 – ((840 * 3)/8) = ? * 80

1515 – (2520/8) = ? * 80

1515 – 315 = ? * 80

1200 = ? * 80

? = 15

75. Answer: D

√(391 + 138) + 13 * 12 = ?

√529 + 156 = ?

23 + 156 = ?

? = 179

76. Answer: A

44.99% of 599.9 + 420.9 = ? – 34.01

270 + 421 = ? – 34

691 + 34 = ?

? = 725

77. Answer: B

?% of 799.99 = 59.99% of 600 + (19.8)2

8 *? = 360 + 400

8 * ? = 760

? = 95

78. Answer: C

Let 3x and 4x be the investment of A and B respectively

Then C's investment = 4x*2 = 8x

Hence profit ratio =>

$$\frac{8x*(m+2)}{(3x*12)+(4x*m)+8x(m+2)} = \frac{48}{100}$$

50*(m+2) = 3(36+4m+8m+16)

m=4 months

79. Answer: D

Pipe A can fill half of the tank in =8 hrs 5 min

Then pipe A can fill the full tank in =16 hrs 10 min

So, pipe A can fill the full tank approximately in =16 hrs

Pipe B can fill the same tank approximately in =16 hrs

Pipe C can empty the full tank in =12 hrs

One hour capacity of A = 1/16

One hour capacity of B = 1/16

One hour capacity of C = -1/12

Total capacity = 48 units (LCM of 16, 16, 12)

Efficiency of pipe A = 3 units/hr

Efficiency of pipe A = 3 units/hr

Efficiency of pipe A = -4 units/hr

Required time =(4/5)*48/(3+3-4) = 19.2 hrs

80. Answer: E

Let as assume the total voters = 500x

Voters promised vote for A = 500x*60% = 300x

Voters promised vote for B = 500x*40% = 200x

ATQ,

For A,

300x*85/100 = 255x

Voters who promised to vote for A went back from their promise = 300x-255x = 45x

For B,

200x*82/100 = 164x

Now,

255x-164x-45x = 1380

46x = 1380

X = 30

500x = 15000

Total number of voters = 15000

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81. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's break down the sentences given in the question:

1). Social media influencers popularized thrifted fashion during the pandemic, influencing consumer behaviour.

This statement is not explicitly supported by the passage. While it's true that social media influencers can influence consumer behaviour, the passage doesn't mention their role in popularizing thrifted fashion during the pandemic.

2). Economic turmoil during the pandemic prompted people to seek more affordable options for clothing.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage states: "The thrifting culture saw a huge rise during the pandemic when the world was going through economic turmoil." This statement directly supports this statement.

3). The pandemic spurred a decline in the availability of new clothing, driving people towards thrift shopping.

This statement is not explicitly mentioned in the passage. While the pandemic might have affected the availability of new clothing due to disruptions in supply chains or closures of retail stores, the passage doesn't directly state this as a reason for the rise in thrifting culture.

So, out of the given statements, only statement 2 is directly supported by the passage. The passage explicitly mentions that the trend of thrifting experienced a significant surge amid the pandemic's economic upheaval. This indicates that economic difficulties during the pandemic prompted people to seek more affordable options for clothing, thus driving the rise in thrifting culture.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only 2."

82. Answer: E
The correct answer is option E.

The passage primarily focuses on the benefits of thrifting and its growing popularity among the youth, particularly in the context of sustainability, affordability, and changing consumer attitudes in India.

To answer this question, let's examine each statement:

Option 1: Thrifting culture combines fashion and sustainability, particularly appealing to environmentally conscious Gen Z consumers.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage highlights how thrifting appeals to Gen Z consumers by blending fashion with sustainability, making it an attractive option for those concerned about the environment.

Option 2: Physical thrift stores allow customers to inspect clothing for fit before purchase, enhancing the shopping experience.

This statement is also supported by the passage. This passage discusses the advantage of physical thrift stores, allowing customers to examine clothing for fit before buying, thereby improving the shopping experience.

Option 3: Thrift wear offers economical options, especially amid economic turbulence, appealing to budget-conscious consumers.

This statement is supported by the passage as well. The passage discusses how thrifting offers better economic options, particularly appealing amid economic turmoil, catering to budget-conscious consumers.

Option 4: Thrifting combats fast fashion's environmental damage and fosters sustainability through conscious consumerism.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage discusses how thrifting helps combat the environmental damage caused by fast fashion and promotes sustainability through conscious consumerism.

Option 5: Thrifting fosters a culture of elitism, where individuals with lower incomes are stigmatized for purchasing second-hand clothing.

This statement is not supported by the passage. There is no mention of thrifting fostering a culture of elitism or stigmatizing individuals with lower incomes for purchasing second-hand clothing. On the contrary, the passage emphasizes the benefits of thrifting in terms of sustainability, affordability, and environmental protection. Therefore, the correct answer is "Thrifting fosters a culture of elitism, where individuals with lower incomes are stigmatized for purchasing second-hand clothing."

83. Answer: C
The correct answer is option C.
To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word "ample" in the context of the passage:
Ample: plentiful or more than enough (प्राचुर्यपूर्ण)
Sentence Example: They have an ample supply of fresh fruits and vegetables.
Now, let's consider the options:
Reticent: not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily; reserved (अल्पभाषी)
Sentence Example: She was reticent about her plans for the weekend.
Lavish: sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious (विलासी)
Sentence Example: They threw a lavish party to celebrate their anniversary.
Copious: abundant in supply or quantity; plentiful (प्रचुर)

Sentence Example: The garden produced copious amounts of vegetables during the harvest season.
Superfluous: unnecessary, especially through being more than enough (अतिरिक्त)
Sentence Example: The extra decorations were superfluous and cluttered the room.
Exiguous:very small in size or amount; scanty (अल्प)
Sentence Example: They survived on an exiguous amount of food during their trek.
After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and all the words given as options, we can conclude that the word "copious" is the most similar in meaning to the word "ample" in the context of the passage as both words refer to something being plentiful or abundant.
Therefore, the correct answer is "copious."

84. Answer: A
The correct answer is option A.
To answer this question, let's first understand the meaning of the highlighted word "turmoil" in the context of the passage:
Turmoil: a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty (उथल-पुथल)
Sentence Example: The country was in turmoil following the unexpected election results.
Now, let's consider the options:
Tranquillity: the quality or state of being tranquil; calm (शांति)

Sentence Example: The serene lake provided a sense of **tranquillity** to the visitors.

Disarray: a state of disorganization or untidiness (व्यवस्थाहीनता)

Sentence Example: The **disarray** in the office was evident due to the cluttered desks.

Ambivalence: the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something (द्विधापन)

Sentence Example: She felt **ambivalence** towards the decision, torn between excitement and apprehension.

Commotion: a state of confused and noisy disturbance (उत्तेजना)

Sentence Example: There was a **commotion** in the market as people rushed to buy groceries before the storm.

Discord: disagreement between people; lack of harmony (अनबन)

Sentence Example: The family meeting ended in **discord** due to differing opinions on vacation plans.

After understanding the meaning of the highlighted word and the meanings of all the words given as options, we can conclude that the word opposite in meaning to "turmoil" in the context of the passage is "tranquillity. "Turmoil suggests disturbance or confusion, whereas tranquillity signifies calmness and peace.

Therefore, the correct answer is "tranquillity."

85. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's refer to the following information from the first paragraph of the passage about the significant environmental issue caused by the fashion industry:

"The fashion industry produces more than 150 billion pieces of clothing a year globally. About three in five of these clothing products become waste within years of production; they end up in landfill sites or incinerators."

From this part of the passage, it is evident that the significant environmental issue caused by the fashion industry is profligate textile production, which exacerbates environmental degradation by leading to vast amounts of clothing waste that ends up in landfills or incinerators.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Profligate textile production in fashion exacerbates environmental degradation."

86. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

To answer this question, let's break down the sentences given in the question:

1). Thrifting reduces carbon footprint by reusing clothing, mitigating environmental damage caused by the fast fashion industry.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage mentions that thrifting and upcycling serve the purpose of reducing the carbon footprint by reusing clothing. It states, "Second-hand clothes are eco-friendly as they are being reused

with little or no modifications, thereby reducing the carbon footprint."

2). Thrifting minimizes textile waste, preventing clothes from ending up in landfills or incinerators and benefiting the environment.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage highlights the environmental impact of the fast fashion industry and states that thrifting helps prevent clothes from becoming waste. It mentions, "The fashion industry produces more than 150 billion pieces of clothing a year globally. About three in five of these clothing products become

waste within years of production; they end up in landfill sites or incinerators... The damage caused by the fast fashion industry is a driving force behind the shift towards thrifting."

3). Second-hand clothes reduce the demand for new clothing production, conserving resources and lowering environmental impact.

This statement is supported by the passage. The passage emphasizes the role of thrifting in reducing the demand for new clothing production. It states, "The fashion industry produces more than 150 billion pieces of clothing a year globally." Thrifting reduces the demand for new clothing by promoting the reuse of existing items, thus conserving resources and lowering environmental impact.

So, all three statements are supported by the passage, indicating that the effects of thrifting on the environment include reducing carbon

footprint, minimizing textile waste, and conserving resources by reducing the demand for new clothing production.

Therefore, the correct answer is "All 1, 2, and 3."

87. Answer: D

The correct answer is option D.

To answer this question, let's first examine the sentence with the blank from the first paragraph of the passage:

"A dress made of polyester, a form of plastic, could take up to 200 years to _____ completely."

The sentence indicates that a dress made of polyester, a type of plastic, may require a significant amount of time for a specific process to occur.

The word to fill the blank should convey the breakdown or disintegration of the polyester material.

Now, let's explore the meanings of the provided options:

Evaporate: to change from a liquid into a vapour; to disappear or vanish gradually (वाष्पितहोना)

Sentence Example: Leaving a glass of water in the sun caused it to evaporate, leaving behind an empty container.

Deteriorate: to become progressively worse; to decline in quality, condition, or strength (बिगड़ना)

Sentence Example: Neglecting regular maintenance can cause the condition of a house to deteriorate over time.

Perpetuate: to make something continue indefinitely; to prolong or sustain (चिरायु बनाना)

Sentence Example: The constant reinforcement of stereotypes **perpetuates** harmful societal biases.

Decompose: to break down or decay into simpler parts or elements, especially through the action of bacteria and fungi (विघटितहोना)

Sentence Example: Organic waste left unattended will **decompose** and contribute to the formation of compost.

Biodegrade: to decay naturally through the action of living organisms, especially bacteria and fungi (जैवविघटन)

Sentence Example: Many environmentally friendly products are designed to **biodegrade** quickly, reducing their impact on ecosystems.

After considering the context of the sentence, we can conclude that the process being described in the given sentence involves the breakdown of a polyester dress, likely due to environmental factors. Among the options, "decompose" and "biodegrade" both relate to the breakdown of materials, but "decompose" is more fitting in the context of synthetic materials like polyester.

Therefore, the correct answer is "decompose."

88. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, refer to the underlined sentence in the second paragraph of the passage:

Due to a change in the mindset, **(A)** thrifting has became more acceptable in India, **(B)** where wearing second-hand clothes **(C)** was once looked down upon. **(D)**

Part B of this sentence is erroneous.

Part B: "thrifting has became more acceptable in India"

The use of the past tense verb "became" is grammatically incorrect here. Since the sentence is in the present perfect tense (indicated by 'has'), the past participle form of the verb 'become', which is "become," should be used.

Hence, the correct answer is "B."

The correct sentence would be: "Due to a change in the mindset, thrifting has become more acceptable in India, where wearing second-hand clothes was once looked down upon."

89. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

Despite ___(I)___ conditions, she persisted in her ___(II)___ of excellence, tirelessly striving to ___(III)___ her role model's success and overcome every obstacle in her path.

The sentence describes someone continuing to pursue excellence despite difficult circumstances,

inspired by a role model, and overcoming obstacles persistently.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blanks:

For Blank (I):

A). **Adverse:** unfavourable or harmful; acting against one's interests (प्रतिकूल)

Sentence Example: The **adverse** weather conditions forced the cancellation of the outdoor event.

B). **Conducive:** making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible; favourable (सहायक)

Sentence Example: A quiet environment is **conducive** to focused studying.

C). **Propitious:** indicating a good chance of success; favourable (शुभ)

Sentence Example: The **propitious** timing of the announcement led to a surge in sales for the company.

For Blank (II):

D). **Pursuit:** an effort to achieve or attain something (लक्ष्य)

Sentence Example: His **pursuit** of happiness led him to travel around the world in search of meaning.

E). **Resilience:** the ability to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness (प्रतिरोधक्षमता)

Sentence Example: Despite facing numerous setbacks, her **resilience** enabled her to bounce back stronger each time.

F). **Tenacity:** the quality or state of being persistent and determined (दृढ़ता)

Sentence Example: Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams despite all odds served as an inspiration to many.

For Blank (III):

G). **Emulate:** to imitate to equal or surpass the model; to strive to match or surpass (अनुकरणकरना)

Sentence Example: Aspiring artists often **emulate** the techniques of famous painters to improve their own skills.

H). **Defy:** openly resist or refuse to obey (अवहेलनाकरना)

Sentence Example: The activists decided to **defy** the government's ban on public gatherings and organized a protest in the city centre.

I). **Deviate:** depart from an established course; to diverge from the norm or standard (भटकना)

Sentence Example: The project **deviated** from its original plan due to unforeseen circumstances, but it ultimately resulted in a better outcome.

After understanding the given sentence and the meanings of the words given as options, we can conclude that:

The first blank (I) requires a word that describes unfavourable conditions. Among the options, "adverse" fits this context best. So, "adverse (A)" best fits the first blank.

The second blank (II) requires a word that denotes the act of striving for excellence. Among the options, "pursuit" fits this context best. So, "pursuit (D)" best fits the second blank.

The third blank (III) requires a word that means striving to match or surpass someone. Among the options, "emulate" fits this context best. So, "emulate (G)" best fits the third blank.

The complete sentence would be: "Despite adverse conditions, she persisted in her pursuit of excellence, tirelessly striving to emulate her role model's success and overcome every obstacle in her path."

Therefore, the correct answer is "A - D - G."

90. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

In the face of bleak circumstances, finding ___(I)___ solutions requires ___(II)___ all available resources, ingenuity, and creativity to ___(III)___ challenges and pave the way for progress.

This sentence talks about the need to be resourceful, creative, and persistent in finding solutions when facing difficult situations.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blanks:

For Blank (I):

A). Obfuscated: rendered unclear, obscure, or unintelligible; made difficult to understand or perceive (अस्पष्ट)

Sentence Example: The legal document was intentionally **obfuscated** with complex language, making it difficult for the average person to comprehend.

B). Plausible: seeming reasonable or probable; believable or credible (मुमकिन)

Sentence Example: His explanation for the missing funds seemed **plausible** initially, but it revealed inconsistencies upon closer examination.

C). Dubious: hesitating or doubting; not to be relied upon; suspect (संदेहात्मक)

Sentence Example: The company's **dubious** financial practices raised concerns among investors, leading to a drop in stock prices.

For Blank (II):

D). Leveraging: utilizing something to its maximum advantage or effectiveness (इस्तेमाल करना)

Sentence Example: By **leveraging** her network connections, she was able to secure funding for her startup.

E). Abandoning: leaving behind or giving up completely (छोड़ देना)

Sentence Example: The company considered **abandoning** the project due to a lack of resources.

F). Undermining: weakening or sabotaging something, especially gradually or insidiously (कमजोर करना)

Sentence Example: His constant criticism of her work was **undermining** her confidence and motivation.

For Blank (III):

G). Overcome: to successfully deal with or defeat a problem, difficulty, or obstacle (जीतना)

Sentence Example: Despite facing numerous challenges, she managed to **overcome** them with determination and perseverance.

H). Relinquish: to voluntarily give up or let go of something, especially a possession, right, or claim (त्यागना)

Sentence Example: After much contemplation, he decided to **relinquish** his role as CEO and pursue other interests.

I). Persist: to continue firmly or obstinately in an action or belief despite difficulty or opposition (दृढ़ रहना)

Sentence Example: Despite facing setbacks, she **persisted** in her efforts to learn the piano, eventually mastering it.

After understanding the given sentence and the meanings of the words given as options, we can conclude that:

The first blank (I) requires a word that indicates solutions that are reasonable or believable in the face of bleak circumstances. Among the options, "plausible" fits this context best. So, "plausible (B)" best fits the first blank.

The second blank (II) requires a word that indicates utilizing all available resources effectively to find solutions. Among the options, "leveraging" fits this context best. So, "leveraging (D)" best fits the second blank.

The third blank (III) requires a word that indicates persistently dealing with challenges to pave the way for progress. Among the options, "overcome" fits this context best. So, "overcome (G)" best fits the third blank.

The complete sentence would be: "In the face of bleak circumstances, finding plausible solutions requires leveraging all available resources, ingenuity, and creativity to overcome challenges and pave the way for progress."

Therefore, the correct answer is "B - D - G."

91. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

The latest ___(I)___ in renewable energy technology underscored a ___(II)___ global effort towards sustainability, sparking ___(III)___ for a greener future.

The sentence discusses advancements in renewable energy, emphasizing global sustainability efforts and hopes for a greener future.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blanks:

For Blank (I):

A). Conundrum: a confusing and difficult problem or question that often has no clear solution or answer (संदेहजनक)

Sentence Example: The **conundrum** of how to balance economic growth with environmental conservation is a challenge faced by many policymakers.

B). Impasse: a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock or stalemate (कठिन स्थि)

Sentence Example: The negotiations reached an **impasse** when neither party was willing to compromise on their demands.

C). Breakthrough: a sudden, significant, and important discovery or development that brings about progress or success (महत्वपूर्ण खोज)

Sentence Example: The scientists' **breakthrough** in cancer research led to the development of a promising new treatment.

For Blank (II):

D). Nebulous: lacking definite form or limits; vague (अस्पष्ट)

Sentence Example: The concept of time in the dream seemed **nebulous**, with hours feeling like minutes and vice versa.

E). Rejuvenated: to make someone look or feel younger, fresher, or livelier(पुनर्जीवित)

Sentence Example: After a relaxing vacation by the beach, she returned **rejuvenated** and ready to tackle her work with renewed energy.

F). Pernicious: having a harmful effect, especially gradually or subtly (हानिकारक)

Sentence Example: The **pernicious** effects of smoking on one's health are well-documented, often leading to severe diseases such as lung cancer and heart problems.

For Blank (III):

G). Pessimism: a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future (नकारात्मकता)

Sentence Example: His persistent **pessimism** about the economy made him hesitant to invest in the stock market.

H). Cynicism: an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest; scepticism(कुटिलता)

Sentence Example: Years of dealing with dishonest clients had left him with a deep sense of **cynicism** about human nature.

I). Optimism: hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something; a tendency to look on the more favourable side of events or conditions (आशावाद)

Sentence Example: Despite facing numerous setbacks, her unwavering **optimism** kept her focused on achieving her goals.

After understanding the given sentence and the meanings of the words given as options, we can conclude that:

The first blank (I) requires a word that describes a significant advancement or achievement. Among the options, "breakthrough" fits this context best. So, "breakthrough (C)" best fits the first blank.

The second blank (II) requires a word that describes the impact or nature of the global effort towards sustainability sparked by the latest breakthrough. Among the options, "rejuvenated" fits this context best. So, "rejuvenated (E)" best fits the second blank.

The third blank (III) requires a word that reflects the sentiment or mood generated by the global effort towards sustainability. Among the options, "optimism" fits this context best.

So, "optimism (I)" best fits the third blank.

The complete sentence would be: "The latest breakthrough in renewable energy technology underscored a rejuvenated global effort towards sustainability, sparking optimism for a greener future."

Therefore, the correct answer is "C - E - I."

92. Answer: A
The correct answer is option A.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

His ___(I)___ determination to succeed mirrored the ___(II)___ of a grand plan, each step executed with ___(III)___ precision towards his goal.

The sentence depicts someone's unwavering determination to achieve success, following a well-thought-out plan with precise execution towards their goal.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blanks:

For Blank (I):

A). Docile: easily managed or controlled; submissive (विनम्र)

Sentence Example: The new puppy proved to be **docile**, quickly learning commands and adapting to its new home.

B). Subtle: not obvious or immediately noticeable; delicate or precise (सूक्ष्म)

Sentence Example: The artist added **subtle** touches of colour to the painting, enhancing its depth and beauty.

C). Ferocious: extremely intense or determined; showing a fierce and relentless attitude or behaviour(उग्र)

Sentence Example: Despite his injuries, the **ferocious** boxer continued to fight with relentless determination.

For Blank (II):

D). Stagnation: a state of little or no activity, growth, or progress (स्थिरता)

Sentence Example: The lack of innovation led to economic **stagnation** in the region.

E). Inception: the beginning or start of something, often a process or plan (आरंभ)

Sentence Example: The **inception** of her novel began with a vivid dream of adventure.

F). Conundrum: a confusing and difficult problem or question (पहेली)

Sentence Example: The **conundrum** of balancing work and family life often perplexes many professionals.

For Blank (III):

G). Meticulous: showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise (बहुत सावधा)

Sentence Example: The artist's **meticulous** brushstrokes brought the painting to life with vibrant colours and intricate details.

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H). **Haphazard:** lacking any obvious principle of organization; random (अनियमित)

Sentence Example: The books on the shelf were arranged in a **haphazard** manner, making it difficult to find a specific title.

I). **Impetuous:** acting or done quickly and without thought or care; impulsive (अविचारित)

Sentence Example: His **impetuous** decision to quit his job without another lined up left him in a precarious financial situation.

After understanding the given sentence and the meanings of the words given as options, we can conclude that:

The first blank (I) requires a word that emphasizes strong determination. Among the options, "ferocious" fits this context best. So, "ferocious (C)" best fits the first blank.

The second blank (II) requires a word that denotes the beginning or initiation of a plan. Among the options, "inception" fits this context best. So, "inception (E)" best fits the second blank.

The third blank (III) requires a word that describes precise execution. Among the options, "meticulous" fits this context best. So, "meticulous (G)" best fits the third blank.

The complete sentence would be: "His ferocious determination to succeed mirrored the inception of a grand plan, each step executed with meticulous precision towards his goal."

Therefore, the correct answer is "C - E - G."

93. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

With determination blazing in her eyes, she ___(I)___ fearlessly on a transformative journey of self-discovery, navigating through ___(II)___ challenges with unwavering ___(III)___ and courage.

The sentence describes someone embarking on a journey of self-discovery, facing challenges boldly with determination and courage.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to fill in the blanks:

For Blank (I):

A). **Languished:** to exist in an unpleasant or undesirable situation, often for a prolonged period, without making progress or showing signs of improvement (शिथिल होना)

Sentence Example: Despite her talents, she **languished** in a job that offered no opportunities for growth or advancement.

B). **Embarked:** to start or undertake a journey, project, or course of action, especially one that is challenging or significant (आरंभ करना)

Sentence Example: With excitement and determination, they **embarked** on a mission to explore the uncharted territories of the jungle.

C). **Contemplated:** to consider or think about something deeply and thoroughly, often before making a decision or taking action (आरंभ करना)

Sentence Example: Before accepting the job offer, she **contemplated** the potential challenges and opportunities it would bring.

For Blank (II):

D). Scant: insufficient; not enough in amount, quantity, or extent (कम)

Sentence Example: Despite his efforts, the **scant** resources available made it difficult to complete the project on time.

E). Myriad: a countless or extremely large number; too numerous to be counted (असंख्य)

Sentence Example: The **myriad** stars twinkled in the night sky, filling her with a sense of wonder and awe.

F). Facile: achieved with little effort; easy and effortless, often implying superficiality (सरल)

Sentence Example: His **facile** explanations failed to address the complex underlying issues, leaving the audience unsatisfied.

For Blank (III):

G). indolence: habitual laziness or avoidance of activity; reluctance to exert oneself (सुस्ती)

Sentence Example: His **indolence** prevented him from achieving his full potential in his career.

H). Complacency: a feeling of self-satisfaction, often accompanied by unawareness of potential danger or trouble (आत्मसंतोष)

Sentence Example: The team's **complacency** cost them the game despite their early lead.

I). Resilience: the ability to bounce back or recover quickly from difficulties; toughness (प्रतिरोधक्षमता)

Sentence Example: She demonstrated incredible **resilience** in overcoming her personal challenges.

After understanding the given sentence and the meanings of the words given as options, we can conclude that:

The first blank (I) requires a word that signifies starting or undertaking a journey with determination. Among the options, "embarked" fits this context best. So, "embarked (B)" best fits the first blank.

The second blank (II) requires a word that describes the challenges she faces during her journey. "Myriad," meaning a countless number, suits the context well. So, "myriad (E)" best fits the first blank.

The third blank (III) requires a word that depicts the quality of facing challenges with determination and courage. Among the options, "resilience" fits this context best. So, "resilience (I)" best fits the third blank.

The complete sentence would be: "With determination blazing in her eyes, she embarked fearlessly on a transformative journey of self-discovery, navigating through myriad challenges with unwavering resilience and courage."

Therefore, the correct answer is "B - E - I."

94. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

Both parts A and E of the sentence are erroneous.

Part A: "She bought three pieces of furnitures"

This part is erroneous as the word "furnitures" is incorrect because "furniture" is already a plural noun, so it doesn't need an "s" to indicate the plural form. "Furniture" encompasses multiple pieces.

Part E: "a cosy and functionally living space"

This part is erroneous as the term "functionally" is an adverb, but in this context, an adjective is required to modify the noun phrase "living space." Thus, "functional" is more appropriate here to correctly describe the quality of the space.

Hence, the correct answer is "A and E."

The correct sentence would be: "She bought three pieces of furniture for her new apartment, including a comfortable sofa, a stylish dining table, and a spacious wardrobe, to create a cosy and functional living space."

95. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

Both parts A and B of the sentence are erroneous.

Part A: "He doesn't have no time"

This part is erroneous because the phrase "doesn't have no time" contains a double negative, which is grammatically incorrect. It should be replaced with either "doesn't have time" or "has no time" for clarity and correctness.

Part B: "for idly chatter, not when"

This part is erroneous because "idly" is an adverb, whereas "idle" is the correct adjective to

modify the noun "chatter." Thus, it should be "idle chatter" for grammatical accuracy.

Hence, the correct answer is "B and A.

The correct sentence would be: "He doesn't have time for idle chatter, not when there's mountains of work waiting to be done, nor any inclination to indulge in meaningless pleasantries."

96. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

This sentence is error-free.

The sentence uses the simple past tense and describes how the person found peace in nature's simplicity amid the chaos of modern life. It emphasizes the calming effect of natural sounds on the person's tired spirit.

Now, let's understand some important vocabulary from the given sentence:

Chaos: complete disorder and confusion; a state in which behaviour and events are not controlled by anything (अराजकता)

Sentence Example: The scene at the accident site was one of **chaos**, with vehicles strewn across the road and people shouting for help.

Solace: comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness; something that gives comfort (आराम)

Sentence Example: In her grief, she found **solace** in the words of her closest friends.

Rustle: a soft, muffled sound like that caused by the movement of leaves or dry grass (सरसराहट)

Sentence Example: As she walked through the forest, the only sound was the **rustle** of leaves under her feet.

Melody: a musically satisfying sequence of single notes; a tune (सुरीला गीत)

Sentence Example: The **melody** of the song was so beautiful that it brought tears to the eyes of everyone in the audience.

Sanctuary: a place of refuge or safety; a sacred place (आश्रयस्थल)

Sentence Example: The old church served as a **sanctuary** for those seeking shelter during the storm.

Weary: feeling or showing tiredness, especially as a result of excessive exertion or lack of sleep (थका हुआ)

Sentence Example: After a long day of hiking, they were **weary** and eager to rest.

97. Answer: D
The correct answer is option D.
Both parts C and D of the sentence are erroneous.
Part C: "and sufficient sleep will farther her"
This part is erroneous as the word "farther" typically refers to physical distance, whereas "further" denotes advancement or progress, fitting the context of improving overall well-being.
Part D: "overall well-being, ultimately positively effecting"
This part is erroneous. The word "affecting" should replace "effecting" because "affecting" is the correct verb form to indicate influence on physical and mental health in this context.
Hence, the correct answer is "C and D."
The correct sentence would be: "She firmly believes that adopting a balanced diet, regular exercise routine, and sufficient sleep will further her overall well-being, ultimately positively affecting her physical and mental health."

98. Answer: A
The correct answer is option A.
Both parts D and E of the sentence are erroneous.
Part D: "planning and preparation, they will be achieving"
This part is erroneous. We need to replace 'will be achieving' with 'will have achieved' to maintain consistency with the future perfect tense, indicating a completed action by a specified time.
Part E: "their goal of launching there own business"
This part is erroneous. The word "there" in "there own business" is incorrect; it should be "their own business" to show possession. "Their" indicates ownership, while "there" denotes a place.
Hence, the correct answer is "E and D."
The correct sentence would be: "By this time next year, after overcoming numerous obstacles and dedicating countless hours to planning and preparation, they will have achieved their goal of launching their own business."

99. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (A):

"Basic first aid knowledge can **impede (A)** students to take immediate action in emergencies, potentially saving lives before professional help arrives."

This sentence mentions that knowing basic first aid can help students act quickly in emergencies and save lives.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Impede: to hinder or obstruct the progress of something; to delay or slow down (बाधित करना)

Sentence Example: A lack of funding may **impede** the progress of scientific research projects, hindering potential breakthroughs.

The word "impede" suggests hindering or obstructing, which contradicts the intended meaning of the sentence. Instead, a more suitable word like "empower" or "enable" would convey the idea that basic first aid knowledge facilitates students to act promptly in emergencies, potentially saving lives.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Augment: to make something greater by adding to it; increase (बढ़ाना)

Sentence Example: To **augment** the team's productivity, the manager introduced new software tools.

Equip: to provide someone with the necessary items or skills for a particular purpose (योग्यबनाना)

Sentence Example: Proper safety gear is essential to **equip** workers for hazardous tasks on construction sites.

Enhance: to intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of something (बढ़ाना)

Sentence Example: Regular exercise can **enhance** both physical and mental well-being.

Inhibit: to hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process) (रोकना)

Sentence Example: Fear can **inhibit** one's ability to take risks and pursue new opportunities.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "impede" in this context is "equip."

"Equip" aligns with the intended meaning of the sentence, as it means to provide someone with the necessary items or skills for a particular purpose. In the given context, basic first aid knowledge equips students to take immediate action in emergencies, potentially saving lives before professional help arrives.

Therefore, the correct answer is "equip."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "Basic first aid knowledge can **equip**

students to take immediate action in emergencies, potentially saving lives before professional help arrives."

100. Answer: D

The correct answer is option D.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (B):

"Including first aid in the curriculum confounds (B) a culture of preparedness and responsibility."

This sentence suggests that teaching first aid in school promotes readiness and accountability for emergencies.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Confounds: to cause surprise or confusion in (someone), especially by acting against their expectations (भ्रमित करना)

Sentence Example: The intricate plot of the novel confounds readers with unexpected twists.

The word "confounds" suggests a sense of confusion or complicating factors, which isn't appropriate in this context. Instead, the intended meaning is to instil or cultivate a culture of preparedness and responsibility.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Emphasizes: gives special importance or attention to something (जोर देना)

Sentence Example: The teacher emphasizes the importance of completing homework on time to the students.

Deters: discourages or prevents someone from doing something (रोकना)

Sentence Example: The presence of security cameras deters shoplifters from stealing.

Amplifies: increases the intensity or extent of something (बढ़ाना)

Sentence Example: The microphone amplifies the speaker's voice so everyone in the audience can hear clearly.

Inculcates: instils or teaches something persistently by repetition or instruction (बोधित करना)

Sentence Example: Teaching kindness in schools inculcates compassion and builds a more empathetic society.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "confounds" in this context is "inculcates."

"Inculcates" means to instil or teach something persistently by repetition or instruction. This fits well in the context of the sentence, which discusses integrating first aid into the curriculum to promote a culture of preparedness and responsibility.

Therefore, the correct answer is "inculcates."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "Including first aid in the curriculum inculcates a culture of preparedness and responsibility."

101. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (C):

"Students grow up with the mindset that they have the skills to respond effectively in emergencies, fostering a more **tenuous (C)** and caring society."

This sentence suggests that teaching students emergency skills can create a caring society by enabling effective responses in crises.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Tenuous: having little substance or strength; weak or fragile (कमजोर)

Sentence Example: The **tenuous** relationship between the two countries could easily break down under pressure.

The word "tenuous" implies fragility or thinness, suggesting that the society built on students' skills in emergencies is delicate or weak. However, the intended meaning is to convey strength and resilience.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Robust: strong and resilient; able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions (मजबूत)

Sentence Example: The **robust** security measures in place ensured that the company's data remained safe from cyber attacks.

Empathetic: showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another (सहानुभूतिपूर्ण)

Sentence Example: Her **empathetic** nature made her the go-to person for friends seeking emotional support.

Vulnerable: susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm (असुरक्षित)

Sentence Example: The elderly are often more **vulnerable** to scams targeting their savings.

Ingenious: clever, original, and inventive (उत्कृष्ट)

Sentence Example: The **ingenious** design of the new product revolutionized the industry.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "tenuous" in this context is "robust."

While "tenuous" implies fragility or weakness, the intended meaning in the passage is to convey strength and resilience. "Robust" fits this context well, as it means strong and resilient, able to withstand difficult conditions.

Therefore, the correct answer is "robust."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "Students grow up with the mindset that they have the skills to respond effectively in

emergencies, fostering a more **robust** and caring society."

102. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (D):

"The call for a comprehensive and practical education system **resonates (D)** with the pressing demands of our time."

This sentence suggests the need for a useful education system that meets current needs and challenges effectively.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Resonates: evokes a feeling of familiarity or connection; strikes a chord emotionally or intellectually (संवादित)

Sentence Example: The artist's depiction of urban life in his paintings **resonates** with the experiences of city dwellers, capturing the essence of their daily struggles.

The word "resonates" accurately captures the notion that the call for a comprehensive and practical education system deeply connects with the pressing demands of our time. There is no need for replacement, as it aptly conveys the desired meaning of alignment and significance.

Therefore, the correct answer is "No replacement required."

103. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (E):

"The **amalgamation (E)** of life-saving courses into the curriculum is an essential step toward empowering the younger generation."

This sentence highlights the importance of adding life-saving courses to education to empower young people in emergencies.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Amalgamation: the action, process, or result of combining or uniting multiple entities into one (आपसी संयोजन)

Sentence Example: The **amalgamation** of different cultures in the city created a vibrant and diverse community.

The term "amalgamation" suggests a merging or mixing of disparate elements, whereas the context requires a word that implies the smooth inclusion or coordination of life-saving courses within the curriculum.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Integration: the action or process of combining different elements into a harmonious whole, often referring to the inclusion or amalgamation of diverse components into a unified entity (समेकन)

Sentence Example: The **integration** of various cultures into the fabric of a society enriches its diversity and strengthens social cohesion.

Exclusion: the act of deliberately leaving someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something (बहिष्कार)

Sentence Example: The policy of **exclusion** based on race or ethnicity undermines the principles of equality and inclusivity.

Enrichment: the process of enhancing or improving the quality, value, or significance of something, often by adding valuable or desirable elements (समृद्धि)

Sentence Example: Travelling broadens one's perspective and provides **enrichment** through exposure to different cultures and experiences.

Segregation: the enforced separation of different racial, religious, or ethnic groups, either by law or social practice, often leading to the isolation or marginalization of certain groups (अलगाव)

Sentence Example: The era of **segregation** in the United States saw African Americans facing systemic discrimination and being relegated to inferior facilities and opportunities.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "amalgamation" in this context is "integration."

In the given context, the sentence talks about including life-saving courses in the curriculum, emphasizing the importance of smoothly combining these courses with the existing educational framework. "Integration" fits in this context as it emphasizes the harmonious inclusion of life-saving courses into the curriculum, whereas "amalgamation" implies a merging that might not necessarily maintain distinct identities.

Therefore, the correct answer is "integration."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "The **integration** of life-saving courses into the curriculum is an essential step toward empowering the younger generation."

104. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (F):

"By prioritising education that encompasses life-saving skills, we instil in our students the confidence and capability to respond effectively to **mundane (F)** circumstances."

This sentence highlights how teaching essential life-saving skills empowers students to handle everyday situations confidently and effectively.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Mundane: lacking interest or excitement; dull (घिसी-पिटी)

Sentence Example: Her **mundane** daily routine consisted of commuting to work, attending meetings, and running errands.

The word "mundane" implies commonplace or trivial situations, contrasting with the necessity of life-saving skills. Employing a word that conveys unexpectedness or unpredictability would better underscore the critical importance of preparedness in unforeseen circumstances, strengthening the sentence's relevance and coherence.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Transformative: causing a significant change or alteration in something (परिवर्तनात्मक)

Sentence Example: The introduction of renewable energy sources brought about a **transformative** shift in the energy sector.

Unforeseen: not predicted or anticipated; unexpected (अप्रत्याशित)

Sentence Example: The sudden thunderstorm was an **unforeseen** event that disrupted the outdoor wedding ceremony.

Essential:absolutely necessary; extremely important (आवश्यक)

Sentence Example: Regular exercise and a balanced diet are **essential** for maintaining good health.

Anticipated: expected or predicted to happen (प्रत्याशित)

Sentence Example: The company's **anticipated** growth in sales led to increased investment from shareholders.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "mundane" in this context is "unforeseen."

The sentence emphasizes the importance of preparing students to respond effectively to unexpected or unpredictable situations. The word "unforeseen" directly conveys this sense of unpredictability and aligns well with the idea of instilling confidence and capability to handle unforeseen circumstances.

Therefore, the correct answer is "unforeseen."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "By prioritising education that encompasses life-saving skills, we instil in our students the confidence and capability to respond effectively to **unforeseen** circumstances."

105. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

To answer this question, let's first understand the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word labelled as (G):

"It's time to embrace an educational **conundrum** (G) that not only imparts knowledge but also

cultivates the life skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving society."

This sentence suggests education should teach both knowledge and skills for success in a changing world.

Let's understand the meaning of the highlighted word:

Conundrum: a confusing and difficult problem or question (कठिन समस्या)

Sentence Example: The **conundrum** of choosing between her passion for art and the practicality of a steady job left her feeling conflicted.

The term "conundrum" implies a perplexing problem or puzzle, which doesn't align with the context of education. Instead, the intended word should convey a broader concept related to a fundamental shift or model in education, reflecting the need for adaptability in society.

Now, let's understand the meanings of the words given as options to find the most suitable word to replace the highlighted word:

Context: the circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed (संदर्भ)

Sentence Example: The **context** of the meeting was crucial in understanding the decisions made by the committee.

Rigidity: the quality of being stiff or unyielding; not easily bent or changed (कठोरता)

Sentence Example: The **rigidity** of the school's rules made it difficult for students to express themselves freely.

Paradigm: a typical example or pattern of something; a model

Sentence Example: The emergence of online learning platforms has challenged the traditional **paradigm** of education delivery.

Innovation: the action or process of innovating; a new method, idea, product, etc. (नवीनता)

Sentence Example: The company's success was driven by its culture of **innovation**, constantly introducing new and improved products to the market.

After understanding the context of the sentence containing the highlighted word and the meanings of the words given as options to replace the highlighted word, we can conclude that the most appropriate replacement for "conundrum" in this context is "paradigm."

The sentence suggests a need for a fundamental shift or model in education to adapt to the demands of an ever-evolving society. "Paradigm" fits this context perfectly as it refers to a typical example or pattern, especially one representing a shift in thinking or approach. It conveys the idea of a change in the fundamental structure or model of education, aligning well with the broader concept conveyed in the sentence.

Therefore, the correct answer is "paradigm."

The correct sentence after the word replacement would be: "It's time to embrace an educational

paradigm that not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates the life skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving society."

106. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

Humanity must choose the path less travelled, abandoning unsustainable development to preserve our Earth and all its interconnected life forms, recognizing _____.

The sentence emphasizes the need for humanity to prioritize sustainable practices over unsustainable development to protect Earth and its interconnected life forms.

The phrase that would fill in the blank should emphasize the importance of Embracing environmental balance to ensure sustainability.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

Option 1: "the benefits of regular exercise"

This phrase is unrelated to the context of the sentence. While regular exercise is important for human health, it doesn't fit the context of choosing sustainable paths to preserve the environment.

Option 2: "the urgency of harmonizing with nature"

This phrase fits well with the context of the sentence. It highlights the necessity for humanity to recognize the importance of aligning with nature and adopting sustainable

practices to protect the Earth and its interconnected ecosystems.

Option 3: "the beauty of artistic expression"

While artistic expression may be valuable in various contexts, it doesn'tdirectly relate to the theme of environmental sustainability and the need to abandon unsustainable development. Thus, this cannot be the correct answer.

Option 4: "the power of compassionate understanding"

While compassion and understanding are important qualities, they don't directly address the urgency of harmonizing with nature and choosing sustainable paths. Thus, this cannot be the correct answer.

So, the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence is option 2: "the urgency of harmonizing with nature," aligning well with the overall message of prioritizing sustainability and protecting the Earth's ecosystems.

Therefore, the correct answer is "the urgency of harmonizing with nature."

The complete sentence would be: Humanity must choose the path less travelled, abandoning unsustainable development to preserve our Earth and all its interconnected life forms, recognizing the urgency of harmonizing with nature.

107. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

The resumption of school brought excitement, yet the _____, overshadowed by the intrusion of smartphones and earphones, altering the dynamic drastically.

The sentence describes the return to school with enthusiasm, but it's dampened by the distraction of smartphones and earphones, drastically changing the atmosphere.

The phrase to be filled in the blank should highlight the contrast between excitement for school and the distraction caused by smartphones and earphones.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

Option 1: "unexpected traffic jam caused frustration"

This phrase is unrelated to the context of the sentence. While a traffic jam may cause frustration, it doesn't fit the contrast between excitement for school and the distraction of smartphones and earphones.

Option 2: "laughter filled the family gathering"

This phrase presents a scenario of joy and merriment at a family gathering, which is irrelevant to the contrast being depicted in the sentence. Thus, this cannot be the correct answer.

Option 3: "once lively bus turned eerily silent"

This phrase effectively captures the contrast intended in the sentence. It highlights how the atmosphere, once lively, has been transformed into silence due to the intrusion of smartphones

and earphones, aligning perfectly with the context of the sentence.

Option 4: "construction noise disturbed nearby residents"

Similar to options 1 and 2, this phrase introduces a scenario unrelated to the context of the sentence. The noise from construction doesn't align with the contrast between excitement for school and the distraction of smartphones and earphones.

So, the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence is option 3: "once lively bus turned eerily silent," effectively conveying the contrast between excitement and distraction.

Therefore, the correct answer is "once lively bus turned eerily silent."

The complete sentence would be: The resumption of school brought excitement, yet the once lively bus turned eerily silent, overshadowed by the intrusion of smartphones and earphones, altering the dynamic drastically.

108. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

_____; each person possesses unique qualities and potential, and embracing individuality leads to personal growth and true fulfilment.

The sentence emphasizes valuing uniqueness and individuality for personal development and genuine happiness.

The phrase that should fill in the blank should emphasize recognizing and celebrating diversity to foster personal development and fulfilment.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

Option 1: "Too much screen time harms eyesight" This phrase is unrelated to the context of the sentence. While reducing screen time may have health benefits, it doesn't address the theme of embracing individuality for personal growth.

Option 2: "Avoid eating spicy foods excessively" Similarly, this phrase is not relevant to the context of the sentence as well. While moderation in diet is important for health, it doesn't relate to the theme of embracing individuality.

Option 3: "Never compare yourself with others" This phrase fits well with the context of the sentence. It emphasizes the importance of avoiding comparisons with others, which can hinder personal growth and self-acceptance, aligning with the message of embracing individuality.

Option 4: "Cultivate kindness towards all beings" While kindness is a valuable trait, it doesn't directly relate to the theme of embracing individuality for personal growth and fulfilment. Thus, this cannot be the correct answer.

So, the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence is option 3: "Never compare yourself

with others," aligning well with the overall message of valuing uniqueness and avoiding comparisons for personal development.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Never compare yourself with others."

The complete sentence would be: Never compare yourself with others; each person possesses unique qualities and potential, and embracing individuality leads to personal growth and true fulfilment.

109. **Answer: D**

The correct answer is option D.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

Skin, with its diverse textures and hues, has fascinated poets and storytellers, reflecting beauty, identity, and _____, while also serving as a canvas for expression.

The sentence talks about skin's complexity, representing beauty, identity, and individuality while being a medium for self-expression.

The phrase to be filled in should expand upon the significance of skin to poets and storytellers beyond reflecting beauty and identity, adding another layer of meaning or importance.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

Option 1: "whispers of timeless traditions" This phrase suggests that skin reflects timeless traditions, which could be true to some extent, but it doesn't fully capture the multifaceted

significance of skin as described in the sentence. Thus, this cannot be the correct answer.

Option 2: "inspirations for artistic endeavours"

This phrase also doesn't fit the blank in the sentence. Skin can indeed inspire various artistic endeavours, such as poetry and storytelling, due to its diverse textures and

hues, making this option a suitable choice.

Option 3: "radiant beams of eternal sunshine"

This phrase seems metaphorical and doesn't directly relate to the context of the sentence. It doesn't appropriately capture the significance of skin to poets and storytellers. Thus, this cannot be the answer.

Option 4: "cultural symbols throughout history"

This phrase is the most suitable choice as it suggests that skin serves as a cultural symbol throughout history, reflecting the broader significance of skin beyond beauty and identity.

So, the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence is option 4: "cultural symbols throughout history," aligning well with the overall message of skin's multifaceted significance.

Therefore, the correct answer is "cultural symbols throughout history."

The complete sentence would be: Skin, with its diverse textures and hues, has fascinated poets and storytellers, reflecting beauty, identity, and cultural symbols throughout history, while also serving as a canvas for expression.

110. **Answer: E**

The correct answer is option E.

To answer this question, let's first understand the given sentence:

Despite over 140 nations recognizing health as a constitutional right, more than half the world's population remains deprived of complete access to essential health services,

_____.

The sentence highlights a global issue where many countries acknowledge health as a fundamental right, yet a significant portion of the population lacks full access to necessary health services.

The phrase that should fill in the blank should underscore the ongoing global inequalities in healthcare access, aligning with the context of the sentence.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

Option 1: "advancing renewable energy technologies"

This phrase is unrelated to the context of the sentence. While renewable energy technologies are important for environmental sustainability, they do not address the issue of healthcare access.

Option 2: "promoting sustainable agricultural practices"

This phrase also does not relate to the issue of healthcare access discussed in the sentence. While sustainable agriculture is important for food security and environmental sustainability, it does

not address the lack of access to essential health services.

Option 3: "supporting local entrepreneurship initiatives"

This phrase is not related to the context of the sentence. While supporting local entrepreneurship initiatives may have positive impacts on communities, it does not address the core issue presented in the sentence.

Option 4: "celebrating diversity in cultural heritage"

This option is unrelated to the context of healthcare access discussed in the sentence as well. While cultural diversity is important in society, it does not address the issue of inequalities in healthcare access.

So, none of the options provided effectively complete the sentence in a way that aligns with the context.

Therefore, the correct answer is "None of the above."

111. Answer: D

The correct answer is option D.

This sentence discusses how pressure from education systems contributes to mental health issues and risky behaviours among youth.

To answer this question, let's understand the meaning of the highlighted words to figure out if they are used correctly or not in the context of the sentence:

(A) Immense (adjective): extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree (अत्यधिक)

Sentence Example: The task of cleaning up the immense mess after the party was daunting.

The word "immense" is used correctly in this sentence. It means extremely large or great in degree, extent, or amount. In the context of the sentence, "immense pressure" accurately reflects the idea that educational systems place a significant and overwhelming amount of pressure on youth, which can lead to negative consequences such as mental health issues.

(B) Exaggerating (verb): representing something as being larger, greater, better, or worse than it really is (अतिशयोक्ति)

Sentence Example: She has a habit of exaggerating her achievements to impress others.

The word "exaggerating" is used incorrectly in this sentence. It means to represent something as being larger, greater, better, or worse than it really is. However, in this context, the verb "exaggerating" doesn't fit well. The sentence is trying to convey that the immense pressure created by educational systems exacerbates or worsens mental health issues, rather than representing them inaccurately or hyperbolically. A more appropriate verb here might be "exacerbating" or "aggravating," which would better convey the idea that the pressure intensifies the existing mental health issues.

(C) Vulnerability (noun): the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked

or harmed, either physically or emotionally (अतिसंवेदनशीलता)

Sentence Example: Sharing his personal struggles showed his **vulnerability** and made him more relatable to others.

The word "vulnerability" is used correctly in this sentence. It refers to the state of being exposed to the possibility of being harmed or attacked. In the context of the sentence, "increasing vulnerability" accurately conveys the idea that the immense pressure exacerbates the susceptibility of youth to tragic consequences like suicide and substance abuse.

So, the inappropriate word in the sentence is (B) "exaggerating." The sentence would be more accurate if the word "exaggerating" were replaced with a word that better aligns with the intended meaning, such as "exacerbating" or "aggravating."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only B."

112. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

This sentence highlights India's efforts to enhance public health financing for universal health coverage aligned with national goals.

To answer this question, let's understand the meaning of the highlighted words to figure out if they are used correctly or not in the context of the sentence:

(A) Steadfast (adjective): firmly fixed in place; immovable or unwavering in purpose, loyalty, or resolve (स्थिर)

Sentence Example: Despite facing numerous challenges, Sarah remained **steadfast** in her commitment to completing the project on time.

The word "steadfast" is used correctly in this sentence. It means firm and unwavering. In the context of the sentence, it emphasizes India's unwavering commitment to universal health coverage. This term accurately portrays the resolute and persistent nature of India's commitment.

(B) Evident (adjective): clearly seen, understood, or felt; obvious or apparent(प्रत्यक्ष)

Sentence Example: The effects of climate change are becoming increasingly **evident** with rising temperatures and extreme weather events.

The word "evident" is used correctly in this sentence. It means clearly visible or obvious. In the context of the sentence, it suggests that India's commitment to universal health coverage is clearly observable or apparent through its strategic plans. This term appropriately conveys the idea that India's dedication to this cause is not hidden or ambiguous.

(C) Meticulously (adverb): in a way that shows great attention to detail; carefully and thoroughly (बहुत ध्यान से)

Sentence Example: The artist **meticulously** painted each stroke, ensuring every detail of the portrait was perfect.

The word "meticulously" is used correctly in this sentence. It means with great attention to detail or thoroughness. In the context of the sentence, it describes how India's strategic plans are developed with careful attention to detail and precision, particularly in aiming to increase public health financing. This term accurately characterizes the thorough and careful planning involved in India's efforts toward universal health coverage.

So, all three highlighted words - "steadfast," "evident," and "meticulously" - are appropriately used within the context of the sentence.

Therefore, the correct answer is "All are correct."

113. Answer: C

The correct answer is option C.

This sentence highlights the importance of top-notch healthcare for economic prosperity and societal health.

To answer this question, let's understand the meaning of the highlighted words to figure out if they are used correctly or not in the context of the sentence:

(A) Frivolous (adjective): not having any serious purpose or value; carefree and not serious (तुच्छ)

Sentence Example: Instead of focusing on important matters, they wasted time on **frivolous** activities.

The word "frivolous" is used incorrectly in this sentence. It means not having any serious purpose or value, which contradicts the intended meaning here. The sentence seems to emphasize the importance of top-tier healthcare services for economic and social well-being, so a more suitable word would be "crucial," which means extremely important or necessary.

(B) Pivotal (adjective): of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else (महत्त्वपूर्ण)

Sentence Example: His **pivotal** role in the negotiation process ensured the success of the deal.

The word "pivotal" is used correctly in this sentence. It means of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something, which accurately describes the role of healthcare services in enhancing productivity, promoting lifestyles, and fostering a healthier population.

(C) Elevated (adjective): situated or placed higher than the surrounding area; raised (उन्नत)

Sentence Example: The house offered an **elevated** view of the entire valley.

The word "elevated" is used incorrectly in this sentence. "Elevated" is an adjective used to describe something raised or lifted physically or metaphorically. However, in this context, it seems that the intended meaning is to indicate that healthcare services contribute to elevating living standards, which would require the gerund form "elevating" rather than the adjective "elevated."

So, the inappropriate words in the sentence are (A) "frivolous" and (C) "elevated." The sentence

would be more accurate if "frivolous" were replaced with "crucial" and "elevated" were replaced with "elevating."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Both C and A."

114. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

This sentence discusses how recognition from a mentor validates dedication and hard work in one's professional journey.

To answer this question, let's understand the meaning of the highlighted words to figure out if they are used correctly or not in the context of the sentence:

(A) Complement (noun): something that completes or brings to perfection by providing the necessary elements or the finishing touch(पूरक)

Sentence Example: The red wine served as the perfect complement to the steak dinner.

The word "complement" is used incorrectly in this sentence. In the context of the sentence provided, the word "complement" doesn't convey the intended meaning. Instead, the sentence suggests that the speaker received approval or praise from her

mentor, indicating that "compliment" would be the appropriate word choice.

(B) Validation (noun): the act of confirming, verifying, or proving the accuracy, truth, or legitimacy of something (प्रमाणीकरण)

Sentence Example: Her promotion to team leader was a validation of her hard work and dedication.

The word "validation" is used correctly in this sentence. It denotes the recognition or affirmation of the worth or validity of something, which aligns with the context of the sentence provided.

(C) Relentless (adjective): showing or promising no abatement of severity, intensity, strength, or pace; persistent or unyielding (अटल)

Sentence Example: Despite facing numerous obstacles, she maintained a relentless pursuit of her goals.

The word "relentless" is used correctly in this sentence. It accurately describes the persistent and continuous nature of the pursuit of excellence, which fits the context provided.

So, the inappropriate word in the sentence is (A) "complement." The sentence would be grammatically and contextually correct if the word "complement" were replaced with "compliment."

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only A."

115. Answer: D

The correct answer is option D.

This sentence describes a police raid revealing a drug trafficking operation concealed within a warehouse's stationary supplies.

To answer this question, let's understand the meaning of the highlighted words to figure out if they are used correctly or not in the context of the sentence:

(A) Elicit (verb): to draw out or evoke a reaction, response, or information from someone or something (उत्तेजित करना)

Sentence Example: The detective tried to **elicit** information from the witness about the crime.

The word "elicit" is used incorrectly in the sentence. It should be replaced with "illicit," which means unlawful or illegal. In the context of the sentence, "illicit" accurately describes the nature of the operation, indicating that it involves unlawful activities like drug trafficking.

(B) Stationary (adjective): not moving or not intended to be moved (अचल)

Sentence Example: The **stationary** bike at the gym is perfect for those who prefer low-impact workouts.

The word "stationary" is used incorrectly in the sentence. It should be replaced with "stationery," which refers to writing materials such as paper, pens, and pencils. In the context of the sentence, "stationery" would describe the supplies hidden among the boxes, indicating that they are writing materials.

(C) Criminally (adverb): in a manner that relates to or involves crime (अपराधिक रूप से)

Sentence Example: He was accused of acting **criminally** by tampering with the evidence.

The word "criminally" is used incorrectly in the sentence. It should be replaced with "criminal," which functions as an adjective to describe the noun "activity."

So, the inappropriate words in the sentence are all (A) "elicit," (B) "stationary," and (C) "criminally."

Therefore, the correct answer is "All A, B, and C."

116. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

To answer this question, let's first understand the meanings of the idiom used in the given sentences:

Elephant in the room (Idiom): an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about or address.

Sentence Example: Everyone at the family gathering knew about the financial issues, but nobody wanted to discuss the **elephant in the room**.

Now, let's look at the given sentences:

Sentence A: During the meeting, no one addressed the **elephant in the room**: the declining sales figures that everyone was avoiding.

The idiom "elephant in the room" is used correctly because it signifies a significant issue that everyone is ignoring or avoiding discussing.

Sentence B: The issue of mental health stigma remained the **elephant in the room**, silently impacting many but seldom discussed openly.

The idiom "elephant in the room" is apt because it symbolizes a significant issue (mental health stigma) that everyone is aware of but avoids discussing.

Sentence C: He's always been afraid his past would surface, revealing the **elephant in the room**, tarnishing his reputation irreparably.

The idiom "elephant in the room" is used incorrectly here. It refers to an obvious issue being ignored, while the idiom "skeleton in the closet" means a hidden secret. So, "skeleton in his closet" fits better here, meaning a hidden secret that could damage reputation if exposed.

The correct sentence would be: He's always been afraid his past would surface, revealing the **skeleton in his closet**, tarnishing his reputation irreparably.

So, both sentences A and B use the idiom "elephant in the room" correctly, while sentence C uses it incorrectly.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Both A and B."

117. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the meanings of the idiom used in the given sentences:

A shot in the arm (Idiom): a stimulus or encouragement that revitalizes or energizes someone or something.

Sentence Example: The company's new marketing campaign was **a shot in the arm** for its sales, boosting them significantly.

Now, let's look at the given sentences:

Sentence A: Without any leads or evidence, the investigators were forced to take **a shot in the arm** to solve the case.

The idiom "a shot in the arm" is used incorrectly in this sentence. The idiom "a shot in the arm" typically means something that revitalizes or improves a situation, while the idiom "a shot in the dark" means a guess or attempt without evidence. Since the investigators lack leads, "a shot in the dark" fits better to convey their attempt without evidence.

The correct sentence would be: Without any leads or evidence, the investigators were forced to take **a shot in the dark** to solve the case.

Sentence B: The positive review from a respected industry leader was **a shot in the arm** for the struggling startup.

The idiom "a shot in the arm" is used correctly in this sentence. It means a boost or encouragement, which fits well in the context of the positive review helping the struggling startup.

Sentence C: The warning from the rival company was **a shot in the arm**, signalling aggressive market expansion plans.

The idiom "a shot in the arm" is used incorrectly in this sentence. The idiom "a shot in the arm" typically means something that revitalizes or boosts morale, while "a shot across the bows" refers to a warning or signal of imminent danger. Since the context is about a warning, "a shot across the bows" is more fitting than "a shot in the arm."

The correct sentence would be: The warning from the rival company was **a shot across the bows**, signalling aggressive market expansion plans.

So, only Sentence B uses the idiom "a shot in the arm" correctly, while both Sentences A and C don't use it correctly.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only B."

118. Answer: B

The correct answer is option B.

To answer this question, let's first understand the meanings of the idiom used in the given sentences:

To light the fuse (Idiom): to initiate or trigger a potentially explosive or volatile situation.

Sentence Example: The politician's controversial comments on social media threatened **to light the fuse** on a heated debate about the issue.

Now, let's look at the given sentences:

Sentence A: The controversial decision by the government is likely **to light the fuse** of protests across the nation.

The idiom "to light the fuse" is correct here, suggesting that the government's decision may spark widespread protests or unrest.

Sentence B: The journalist's article was designed **to light the fuse**, igniting debates and stirring emotions among readers.

The idiom "to light the fuse" is used incorrectly in this sentence. It implies initiating or starting a process, like a bomb. However, in the sentence, the journalist's article isn't initiating anything, but rather sparking discussions. The idiom "to stir the pot" better fits here, meaning to provoke or incite controversy, aligning with the article's intent.

The correct sentence would be: The journalist's article was designed **to stir the pot**, igniting debates and stirring emotions among readers.

Sentence C:**To light the fuse**, let's gather innovative ideas for the project during our collaborative brainstorming session.

The idiom "to light the fuse" is not used correctly in this sentence. It implies initiating something potentially explosive or dangerous, which doesn't fit the context of gathering ideas. The idiom "to set the ball rolling" is a more suitable idiom in this context, meaning to begin or kickstart something, aligning better with the collaborative brainstorming session.

The correct sentence would be:**To set the ball rolling**, let's gather innovative ideas for the project during our collaborative brainstorming session.

So, sentence A uses the idiom "to light the fuse" correctly, while sentences B and C do not.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Only A."

119. Answer: E

The correct answer is option E.

To answer this question, let's first understand the meanings of the idiom used in the given sentences:

In the running (Idiom): to be a contender or candidate for a particular position or opportunity.

Sentence Example: After a successful interview, the job applicant felt confident that she was **in the running** for the management position.

Now, let's look at the given sentences:

Sentence A: Being **in the running** about industry trends helps businesses stay competitive and adapt to evolving market conditions.

The idiom "in the running" is not used correctly in this sentence. It refers to being a contender or candidate, which doesn't fit with the context of staying updated on industry trends. The idiom "in the loop" means being informed, which aligns better with the idea of staying competitive by being informed about market trends.

The correct sentence would be: Being **in the loop** about industry trends helps businesses stay competitive and adapt to evolving market conditions.

Sentence B: Despite being the underdog, the small startup is **in the running** for the industry award thanks to its innovative approach.

The idiom "in the running" is correctly used here to indicate the startup's chance of winning the award despite being less established.

Sentence C: With his exceptional performance in the auditions, Rahul is now **in the running** for the lead role in the upcoming movie.

The idiom "in the running" is correct here because Rahul's strong audition places him as a potential candidate for the main role in the upcoming film.

So, both sentences B and C accurately use the idiom "in the running," while sentence A doesn't use it correctly.

Therefore, the correct answer is "Both B and C."

120. Answer: A

The correct answer is option A.

To answer this question, let's first understand the meanings of the idiom used in the given sentences:

Cock a snook (Idiom): To show contempt or defiance, often in a mocking or insulting way.

Sentence Example: The student **cocked a snook** at the teacher's authority by refusing to follow the class rules.

Now, let's look at the given sentences:

Sentence A: Her rebellious nature led her to **cock a snook** at conventional norms and pursue her artistic dreams.

The idiom "cock a snook" is used correctly here because it means to defy or show contempt for norms, aligning with the rebellious nature described.

Sentence B: With a mischievous grin, the child **cocked a snook** at his teacher by making faces behind her back.

The idiom "cock a snook" is used correctly here. It means to show disrespect or defiance, which fits the context of the child making faces behind the teacher's back.

Sentence C: Despite warnings, he kept **cocking a snook** at authority, leading to a confrontation with the police.

The idiom "cock a snook" is used correctly here. It means to show disrespect or defiance towards

authority, which fits the context of the person disregarding warnings and confronting the police.

So, all three sentences correctly use the idiom "cock a snook."

Therefore, the correct answer is "All A, B, and C."

General Awareness

121. Answer: A

Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL), a leading petrochemicals company in India, announced its achievement of becoming the first ISO 27001:2022 certified petrochemical organisation in the industry by BSI (British Standards Institution), a renowned certification body.

This milestone showcases HPL's commitment to maintaining a robust and secure information security governance structure throughout its digital transformation journey.

ISO 27001:2022 is the standard of the ISMS (Information Security Management System) program to protect the information assets of the organization.

British Standards Institution (BSI) is the world's first Standards Body and founding member of ISO from the United Kingdom.

122. Answer: E

OpenAI, the creator of the ChatGPT, has unveiled a new generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) model that can convert a text prompt into video.

The model, called Sora, can generate videos up to a minute long while maintaining visual quality and adherence to the user's prompt.

About Sora:

Sora is capable of creating "complex scenes with multiple characters, specific types of motion, and accurate details of the subject and background.

Sora in Japanese means sky, imagery that evokes 'limitless creative potential'.

Sora is an AI model developed by OpenAI – built on past research in DALL·E and GPT models and can generate videos based on text instructions.

DALL-E is a text-to-image model developed by OpenAI (introduced in January 2021) that creates digital images from natural language descriptions.

DALL·E can generate imagery in multiple styles, including photorealistic imagery, paintings, and emoji.

OpenAI says that the current model of Sora has weaknesses.

It may struggle with accurately simulating the physics of a complex scene, and may not understand specific instances of cause and effect.

123. Answer: B

The government-appointed panel to draft the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) handed over an important document to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

The draft will be examined, studied, and discussed before presenting it in the Assembly.

From February 5-8, a four-day special session of the Assembly has already been called to pass the law on UCC.

This draft, consisting of four volumes comprising 740 pages, has been submitted to Dhami.

The five-member committee was headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai.

Along with Desai, other members of the panel include retired chief justice of Sikkim High Court Pramod Kohli, social activist Manu Gaur, former Uttarakhand chief secretary

Shatrughan Singh, and Vice Chancellor of Doon University Shatrughan Singh.

On 3 January, a meeting of the state cabinet has also been called to discuss the draft.

The UCC will provide a legal framework for uniform marriage, divorce, land, property, and inheritance laws for all citizens in the state, regardless of their religion.

Upon its implementation, **Uttarakhand will become the first state in the country to adopt UCC after independence.**

It has been in operation in Goa since the days of Portuguese rule.

124. Answer: E

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) bought 8.7 tonnes of gold** in January 2024, making it the **largest purchase** by the central bank since July 2022.

According to the **World Gold Council data,** the RBI's gold holding has climbed to **812.3 tonnes** in January, from 803.58 tonnes in December 2023.

Purpose of Gold Purchase: The central bank is diversifying its forex reserves and hedging against foreign currency risks by adding gold to its reserves.

Key Highlights:

History of RBI's Gold Purchases: RBI began buying gold in **2018** to bolster its reserves. Notably, during the global financial crisis in 2009, it purchased **200 tonnes of gold.**

Gold Purchase in the Current Financial Year: In the first 10 months of the current financial year, the RBI has added nearly 17.7 tonnes of gold to its reserves.

International Gold Purchases: Turkey, China and **Kazakhstan** also bought a significant volume of yellow metal in January.

Turkey bought **11.8 tonnes of gold,** China purchased 10 tonnes and Kazakhstan bought 6.2 tonnes.

Reason for Central Banks' Gold Purchases: Central banks worldwide have been aggressively adding gold to their forex reserves over the past 5 years to hedge against foreign currency risks.

Government Notification: The government issued a notification allowing the RBI to import gold without paying levies, which typically include a **15% import duty,** including a **5% agriculture infrastructure development cess.**

125. Answer: C

The market regulator, the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), mandated a stress test** on mid- and small-cap mutual fund schemes.

The test **revealed** that some larger fund houses may face higher risks compared to their smaller counterparts.

Key Highlights:

Large fund houses, including **HDFC MF** and **SBI MF,** with assets of ₹ **28,597 crores** and ₹ **25,534 crores,** will take 42 and 60 days to sell 50 percent of their assets in the event of heavy redemption.

On the other hand, smaller players like **Edelweiss MF** will take only 3 days to offload half of their small-cap portfolio.

The longer a fund takes to give money back to investors, the higher the stress levels.

AMFI, prompted by SEBI, directed fund houses to conduct stress tests and announce the outcomes.

The stress test **aimed** to **address SEBI's concerns about market froth** due to continuous inflows into these schemes, primarily from retail investors seeking high returns.

Time to Liquidate Assets: According to **Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data**, it would take between **60 and 3 days** to liquidate 50% of a small-cap portfolio and 30 to 2 days to offload 25% during heavy redemption.

Mid-cap funds could liquidate 50% and 25% of their investments within a maximum of 34 and 17 days, respectively.

Largest Fund House in Small-Cap Space: The largest fund house in the small-cap space, **Nippon India Mutual Fund,** with an asset under management of ₹ 46,030 crore, has revealed that it can sell 50% and 25% of its assets in 27 and 13 days, respectively.

About SEBI:

Established: On 12 April 1988 as an executive body and was given statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch (the first woman to lead the SEBI)

SEBI is the **regulatory body** for securities and commodity markets in India under the ownership of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India (GoI).

126. Answer: A

International Day for Mine Awareness 2024 is observed all over the world on **April 4th, 2024.**

The theme for International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action 2024 is **'Protecting Lives, Building Peace.'**

History

The history of **International Mine Awareness Day can be traced back to 1980 when the International Committee of the Red Cross** (ICRC)

first proposed the idea of a day to raise awareness about the dangers of landmines.

In **2005, the United Nations General Assembly** officially designated **4 April** as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

The idea for an International Mine Awareness Day was **first proposed in 1980 by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).**

The ICRC had been working to raise awareness of the dangers of landmines since the late 1970s, and it believed that a dedicated day would help to bring the issue to the attention of the international community.

The ICRC's proposal was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982, and **the first International Mine Awareness Day was held on 4 April 1983.**

Since then, International Mine Awareness Day has been commemorated around the world with a variety of events and activities.

These events aim to raise awareness of the dangers of landmines and other explosive remnants of war, and to promote the protection of civilians from these weapons.

127. Answer: E

Delhi airport has been named among the world's top 10 busiest airports for 2023 in a list topped by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The **Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital is ranked tenth while Dubai and** **Dallas airports are at the second and third positions**, respectively, according to the **Airports Council International** (ACI) World.

Key Highlights

From the top 10 rankings for total passenger traffic, five airports are in the US.

At the tenth place, Delhi airport handled more than 7.22 crore passengers in 2023.

In 2022, the airport was in the ninth position.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is on top and it handled over 10.46 crore passengers last year.

It is followed by Dubai International Airport, which saw more than 8.69 crore passengers, and Dallas Forth Worth International Airport.

The latter handled over 8.17 crore passengers in 2023.

Others on the list are London's Heathrow Airport (4th spot), Tokyo's Haneda Airport (5th), Denver International Airport (6th), Istanbul Airport (7th), Los Angeles International Airport (8th) and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (9th).

The passenger number for an airport includes emplaned and deplaned passengers, and those who transited have been counted once.

128. Answer: D

Acclaimed **Carnatic** musician **K.G. Jayan**, the father of front-line Malayalam actor Manoj K. Jayan, passed away at the age of 90.

About K.G. Jayan :

G.Jayan born on 21 November 1934 in Kottayam, Travancore, India

He was renowned for his **devotional songs** and had composed over 1,000 songs during his career.

He also served as a **music director** for several Tamil and Malayalam films.

He, along with his twin brother, **KG Vijayan** was known in the world of South Indian music as the Jaya-Vijaya brothers.

Some of the movies for which they provided music include "Bhoomiyile Malakhamar," "Dharmasastha," "Nirakudam," "Sneham," "Theruvugeetham," "Padhapooja," "Shanmughapriya," and "Pappathi."

Their repertoire includes hit numbers like "Nakshatradeepangal Thilangi," "Hridayam Devalayam," and "Radhathan Premathodano."

They were also known for their popular Ayyappa devotional songs such as "Sreekovil Nadathurannu," "Ishtadaivame Swami Saranamayappa" (sung by P. Leela), and "Hariharasuthane.

Awards & Honors :

1991 – **Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award – Government of Kerala**

2013 – **Harivarasanam Award – Government of Kerala and Travancore Devaswom Board**

2019 – **Padma Shri – 4th highest civilian award in India**

129. Answer: B

The **government of India** has formed an **expert committee headed by Finance Secretary T V Somanathan** to make its recommendations to bring out **uniform Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.**

The committee comprises members from various ministries and regulatory bodies, reflecting a collaborative effort to address KYC standardization.

The formation of the committee follows discussions at the **Finance Stability and Development Council (FSDC) meeting** on February 21, highlighting the imperative to simplify and digitize the KYC process in the financial sector.

Key Highlights :

Purpose of KYC: KYC serves to verify an investor's identity and address using documents such as PAN, Aadhaar card, passport, or driving license.

It is mandatory under the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act, of 2002.**

Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR): The government launched CKYCR in **2016** to streamline KYC processes across financial assets.

However, its scope has been limited to the capital markets

Simplified KYC for Securities Markets: while dealing in securities markets, once KYC is done through a Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) registered intermediary such as a broker,

depository participant, or mutual fund, customers do not have to undergo the same process again for fresh investments.

Functions of CKYCR: The CKYCR is a centralized repository of KYC records of customers in the financial sector with uniform KYC norms and the inter-usability of the KYC records.

The government authorized the **Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI)** to perform the functions of the CKYCR.

This centralized registry receives, stores, safeguards and retrieves the KYC records of a customer in a digitally secure electronic format.

KYC Identification Number: Once the information is registered, customers will receive a **14-digit KYC Identification Number** that can be used at any financial institution registered with CERSAI.

130. Answer: B

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued **guidelines** for the **voluntary transition of** Small Finance Banks **(SFBs) to Universal Banks** effective immediately.

The "**Guidelines for 'on-tap' Licensing of SFBs in Private Sector",** dated December 5, 2019, provide a transition path for SFBs to become universal banks.

Key Highlights:

Minimum Requirements for Transition: The RBI has stated that SFBs should have a **minimum net worth of Rs 1,000 crore** to become universal banks by the on-tap licensing norms.

According to the RBI, SFBs aspiring to become universal banks need to have scheduled status with a satisfactory track record of performance for a **minimum period of 5 years.**

Stock Exchange Listing Requirement: An SFB intending to transition to a universal bank must be listed on a **recognized stock exchange.**

Out of the 10 SFBs, **only North East Small Finance Bank** is not listed.

Financial Performance and Asset Quality: SFBs must have reported net profit in the last two financial years.

Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) and **net non-performing assets (NNPA)** must be less than or equal to **3%** and **1%,** respectively, over the last two financial years.

Promoter Requirements: There is no mandatory requirement for an eligible SFB to have an identified promoter.

However, existing promoters, if any, must continue as promoters upon transition.

No new mandatory lock-in requirement of minimum shareholding for existing promoters in the transitioned universal bank.

Regulatory Structure upon Transition: Upon transition, the universal bank will be subject to all norms, including the **Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC) structure (as applicable).**

RBI's Authority: These instructions are issued in the exercise of the powers conferred on the **Reserve Bank of India under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**

Prominent SFB for Transition: AU SFB, the largest amongst SFBs, is seen as the frontrunner to approach the banking regulator for conversion into a universal bank.

Background on SFBs: The RBI granted licenses to the first set of SFBs, totaling 10, in 2015, with most beginning operations in 2016-17.

As of June 2023, there were **12 operational SFBs** with 6,589 domestic branches across the country. Following the merger of Fincare SFB with AU on April 1, 2024, the number of SFBs stands at **11**, including **Capital, Equitas, Suryoday, Ujjivan, Utkarsh, ESAF Jana, North East, Shivalik, and Unity.**

131. Answer: A

Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, has recommended the name of **IFCI Limited (previously Industrial Finance Corporation of India) Managing Director (MD) Manoj Mittal** as **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)**.

He will replace **Sivasubramanian Ramann** as SIDBI CMD.

Ramann joined SIDBI, the **principal financial institution for MSMEs** in India, in April 2021 for 3 years.

About Manoj Mittal :

Mittal earlier worked as a **Deputy Managing Director at SIDBI** from 2016-2021.

He was closely involved in the development of **SIDBI Vision 2.0** and its successful implementation to emerge as a financially stronger impact institution.

About SIDBI :

Established : 2 April 1990

Headquarters : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India

The SIDBI is the **apex regulatory body for** the overall licensing and regulation of micro, small and medium enterprise finance companies in India.

It is under the jurisdiction of the **Ministry of Finance, Government of India (GoI).**

132. Answer: C

Private sector lender **RBL Bank formerly known as Ratnakar Bank Limited** appointed **Murali Ramakrishnan as Non-Executive Independent Director** with immediate effect for 4 years.

About Murali Ramakrishnan:

Ramakrishnan has 37 years of experience in the **Banking and Financial Service Industry (BFSI) sector.**

He headed various businesses and control functions at **ICICI Bank Ltd** for over two decades.

From March 2012 to August 2016, Ramakrishnan was the **Head of North Asia, Sri Lanka, Middle East & Africa at ICICI Bank.**

He joined **South Indian Bank** as an Advisor on July 1, 2020, and was appointed as Managing Director & CEO of the Bank on October 1, 2020, until September 2023.

About RBL Bank:

Established : August 1943

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar

133. Answer: A

The **Ludwig Erhard Summit, a leading German forum**, will **award the Freedom Prize of the Media** to the **late Russian dissident Aleksei Navalny and his wife, Yulia Navalnaya.**

This prestigious award is presented annually to public figures who have made significant contributions to freedom of expression, dialogue, and democracy.

Previous recipients of the **Freedom Prize include Russian politician Garry Kasparov in 2023 and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.**

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who played a significant role in the dissolution of the Soviet Union and democratic reforms, has also been honoured with the award.

Although **Aleksei Navalny, a prominent Russian opposition** leader and anti-corruption

activist, has tragically passed away, his legacy and commitment to democratic values will be recognized with this award.

Yulia Navalnaya, Aleksei's wife, will accept the award in person on his behalf, highlighting their joint efforts to promote freedom and democracy in Russia.

134. Answer: D

According to new research surveying cybercrime experts from around the world, India ranked **10th** in cybercrime, with fraud involving people asking for advance fee payments as the most common type.

An international team of researchers has prepared a **'World Cyber Crime Index'** which ranks nearly 100 countries.

It identifies major hotspots according to different categories of cybercrime, including ransomware, credit card theft, and scams.

The major categories the researchers identified included technology products and services such as malware and compromised systems and attacks and extortion, including ransomware.

It also includes scams such as hacking, compromised accounts, theft of data and identity, including credit cards, and advance fee fraud and money laundering involving illicit virtual currency.

Russia and Ukraine are highly technical cybercrime hubs, while Nigerian cyber criminals

are engaged in less technical forms of cybercrime.

Russia topped the list and was followed by **Ukraine, China, the US, Nigeria and Romania.** India was found to be a "specialize" in scams. Furthermore, while Romania and the US were found to "specialize" in both high-tech and low-tech crimes, India was found to be a "balanced hub", "specializing" in mid-tech crimes.

135. Answer: D

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in a cautious move, **declined Annapurna Finance Limited's application** for a universal bank license made in January 2023.

Reason for Decline:

The RBI expressed caution and hesitation about awarding a full-service bank license to the **Odisha**-based lender.

Annapurna Finance Limited **primarily focuses** on microfinance loans, which raised concerns for the regulator regarding the bank's capability to operate as a universal bank.

Key Highlights :

Option Offered by RBI: Instead of a universal bank license, the RBI offered Annapurna Finance Limited the option to become a small finance bank (SFB).

Annapurna's Response: Annapurna Finance Limited declined the alternative offered by the regulator to become an SFB

The company believed that transitioning to an SFB would not provide much of an incremental value proposition.

Reason for Declining SFB Option: Annapurna Finance Limited was hesitant to pursue the SFB route, considering that a majority of SFBs are still yet to establish a dominant share in the industry.

136. Answer: B

The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has proposed a **revised regulatory framework for Electronic Trading Platforms (ETPs)** due to increased integration of the onshore forex market with offshore markets.

Market makers too have been requesting the Reserve Bank to allow access to offshore ETPs offering **Indian Rupee (INR) products.**

Definition of ETP:

An Electronic Trading Platform (ETP) is **any electronic system, other than a recognized stock exchange**, on which transactions in eligible instruments are contracted.

Eligible instruments include **securities, money market instruments, foreign exchange instruments, derivatives, or other instruments** of similar nature.

Key Highlights:

Draft Master Direction for ETPs:

The 'Draft Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Electronic Trading Platforms) Directions, 2024' outlines the requirements for ETP operators.

An entity seeking authorization as an ETP operator must maintain a minimum net worth of **Rs 5 crore** and continue to maintain this minimum net worth at all times.

The entity must be a company incorporated in India, and shareholding by non-residents must comply with all applicable laws, including the **Foreign Exchange Management Act, of 1999.**

Technology Infrastructure Requirements:

The entity will also have to maintain a robust technology infrastructure with a high degree of reliability, availability, scalability and security concerning its systems, data and network, appropriate to support its operations and network, appropriate to support its operations and manage the associated risks.

History of ETP Regulation:

In **October 2018**, the RBI implemented a regulatory framework for ETPs to execute transactions in financial instruments regulated by the central bank.

This framework aimed to ensure fair access and robust trading infrastructure.

Currently, **13 ETPs** operated by 5 operators have been authorized.

Authorizations and Eligible Instruments:

In respect of eligible instruments, the draft stated that ETP operators **authorized by/registered** with the RBI should ensure that transactions only in instruments approved by the central bank are contracted on their platform.

No entity, resident or non-resident, can operate an ETP without obtaining prior authorization of, or having registered with, the Reserve Bank.

Public Consultation on the Draft Framework:

The RBI has invited comments on the draft directions from ETP operators, banks, market participants, and other interested parties by **May 31, 2024.**

137. Answer: B

Justice (retired) **Dinesh Kumar** has been appointed as the **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT).**

He will serve a **4-year term** after retiring as Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court in February 2024.

His appointment fills a 4-month vacancy following the retirement of the previous presiding officer, **Justice Tarun Aggarwal, in December 2023.**

Other Appointments:

Dheeraj Bhatnagar has also joined SAT as a **technical member.**

His term is **4 years** or until he reaches the age of 67, whichever comes first.

Bhatnagar previously served as **Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Delhi.**

The other member of the three-member SAT is Meera Swarup.

About SAT:

SAT is a **statutory and autonomous body** created as per provisions of **section 15K of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992**

Functions of SAT:

The tribunal's primary function is to hear appeals against orders and rulings from various financial regulators, including:

Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

The SAT is designed to replace the **High Court** for these appeals.

Composition of SAT:

The SAT consists of a Presiding Officer and other judicial and technical members

The central government has the power to prescribe the total number of members of the SAT, which currently consists of three members, including the Presiding officer.

Qualifications for Presiding Officer:

The Presiding Officer must be:

A retired or sitting judge of the Supreme Court.

Or a Chief Justice of a High Court.

138. Answer: C

On the occasion of the **176th birth anniversary of Ravi Varma, the first true copy of the 'Indulekha' painting** was released at the **Kilimanoor Palace.**

Ravi Varma was born in 1848 at Kilimanoor Palace, near **Trivandrum**.

Key Highlights :

A copy of Raja Ravi Varma's pioneering artwork Indulekha, based on the novel by **O.Chandu Menon** has been placed in the art gallery of Kilimanoor Royal Palace.

This painting came into the public domain in 2022, which evoked a great sense of enthusiasm among the art fraternity.

It is believed that the famous painting 'Reclining Lady' by Ravi Varma was modeled on Indulekha.

Apart from this painting, the portrait of Pooyam Thirunal C.R. Kerala Varma and paintings of C. Rajaraja Varma and Mangala Bayi were also released.

Raja Ravi Varma was a famous **Indian painter and artist**.

He was closely related to the royal family of Travancore.

His paintings are one of the best examples of the fusion of European academic art with a purely Indian sensibility and iconography.

139. Answer: A

Paul Auster, the prolific American novelist behind the acclaimed "New York Trilogy," has passed away at the age of 77.

About Paul Auster:

Paul Auster was born in Newark, **New Jersey.**

Auster wrote more than 30 books and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and voted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

His notable works include:

"The New York Trilogy" (1987), comprising "City of Glass," "Ghosts," and "The Locked Room."

"Moon Palace" (1989)

"The Music of Chance" (1990)

"The Book of Illusions" (2002)

"The Brooklyn Follies" (2005)

"Invisible" (2009)

"Sunset Park" (2010)

"Winter Journal" (2012)

"4 3 2 1" (2017), which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize.

He published his final novel "Baumgartner," in 2023.

140. Answer: B

Gujarat Day 2024: Observed on 1 May

Gujarat Day or Gujarat Foundation Day or Gujarat Sthapana Divas is celebrated every year on 1 May.

Two states, Maharashtra and Gujarat, were formed after the partition of Bombay based on language in 1960.

These two states were carved out of Bombay State by the Bombay Reorganization Act in 1960, due to the demands of the Gujarati and Marathi-speaking people.

After the separation of these two states on linguistic grounds, Gujarat is now home to the Gujarati-speaking population while Maharashtra is home to the Marathi-speaking population.

As both of these states were coastal, they emerged as economic hubs.

Gujarati is the official language of Gujarat, which was developed from local Prakrits and Sanskrit.

The state of Gujarat has been on the world map since ancient times.

The country's largest economy and a significant part of the country's population are both connected to

Gujarat has played a pioneering role in the country's economic development, and it was previously known as the 'Jewel of Western India' due to its economic prosperity.

Maharashtra Day 2024: May 1

Maharashtra Day, celebrated on May 1st every year, marks the creation of the state of Maharashtra in 1960.

Maharashtra Day celebrates the linguistic and cultural identity of the Marathi people.

The Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti (United Maharashtra Committee) formed in 1956 became the driving force behind the movement.

They advocated for a separate state encompassing Marathi-speaking regions that were then part of the Bombay State.

This included present-day Maharashtra, parts of Karnataka, and the Belgaum region.

Following the States Reorganisation Act of 1956, the Bombay State was dissolved on linguistic lines.

On May 1st, 1960, the independent state of Maharashtra was officially formed, marking a momentous occasion in the region's history.

141. Answer: E

Free hospitalisation benefits worth Rs 86,000 crore have been provided to beneficiaries of the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) since the scheme was rolled out in September 2018**.

More than 65 million people have so far benefited from the PMJAY scheme which offers Rs 5,00,000-a-year free health cover.

The scheme was made available for 107 million poor households in the country, roughly covering the bottom 40% of the population.

The **Centre launched the scheme on September 23, 2018,** to alleviate the suffering of the people due to the rising cost of healthcare.

People from **Tamil Nadu benefitted most under the scheme, followed by Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat**.

Key Highlights

More than 34.29 crore Ayushman Cards have been issued to beneficiaries so far. As many as 30,162 public and private hospitals are empanelled under PM-JAY.

According to a Niti Aayog report unveiled in October 2021, at least 30% of the population, or 400 million individuals – called the missing middle in this report – are devoid of any financial protection for health.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) scheme was launched on 23rd September, 2018 in Ranchi, Jharkhand by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.

About PM-JAY

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is the largest health assurance scheme in the world which aims at providing a health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 12 crores poor and vulnerable families (approximately 55 crore beneficiaries) that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population.

The households included are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) for rural and urban areas respectively.

M-JAY was earlier known as the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) before being rechristened. It subsumed the then existing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) which had been launched in 2008.

The coverage mentioned under PM-JAY, therefore, also includes families that were covered in RSBY but are not present in the SECC 2011 database. PM-JAY is fully funded by the Government and cost of implementation is shared between the Central and State Governments.

It covers up to 3 days of pre-hospitalization and 15 days post-hospitalization expenses such as diagnostics and medicines.

There is no restriction on the family size, age or gender. All pre–existing conditions are covered from day one.

The scheme is being implemented by the National Health Authority.

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142. Answer: A

NEFT - National Electronic Funds Transfer is an online payment system for transferring funds from one bank to another. Started in November 2005 established and maintained by Institute for Development and Research in Banking and Technology. NEFT is a 24*7 facility.

143. Answer: A

Nepal shall be the first country outside of India to adopt UPI as the payments platform driving the digitalization of cash transactions and furthering the vision and objectives of the Nepal Government and Nepal Rastra Bank as the Central bank.

144. Answer: E

Features of Demand Draft:

1). It is issued by one bank to another bank

2). It is only payable to the payee written on the demand draft and it is payable on demand.

3). The Purchaser of the DD need not be a Customer of the bank

4). DD cannot be stopped except by court order. The amount is refunded if DD is not delivered.

5). It is an Unconditional order of payment

145. Answer: D

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Carol Furtado as executive director for a 3-year term, effective from May 1, 2024.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved this appointment.

About Carol Furtado :

Furtado has been with Ujjivan Small Finance Bank since its inception, holding significant roles such as Chief Human Resource Officer, Head of Operations and Service Quality, and Chief Business Officer (CBO).

Prior to joining Ujjivan, Furtado worked at the ANZ group, Bank Muscat, and Centurion Bank Ltd.

She received the Financial Women's Association award from Women's World Banking in 2009, recognizing her professional achievements.

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited :

Founded : 1 February 2017

Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Ujjivan Financial Services holds an 80% stake in Ujjivan SFB.

The bank is licensed under Section 22(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, to conduct small finance bank business.

It obtained Scheduled Bank status from the RBI in August 2017.

146. Answer: D

The railways inked an agreement with a tech firm for "exploring and delivering" train collision avoidance system KAVACH implementation projects in India as well as other countries.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for this purpose was signed between RailTel

Corporation of India Limited and Quadrant Future Tek Limited.

KAVACH is an indigenously developed automatic train protection (ATP) system of the Indian Railways.

It is a highly technology-intensive system that requires safety certification of the highest order.

The Indian Railways is also marketing the system in other countries.

According to RailTel, implementation of KAVACH on the Indian Railways network is one of the priority areas of the national transporter.

The **system was adopted as a "National ATP System" by the Ministry of Railways in July 2020.**

Quadrant Future Tek Limited is under the process of final approval by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) as an OEM (original equipment manufacturer) for the KAVACH project

147. Answer: A

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Boeing Crew Flight Test** will launch **Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams** and her colleague **Butch Wilmore** on their **third space mission to the International Space Station (ISS).**
- The astronauts will launch aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft atop an Atlas V rocket

from **Cape Canaveral's Space Launch Complex-41** on May 7, 2024.

- This mission marks the **first crewed trip on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft** and its **third orbital flight test overall**.
- Previous orbital flight tests, **Boe-OFT** and **Boe-OFT 2**, were unmanned and conducted in 2019 and 2022, respectively.
- The CST-100 Starliner test mission follows years of delays and over $1 billion in cost overruns.

About Sunita Williams :

- Sunita Williams is of Indian-American and Slovene-American descent, born in **Euclid, Ohio.**
- She received her commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1987 and was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1998.
- Williams is a veteran of two space missions, serving as a flight engineer on **Expedition 32 and commander of Expedition 33**.
- She holds the record for the total cumulative spacewalk time by a female astronaut, with a total of **322 days spent in space** across her two previous missions.
- In Expedition 14/15, she set a world record for females with four spacewalks totalling 29 hours and 17 minutes.

Previous Missions of Sunita Williams:

- Williams launched with the crew of STS-116 to the ISS on December 9, 2006, as part of Expedition 14/15.
- In Expedition 32/33, she launched from the **Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan** on July 14, 2012, and returned after 127 days in space.

148. Answer: B

The Reserve Bank has allowed Quant Mutual Fund to hike its stake in RBL Bank to 9.98 per cent.

As of May 10, Quant MF, through its various schemes, owned 4.68 per cent equity share capital in the private sector lender.

The shareholding has to be increased by May 12, 2025.

RBL Bank, formerly known as Ratnakar Bank Limited, is an Indian private sector bank founded in 1943; its headquarters are in **Mumbai.**

149. Answer: A

The world wrestling governing body United World Wrestling (UWW) has provisionally suspended Tokyo bronze medallist Bajrang Punia till 31st December 2024.

The UWW has cited the suspension of Bajrang Punia by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) of India as the reason for the provisional suspension. It puts into jeopardy his participation in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

NADA provisionally suspended Bajrang Punia on 23 April 2024 after Bajrang Punia refused to give his sample for an anti-dope test.

Bajrang Punia is the first Indian wrestler to be ranked world no.1 and first to win four world championship medals. He won a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics.

150. Answer: B

The Madhya Pradesh state cooperative dairy federation, which sells milk and products under the hugely popular 'Sanchi' brand, has collaborated with the country's biggest cooperative Amul for expanding its operations and boost procurement from the farmers.

Sanchi procures only in the **20-25%** of milk producing region. The collaboration with Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) will help the state cooperative to expand operations to other parts of the state.

MP is the **third-biggest** milk producing state in the country. Sanchi purchases one million litres of milk from farmers mostly in the western region of the state such as Indore, Ujjain and Bhopal. Sanchi's overall procurement of milk is now growing at **7-8% annually.** It has six district unions – Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Bundelkhand, out of which Gwalior and Jabalpur are the unions where milk procurement has stagnated.

Currently, around 60-65% of **milk procurement by Amul is carried out in Gujarat and it is ranked as the eight-largest dairy organisation globally.**
The milk production in Rajasthan was 20.12 million tonnne (MT) in 2022-23 with the state contributing close to 9% of the country's milk output of 230.57 MT. Uttar Pradeshand Rajasthan have share of 15.71% (36.24 MT) and 14.4% (33.3 MT) in the
country's milk output respectively.

151. Answer: B
Zomato, a prominent food tech company, revealed that its **subsidiary Zomato Payments Private Limited (ZPPL) has chosen to voluntarily surrender the certificate of authorization** obtained from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function** as an **online payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlements Systems Act 2007.**
In connection with this decision, Zomato has incurred an impairment loss of **Rs 39 crore** for its investment in ZPPL, its fintech subsidiary.
The prepaid payment instrument license allowed Zomato to provide wallet and cash card services to its users, while the online payment aggregator license granted the platform greater control over payments on its platform, including those made through third-party apps.
While ZPPL has opted to surrender its online payment aggregator license, its other operations will persist.

To recall, Zomato had incorporated a wholly-owned subsidiary (ZPPL) in **August 2021** to comply with RBI regulations for payment aggregator services and payment gateway services.
The firm received the RBI's nod to carry out business as payment aggregator and issuer of pre-paid payment instruments in **January, 2024.**
What is payment aggregator?
A payment aggregator is a **third-party service provider that** enables customers to make and businesses to accept payments online.
Payment aggregators enable their clients to accept various payment methods such as **debit cards, credit cards, cardless EMIs, UPI, bank transfers, e-wallets, and e-mandates.**

152. Answer: E
Eminent English author Ruskin Bond was **awarded the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Fellowship at Mussoorie.**
Bond was named a recipient of Akademi's highest honour in September 2021.
However, due to his ill health, he could not be given the honour in person.
Born on 19 May 1934 in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh, Bond has been actively writing for more than 50 years and has written in various genres of literature, including short stories, children's books, novels, autobiographical works and non-fiction.
Bond, who has written over 300 short stories, essays and novels and more than 30 books for

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children besides several other works, is the recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1992, Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar in 2012, Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2019 among other prestigious awards.

About Sahitya Akademi Fellowship

The Sahitya Akademi Fellowship is a literary honour in India bestowed by the Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters.

It is the highest honour conferred by the Akademi on a living writer, the number of fellows at no time exceeding 21.

153. Answer: E

Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has launched a **mobile app, 'Saarthi 2.0', focused** on **personal finance for investors.**

The app provides comprehensive tools **aimed** at simplifying complex financial concepts and enhancing investor education.

Key Features of 'Saarthi 2.0' App:

User-Friendly Interface: The updated 'Saarthi' app introduces a user-friendly interface for investors.

Financial Calculators: The app includes financial calculators to assist users in various financial calculations.

Educational Modules: Modules within the app introduce and **explain KYC procedures, mutual funds, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), buying** and selling shares on stock exchanges, investor grievances redressal mechanism, and the **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform**.

Video Content: The app features a range of videos designed to aid investors in personal finance planning.

Empowerment of Investors: 'Saarthi' aims to empower investors with reliable insights into the securities market, assisting them in making informed financial decisions.

Target Audience and Purpose: The app is particularly useful for young investors who are at the beginning of their financial journey, providing them with essential tools and insights for investment planning.

It serves to connect with an investing public increasingly transacting over mobile phones.

Previous Version and Evolution : The first version of Saarthi was launched in **January 2022.**

It serves to connect with an **investing public increasingly transacting over mobile phones.**

154. Answer: D

India is set to host the prestigious annual general meeting (AGM) of the **International Air Transport Association** (IATA) **in 2025**, marking a significant milestone after 42 years.

Significance of the Event

The IATA AGM is widely regarded as one of the most significant events in the aviation industry's calendar, bringing together key stakeholders to

discuss pressing issues and innovations shaping the sector.

Host Airline and Venue

IndiGo, India's largest airline by market share, will serve as the host airline for the AGM and the accompanying World Air Transport Summit.

The event is scheduled to take place in Delhi from June 8 to 10, 2025.

Participation and Global Reach

With approximately 330 member airlines representing over 80% of global air traffic, the IATA AGM provides a platform for industry leaders to collaborate and strategize on key challenges and opportunities facing the aviation sector.

CEO's Perspective

IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers expressed pride in the airline's role as the host airline for the 81st IATA AGM, emphasizing their commitment to welcoming the global aviation community to Delhi in 2025.

Decision and Historical Context

The decision to host the 81st IATA AGM in India was made at the ongoing 80th IATA AGM in Dubai.

This will mark the third time that Delhi hosts the IATA AGM, with previous meetings held in 1958 and 1983.

Current Event in Dubai

The 80th IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit are currently taking place in Dubai, UAE, from June 2 to 4, 2024. This marks the first time the event is held in the UAE and is hosted by Emirates Airline.

155. Answer: A

According to the **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare,116,000 farmers** have voluntarily surrendered their benefits under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)** scheme during **June 2023 to May 2024 period** across the country.

Bihar leads the state in surrendering PM -Kisan scheme

Of the 116,000 farmers who have voluntarily given up the scheme maximum are from **Bihar** followed by **Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.**

Following are the top states where farmers have surrendered their PM-Kisan benefit

Bihar-.29176 farmer's families

Uttar Pradesh -26.593 farmer's families

Rajasthan -10,343 farmer's families

Maharashtra-7,825 farmer's families

Jharkhand- 6,215 farmer's families

Uttar Pradesh largest beneficiary of PM Kisan scheme

The farmers are paid **Rs 2000 each** in **three installments** by the government of India.

The **16th installment** was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **29 February 2024** directly to the bank account of **9.09 crore farmers.** Out of the 9.09 crore farmers, the maximum number of farmers were from **Uttar Pradesh.**

03 crore beneficiary farmers were in **Uttar Pradesh,**followed by **Maharashtra (**89.66 lakh farmers), **Madhya Pradesh** (79.93 lakh), **Bihar** (75.79 lakh) and **Rajasthan** (62.66 lakh).

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana (PM-KISAN)

To provide income support to the farmers of the country the government of India launched a **100 per cent** centrally sponsored scheme **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)**

It was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh** on **24 February 2019**.

The **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare,** Government of India, administers the PM-KISAN yojana in India.

What is the benefit of the scheme?

Under this scheme, eligible farmers receive **Rs 6000 per year** in their bank account from the Government of India in **three installments, every 4th month of the year.**

All installments falling due on or after **1st December 2019** are being paid only on the basis of the **Aadhaar authenticated bank data of beneficiaries.**

156. Answer: C

PV Sindhu, two-time Olympic medallist and world champion shuttler, has invested in and become the **brand ambassador for Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand.**

The collaboration aims to address micronutrient deficiencies in India through biofortified foods, benefiting both consumer health and farmer livelihoods.

The partnership between Sindhu and Greenday aims to improve consumer health and enhance farmer prosperity by promoting the nutritional value of staple crops.

About Greenday :

Founder & CEO : Prateek Rastogi

Greenday, founded by **Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad alumni Rastogi and Aishwarya Bhatnagar,** works with farmers to cultivate nutrient-dense crop varieties.

Retail Presence: Greenday operates around **75 agri-input stores and procurement centers** across India under the brand Greenday 'Kisan ki Dukan.'

Farming Approach: Greenday closely collaborates with farmers, educating, empowering, and incentivizing them to grow nutrient-rich crops.

Biofortified Crops: These crops are enriched with essential micronutrients such as iron, zinc, pro-vitamin A, calcium, and protein, promoting holistic human growth and development.

Farmer Incentives: Farmers receive premium prices for cultivating these nutrient-rich crops.

157. Answer: B

On World Environment Day, Secretary of MeitY, **Shri S Krishnan, inaugurated the Indigenous Air**

Quality Monitoring System (AQ-AIMS) and launched the Air-Pravah App.

Development and Collaboration

Development: The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Kolkata, in collaboration with TeXMIN (ISM, Dhanbad) and industry partner J M Envirolab Pvt Ltd, developed the outdoor air quality monitoring system.

Program: This development is part of the 'National Programme on Electronics and ICT Applications in Agriculture and Environment (AgriEnIcs).'

Features of AQ-AIMS

Parameters Monitored: The system monitors environmental pollutants, including PM 1.0, PM 2.5, PM 10, SO_2, NO_2, O_3, CO, CO_2, temperature, and humidity, providing continuous air quality monitoring.

Field Trials and Certification

Field Trials and Certification: After successful field trials and certification by the National Physical Laboratory, Delhi, and TUV India, Pune, the technology transfer partner M/s J M Envirolab Pvt Ltd is commercializing the system.

Cost-Effective Technology

Cost-Effective Solution: The AQ-AIMS technology offers a cost-effective alternative to conventional gold standard instruments, aligning with the 'Make in India' initiative.

Air-Pravah App

App Features: The AQ-AIMS is integrated with the Air-Pravah mobile application, which allows for real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) monitoring.

158. Answer: A

Mizoram's biggest festival Chapchar Kut celebrated with traditional enthusiasm and joy across the state.

On the occasion, thousands of people gathered at the **Assam Rifles Ground-Lammual in Aizawl.**

About the Festival :

The festival showcased the traditional and cultural richness of the Mizo community through the performance of songs and cultural dances.

This festival is celebrated every year on the **first Friday of the month of March.**

At the beginning of the year, Chapchar Kut is celebrated to thank God after the completion of the most difficult task of jhum cultivation – clearing the forest.

Chief Minister Lalduhoma stated that the age-old tradition of rendering selfless service to others– "Mizo Tlawmngaihna"–is a cornerstone of Mizo society.

Chapchar Kut has been celebrated since ancient times and in the olden days, it was celebrated for days and weeks.

About Mizoram :

Governor : Kambhampati Hari Babu

Chief Minister : Lalduhoma

Capital : Aizawl

National Park : Murlen National Park, Phawngpui National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary : Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary, Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary, Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary

159. Answer: C

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has teamed up with the Reliance Foundation and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation to introduce the "Let's Move India" campaign, encouraging everyone to rally behind the Olympians gearing up for the Paris Olympics.

Motivating Public Participation

This initiative aims to inspire the public to show their support for the athletes competing in the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris.

Social Media Challenge

Through a digital challenge on various social media platforms, the campaign extends an invitation to individuals across the nation to join in the celebration.

Partnership with Abhinav Bindra

Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist and a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission, has joined forces with the IOC for this endeavor.

Educational Collaboration

As part of the Olympic Values Education Programme, they will collaborate to engage educational institutions nationwide in this movement.

Global Impact

The IOC's 'Let's Move' campaign, initiated on Olympic Day, June 23, 2023, has garnered significant momentum, with over 1000 athletes and more than 1.5 million individuals worldwide participating in physical activities.

160. Answer: E

Researchers have discovered the world's deepest blue hole, called Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH), in Mexico.

A recent study published in Frontiers in Marine Science details the immense size of the Taam Ja' Blue Hole, located in Mexico's Chetumal Bay off the Yucatan Peninsula.

It has a staggering depth of 1,380 feet (420 meters), making it the deepest blue hole recorded.

Initially identified in 2021 with an estimated depth of 900 feet, it now holds the world record.

The blue hole surpasses the previous record holder, the Sansha Yongle Blue Hole, also known as the Dragon Hole in the South China Sea, by 480 feet.

Blue holes, also known as Karst formations, are geological wonders formed by the gradual dissolution of soluble bedrock such as limestone or gypsum, resulting in the creation of vertical caverns submerged beneath the ocean's surface.

Computer Knowledge

161. Answer: A

An NIC (network interface card) is the core piece of hardware used for networking connectivity. While traditionally associated with PCs, laptops, and servers, NICs can exist in almost any networked device including printers, telephones, and scanners.

162. Answer: E

Network Time Protocol (NTP) is a protocol designed to time-synchronize a network of machines. NTP runs on User Datagram Protocol (UDP), which in turn runs on IP. NTP Version 3 is documented in RFC 1305. This module describes how to configure Network Time Protocol on Cisco devices.

163. Answer: A

MIME - Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension. MIME protocol is not restricted to textual data only. With the help of the MIME protocol, we can send various types of data through the internet such as text, images, audio, videos, etc. The main usage of the MIME protocol in computer networks is to describe the content types of messages.

164. Answer: D

Graphics is an application program or collection of programs that enables a person to manipulate visual images on a computer system. Most graphics software have the ability to import and export one or more graphics file formats. E.g. DirectX, Adobe Photoshop, piZap, Microsoft Publisher, Picasa, etc.

165. Answer: A

The vector graphics is used to create graphics that need to be scaled. The nature of vector graphics, where each line, curve, shape, and color is mathematically defined, to creating images that can be scaled down for a business card or up for a billboard.

166. Answer: D

While using a ribbon increases discoverability of features and functions that enables quicker learning of the program as a whole and make user to control their experience in programs. They are three parts of ribbon such as tabs, groups and commands. This ribbon was first introduced in MS Office 2007.

167. Answer: C

Base represents the value of number which is uniquely identified it. Example: base value of binary represent as $(110)_2$

168. Answer: A

Decimal system consists of values ranging from 0 to 9. Hence the base value of decimal is 10. It is also known as positional value.

169. Answer: D
Binary number system represents only two values 0's and 1's which cannot take any other value. Hence it also called as computer coded language.

170. Answer: E
Home Tab consists of Clipboard (Cut, Copy, and Past(e), Font (Size, Colour, Bold, Italic, and Underlin(e), Paragraph (Bullets/ Numbering, Indent), Styles, and Editing (Find and Replac(e). It can be helps to change settings like font size, adding bullets, adjusting styles and some common features. It is the default tab return to the home of the document.

171. Answer: B
Presentation in a variety of settings and situations, use presentation software to make their presentations more interesting and professional. The first software displaying a presentation on a personal computer screen was VCN ExecuVision, developed in 1982. E.g. Microsoft PowerPoint Presentations, Lotus Freelance, etc.

172. Answer: C
Database Management System (DBMS) refers to the software that is responsible for sorting, maintaining and utilising a database. It enables a user to define, create and maintain the database and provide controlled access on it. E.g. Microsoft Access, MySQL, etc.

173. Answer: C
CorelDraw is a vector graphics editor developed and marketed by Alludo it's formerly Corel Corporation. It is also the name of the Corel graphics suite, which includes the bitmap-image editor Corel Photo-Paint as well as other graphics-related programs. It is a vector based graphics.

174. Answer: C
Invented in the year 1642 Biased Pascal, a French mathematician Pascaline. It was a limited positive numbers for calculations. Pascaline size is 36cm long, 13cm wide and 8cm high.

175. Answer: C
In 1673, a German mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz made improvements to pascal's instrument from gear to fluted drums. Reckoner size is 67cm long and attached two parallel parts front and rear.

176. Answer: A
The text box is one of the most common survey fields, widely used to collect different sorts of feedback. Text boxes are usually used to collect short answers from participants, in text form.

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They are two types such as vertical and horizontal. It is mainly used to collect short answer from user in text format.

177. Answer: D
Plotter is an output device which is used like a printer to print graphical output on paper with one or more automated pens. It is also called as large format or wide format printer.

178. Answer: B
Thread is also called as light weight process. Here the process can be split into many thread for their execution. Uses of threads are more efficient, more economical to create and allow utilization multiprocessor. For example: Web browsers, many tabs can be viewed as threads.

179. Answer: A
A dialog box is a common type of window in the GUI of an operating system. This box display additional information and ask user for input. They are three types of dialog box such as modal, modeless and system modal.

180. Answer: C
A search box or search field is a common graphical user interface design element, one which allows the user to enter letters, words and terms in a web search engine, database, website, archive, or list of options. Hence the users expect it to return content or options directly related to

their input.Ctrl+ F is the short cut key for search box.

181. Answer: A
Multi level is a paging scheme that consists of two or more levels of page tables in a hierarchical manner. It is also known as hierarchical paging. There are three levels such as in level one entries are pointer to level two, level two entries are pointer to level three and so on.

182. Answer: B
GUI defines Graphical User interface is a program that gives the user the ability to interact with the computer by using visuals, pointing devices and other symbols like icons, menus, etc. It was developed by Xerox, it was popularized by Apple Macintosh in 1980s.

183. Answer: A
UNIX also referred as UNICS (Uniplexed Information Computing System). UNIX is an operating system which was first developed in the 1970s by Dennis Ritchie and Ken Thompson, and has been under constant development ever since. UNIX, runs on the GUI interface and hence gives a user friendly experience. The most popular varieties of UNIX are Sun Solaris, Darwin and Mac OS.

184. Answer: E

It is the OS developed and sold by **Symbian** Ltd. It is an open source mobile OS designed for Smartphones. The latest version of Symbian is Nokia Belle (Symbian OS 10.1) which was released in October 2012.

185. Answer: B

The fork () command is a system call in UNIX based OS that creates a new processes by duplicating the calling processes. The new process is an exact copy of the parent, with its own address space and memory.

186. Answer: C

Reference tab can be stored in a master list and used to add in further documents. There are three types of inserting reference in shortcut keys such as Ctrl+ R+ F refers
insert a figure reference, Ctrl+ R+ E refers equation reference and Ctrl+ R+ T denotes table reference. It is the 5th tab in ribbon and contains six group of related commands.

187. Answer: B

The shortcut key to open the insert tab is Alt+ N. They are **seven** related commands in inset menu such as Pages, Tables, Illustrations, Links (Hyperlink, Book mark, and cross-reference, Header & Footer, Text, Symbols.

188. Answer: C

For the word document it contains 1.5 inches and for image they used 4:1 aspect ratio for fixed size. A header or footer is text or a graphic, such as a page number, a date, or a company logo, that is typically printed at the top or bottom of each page of a document. Here the header represents top of the page and footer refers bottom of the page.

189. Answer: E

Redo (Ctrl+Y) is an interaction technique which is implemented in many computer programs. It erases the last change done to the document, reverting it to an older state. In some more advanced programs, such as graphic processing, undo will negate the last command done to the file being edited.

190. Answer: D

Spreadsheets were developed as computerized analogs of paper accounting worksheets. It contains 1048576 rows and 16384 columns. Group of sheet is called as Workbook maximum limit of adding sheet in single workbook is 255 separate sheets.

191. Answer: B

F12 provide a set of tools that can use to design, debug, or view webpage source code and behavior. F12 tools can be opened in a separate window or pinned to the bottom of the webpage debugging. F12 can be used for open the save as dialog box to renaming the document.

192. Answer: A

Organize data in Notebook is one of the best features of OneNote. It allows you to store data in the form of Notebook. A notebook is made up of one or more sections, and each section contains the individual pages or subpages. In Notebook, we store information in the form of text, image, audio, and video.

193. Answer: C

The margins of the left page are a **mirror** image of those on the right page. That is, the inside margins are the same width and the outside margins are the same width. To set mirrored margins in Microsoft Word, click on Layout > Margins > Custom Margins. Under the dropdown for Multiple Pages, select Mirror Margins. Change the inside

margin to 1.5".

194. Answer: E

A **macro** is an automated input sequence that imitates keystrokes or mouse actions. A macro is typically used to replace a repetitive series of keyboard and mouse actions and used often in spreadsheets and word processing applications like MS Excel and MS Word.

195. Answer: C

Orange is a **C++** core object and routines library that incorporates a huge variety of standard and non-standard machine learning and data mining

algorithms. It is an open-source data visualization, data mining, and machine learning tool.

196. Answer: B

Grey color code is also known as Jumpers. The National Electrical Code states that grey wire must be used for neutral conductors. These wires may still carry power that can give an electric shock and injure you. Neutral wires deliver power back to the service panel.

197. Answer: D

Microsoft's **Windows 2** succeeded Windows 1 in December 1987, two years after its introduction. Windows 2's major advancements included the ability for windows to overlap one another as well as the option to minimize or maximize them rather than "iconizing" or "zooming."

198. Answer: B

International Business Machine (**IBM**) was the first company introduced this concept. BCD is easy to construct instructions and it takes more time for execution.

199. Answer: A

MBR is also known as Memory data register. It contains the copy of the value in memory location which is specified in memory address register upto **16** bits. Cache memory is high speed to

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store data constantly but the buffer register is temporary to store the data.

200. Answer: B

The data centre **switch** is a multiport network bridge designed to build a network connection in data centre that allows receiving, processing and routing of data from one destination to another. The access switches are not high powered but the number of switches is high over a multilayer network for core and distributed layers.