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Instructions

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

Question 1

Verbatim

- A Exactly
- B Virtually
- C Carelessly
- D Loosely

Answer: A

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Question 2

Temerity

- A Boldness
- B Cowardice
- C Distrust
- D Uncertainty

Answer: A

Question 3

Ruck

- A Straighten
- B Mass
- C Unbend
- D Leave

Answer: B

Instructions

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

Question 4

Rueful

- A Contrite
- B Regretful

- C Defiant
- D Dolent

Answer: C

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Question 5

Penury

- A Dearth
- B Need
- C Wealth
- D Adversity

Answer: C

Question 6

Overweening

- A Arrogant
- B Haughty
- C Brash
- D Modest

Answer: D

Instructions

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Question 7

Play one's ace

- A To fight vehemently
- B To use one's best weapon or resource
- C To win something
- D To depend on chance

Answer: B

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Question 8

Aid and abet

- A To relieve someone of their duties

- B** To help someone to commit a crime
- C** To be charitable
- D** To waste money

Answer: B

Question 9

All over hell's half acre

- A** Degrad ing oneself
- B** Everywhere
- C** To own a large piece of land
- D** To be sinful

Answer: B

Question 10

An arrow in the quiver

- A** Strategies that can be followed
- B** Being vengeful
- C** Extremely old fashioned
- D** Types of weapons in one 's possession

Answer: A

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Question 11

Like a shag on a rock

- A** Completely alone
- B** Being sharp
- C** Highly respected
- D** To be confused

Answer: A

Question 12

Asleep at the wheel

- A** Feeling sleepy during travelling
- B** Making money easily
- C** Not attentive to one's duties

D To meet with an accident

Answer: C

Question 13

The eyes have it

A Everything is in synchronisation

B The affirmative votes are in the majority

C The agreement of the superior

D Mob rule

Answer: B

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Question 14

Dust and ashes

A Something very simple

B Something that is very disappointing

C The death of someone

D Explosion

Answer: B

Question 15

Be full of beans

A To be productive

B Full of energy and life

C To have a lot of food prepared

D To work at a farm

Answer: B

Question 16

To get more kicks than half pence

A To be physically strong

B Harsh treatment than rewards

C To give more than what one have

D To be happy

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

Question 17

Fear of riding in a car

- A Astrophobia
- B Amaxophobia
- C Cacophobia
- D Genophobia

Answer: B

Question 18

Loss of speech due to medical problem

- A Anorexia
- B Anosmia
- C Aphasia
- D Hypogeusia

Answer: C

Question 19

Place where cows are sheltered

- A Pyre
- B Dyke
- C Byre
- D Convey

Answer: C

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Question 20

Palm reading

- A Bibliomancy
- B Logomancy
- C Chiromancy
- D Amniomancy

Answer: C

Question 21

To atone for one's sins

- A Deprecate
- B Effeminate
- C Expiate
- D Expatriate

Answer: C

Question 22

A low level tract of uncultivated grassland

- A Island
- B Peninsula
- C Meadow
- D Oasis

Answer: C

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Question 23

Egg-laying mammal

- A Corpus
- B Platypus
- C Rhizopus
- D Octopus

Answer: B

Question 24

Food for farm animals

- A Glutton
- B Leer
- C Provender
- D Parasol

Answer: C

Question 25

Existing only in name

- A Titular
- B Gratis
- C Intestate
- D Indelible

Answer: A

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Question 26

A stand having three legs

- A Triptan
- B Tripod
- C Triver
- D Tricot

Answer: B

Question 27

One extremely fond of one's wife

- A Umbrian
- B Uxorious
- C Uriel
- D Uther

Answer: B

Question 28

Evening prayer in a church

- A Vespid
- B Vesper
- C Vesture
- D Vestiges

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, four words have been given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

Question 29

- A Camarderie
- B Camouflage
- C Capricious
- D Carnivorous

Answer: A

Question 30

- A Desiccation
- B Disparaging
- C Dilapidated
- D Diminution

Answer: A

Question 31

- A Exasperated
- B Excruciating
- C Exaggeration
- D Exultation

Answer: B

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Instructions

In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Question 32

We must insist that free oratory is only the beginning of free speech, it is not the end, but a _____ to an end.

- A medium
- B middle
- C trail
- D means

Answer: D

Question 33

India is rushing headlong towards economic success and modernisation, counting on hightech industries such as information technology and biotechnology to _____ the nation to prosperity.

- A protect
- B protract
- C propel
- D prob

Answer: C

Question 34

It is true that transgenic plants can offer a range of benefits which are above and beyond those who _____ from more traditional innovations in cultivation.

- A enacted
- B entwined
- C elected
- D emerged

Answer: D

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Question 35

There is absolutely no point in complaining that over the years, there has been _____ for increased productivity and higher earnings for workers in industry.

- A urge
- B force
- C pressure
- D limit

Answer: C

Question 36

Pidgins are languages that are not acquired as mother tongue and that are used for a _____ set of communicative functions.

- A restricted
- B spacious
- C still
- D many

Answer: A

Instructions

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

Question 37

Terminals are locations where passengers (1)/ and freight can be transferred (2)/ from one vehicle or mode to others. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: C

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Question 38

Public attention in the developed world has (1)/ recently focused on asthma because of its (2)/ rapidly increasing prevalence, effecting up to one in four urban children. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: C

Question 39

In Spiritualism, it is a part of services (1)/ to communicate with life (2)/ personalities in the spirit world. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 40

In Marxist philosophy, the bourgeoisie (1)/ are the social class that came to own (2)/ the means of production during industrialization. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2

C 3

D 4

Answer: B

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Question 41

An atom is a smallest constituent unit (1)/ of ordinary matter that has the (2)/ properties of a chemical element. (3)/ No Error (4)

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 4

Answer: A

Question 42

Unlike a liquid, a solid object (1)/ do not flow to take on (2)/ the shape of its container. (3)/ No Error (4)

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 4

Answer: B

Question 43

Sulphur, while usually polycrystalline, (1)/ may also occur of other (2)/ allotropic forms with completely different properties. (3)/ No Error (4)

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 4

Answer: B

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Question 44

Metals can be hammered or press permanently (1)/ out of shape (2)/ without breaking or cracking. (3)/ No Error (4)

A 1

- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: A

Question 45

In nineteenth century, astronomical research (1)/ was focused on the routine work of compute (2)/ the motions of astronomical objects. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 46

Clean air scatters blue light much than red wavelength, (1)/ and so the midday (2)/ sky appears blue. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: A

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Question 47

Most optical phenomena (1)/ can be accounting for using (2)/ the classical electromagnetic description of light. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 48

A telescope's light gathering power and ability (1)/ to resolve small detail (2)/ is directly related to the diameter of their objective. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1

- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: C

Question 49

Aeronautical charts are for visual meteorological conditions (1)/ depicts terrain, geographic features, (2)/ navigational aids and other aids to navigation. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

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Question 50

The imperial period of Rome (1)/ lasted approximately 1,500 year compared (2)/ to the 500 years of the Republican era. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 51

Horror movies tends to be a vessel (1)/ for showing eras of issues across the globe (2)/ visually and in the most effective manner. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: A

Question 52

It was during the reign of Elizabeth I (1)/ that "Britannia" came to be view (2)/ as a personification of Britain. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1

- B 2
- C 3
- D 4



Answer: B

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Question 53

Hoplite soldiers utilised the phalanx formation (1)/ of order to be effective in war (2)/ with fewer soldiers. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 54

Evidence from 30,000 years ago in Europe (1)/ reveal starch residue on rocks (2)/ used for pounding plants. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Question 55

Gluten gives elasticity to dough, (1)/ keeps its shape and often give (2)/ the final product a chewy texture. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

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Question 56

Regional anaesthesia blocks transmission of nerve impulses (1)/ among a targeted part of the body (2)/ and the central nervous system. (3)/ No Error (4)

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

Answer: B

Instructions

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

Passage:

The need of the hour is to _____ value based education. The stress should be on the values such as patience, honesty, tolerance, sympathy, and love for fellow brethren and sisters. The students must be indoctrinated to keep values as _____ priority. The youngsters need not only to be taught how to develop their skills, talents, and abilities, they must also be taught how to use these skills, talents and abilities for the _____ and betterment of all. Once values become everyone's priority in life, all the negative aspects of life will automatically _____. The world _____ needs people with high values to make it a better place to live in.

Question 57

The need of the hour is to _____ value based education.

- A impart
- B suspect
- C retreat
- D reject

Answer: A

Question 58

The students must be indoctrinated to keep values as _____ priority.

- A mere
- B top
- C low
- D rare

Answer: B

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Question 59

They must also be taught how to use these skills, talents and abilities for the _____ and betterment of all.

- A loss
- B misfortune

- C welfare
- D detriment

Answer: C

Question 60

All the negative aspects of life will automatically _____.

- A dwindle
- B develop
- C expand
- D enlarge

Answer: A

Question 61

The world _____ needs people with high values

- A direly
- B hardly
- C abnormally
- D absently

Answer: A

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Instructions

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

Passage:

Education is the most important and _____ tool for women empowerment. It makes women aware of their rights and responsibilities. Educational achievements of a woman can have _____ effects for the family and across generations. Most of the girls drop out of schools due to the unavailability of separate toilets for them. The recently launched 'Swachh Bharat Mission' focusing on _____ sanitation facilities in schools and every rural household by 2019, can prove to be very _____ in bringing down the _____ of girls dropping out of school.

Question 62

Education is the most important and _____ tool for

- A indispensable
- B needless
- C redundant
- D peripheral

Answer: A

Question 63

achievements of a woman can have _____ effects for the

- A ripple
- B relentless
- C harsh
- D stringent

Answer: A

Question 64

focusing on _____ sanitation facilities in schools

- A depriving
- B improving
- C residing
- D resisting

Answer: B

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Question 65

can prove to be very _____ in

- A significant
- B meaningless
- C dominant
- D buoyant

Answer: A

Question 66

bringing down the _____ of girls dropping out of school.

- A cost
- B rate
- C profit
- D price

Answer: B

Instructions

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

Passage:

When it comes to thinking about how to be happier, many of us _____ about taking more vacations or finding ways to avoid _____ tasks. We may dream about _____ housework and instead doing something fun and _____. However, tasks which don't make us happy can, over the time, add up to a meaningful life. Even routine activities like talking on the phone, cooking, cleaning, housework, meditating, emailing, praying, waiting for others, and balancing finances appear to bring more _____ to people's lives, but not happiness in the moment.

Question 67

many of us _____ about taking more vacations

- A fantasise
- B realise
- C downsize
- D synthesize

Answer: A

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Question 68

taking more vacations or finding ways to avoid _____ tasks.

- A exciting
- B mundane
- C fresh
- D special

Answer: B

Question 69

We may dream about _____ housework

- A skipping
- B interloping
- C clipping
- D unwrapping

Answer: A

Question 70

housework and instead doing something fun and _____.

- A pleasurable
- B regrettable
- C inimitable
- D excusable

Answer: A

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Question 71

balancing finances appear to bring more _____ to people's lives

- A meaning
- B denotation
- C inference
- D quotation

Answer: A

Instructions

The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. These sentences, when properly sequenced form a coherent paragraph. Select the most logical order of sentences from among the options.

Question 72

P: The triumph came against formidable hurdles and in the absence of any expectations.

Q: Indian women were never the favourites, going into the tournament ranked 12th in the world and fourth in Asia — behind World No. 8 China, Korea, and Japan.

R: India may have won the final of the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament against China in a penalty shootout, but it was a fully deserving victory.

S: Throughout their campaign in Japan, team members played out of their skin to register the win, which has secured them a spot in next year's World Cup emphatically on merit, not as wild-card entrants.

- A RSPQ
- B SPQR
- C PQRS
- D SQPR

Answer: A

Question 73

P: Chennai and its sprawl extending to two neighbouring districts should return to the traditional wisdom of creating tanks and lakes for water storage, and rejuvenating old silted ones, in order to harvest the floods and replenish depleted groundwater.

Q: The finding from one study in 2013 shows that 27 tanks have totally disappeared and another 100 are in a state of neglect.

R: This underscores the need to revive such natural sponges.

S: Inviting the community to monitor the health of the tanks and lakes can keep out encroachers, who are often protected by patron-politicians.

- A SQRP
- B PQRS
- C RPQS
- D RPSQ

Answer: B

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Question 74

P: However, Indian girls have not matched this rate of access to education.

Q: Still the Indian girl child who has been deprived of this gift, as largely girls are not considered worthy of literacy.

R: The power of education in transforming communities is a gift that has changed India in the last few decades.

S: India has seen a substantial increase in primary school enrolment due to the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009.

A QPRS

B PRQS

C RQSP

D SRQP

Answer: C

Question 75

P: All Indian water bodies within and near population centres are now grossly polluted with organic and hazardous pollutants.

Q: India is now facing a water situation that is significantly worse than any that previous generations have had to face.

R: That's why Interstate disputes over river waters are becoming increasingly intense and widespread.

S: Not a single Indian city can provide clean water that can be consumed from the tap on a 24×7 basis.

A RPSQ

B RQPS

C RSPQ

D QPSR

Answer: D

Question 76

P: There is a glimmer of hope with India registering a slight drop in the number of new tuberculosis cases and TB deaths in 2016 compared with 2015.

Q: Incidence estimates for India were considered interim, pending a national TB prevalence survey scheduled for 2017-2018.

R: In terms of mortality, the drop was from 0.51 million in 2015 to 0.43 million in 2016.

S: From an estimated 2.84 million new cases in 2015, the number dropped marginally to 2.79 million in 2016, according to the World Health Organisation's Global tuberculosis report, 2017.

A RQPS

B PSQR

C SPQR

D SRQP

Answer: B

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Question 77

P: People today are so driven towards their personal goals that civic sense as an ethic has become a low priority, almost nuisance.

Q: This attitude cuts across all ranks and sections.

R: We don't think it deserves much importance.

S: Civic sense or rather the lack of it has been widely discussed and somehow it is an undisputed fact that we Indians don't seem to care much for it.

- A RQPS
- B QSRP
- C RPQS
- D SQRP

Answer: D

Question 78

P: First impressions count, and the first impression that a potential employer will have of you is going to depend on how you present your resume.

Q: The statistics are that the average employer only spends a few seconds looking at it, so it is imperative that it makes an impression.

R: Nobody can ever underestimate how important it is to have a good resume.

S: This is going to be your one and only chance to capture a potential employer's attention, or for your resume to be tossed into the file of those they don't want to pursue.

- A RPQS
- B QSPR
- C SRPQ
- D SQRP

Answer: A

Question 79

P: The growing popularity of computer, video games and television makes the children very inactive in their lifestyles.

Q: The time spent in these things may be spent in some physical activities.

R: Parents should be a role model for their children.

S: If the parents are looking very active, the children are more likely to be more active and will stay active for the rest of their life.

- A SQRP
- B RPQS
- C PQRS
- D QSRP

Answer: C

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Question 80

P: However, a person's specific daily calorie intake can vary depending on their age, gender, and physical activity level.

Q: The average person needs to eat about 2,000 calories every day to maintain their weight.

R: Your body uses calories from food for walking, thinking, breathing, and other important functions.

S: The number of calories in food is a measurement of the amount of energy stored in that food.

A RQPS

B PQRS

C PSRQ

D SRQP

Answer: D

Question 81

P: How do you find a mate when you are just two centimetres in size and there aren't many who match your profile?

Q: Now, scientists have discovered that the loudspeakers they make are almost maximally optimised for the purpose at hand: transform any given leaf into the best 'amplifier' it could be.

R: But the tiny tree crickets have taken this a step further: they amplify their mating calls using loudspeakers that they themselves build using leaves.

S: An old trick is to draw attention to oneself by creating a lot of noise.

A PSRQ

B QRSP

C PQRS

D SRQP

Answer: A

Question 82

P: The list also includes antibiotics and disinfectants, the use of which can stave off killers like sepsis and meningitis.

Q: The 10 critical products that hospitals must stock to save newborns include a piece of cloth to keep a baby warm and close to the mother to encourage breastfeeding.

R: The biggest cause of death is premature birth, while the second is complications like asphyxia during delivery.

S: But other solutions will need greater investment.

A SPQR

B QPSR

C PSRQ

D SRPQ

Answer: B

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Question 83

P: First, with the discovery of the planet Kepler 90i, orbiting the star Kepler 90, we now know of another star besides the Sun that has eight planets orbiting it.

Q: But this announcement of the discovery of two new exoplanets, Kepler-90i and Kepler-80g by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

R: Second, Christopher Shallue, a software engineer at Google, and Andrew Vanderburg, of the University of Texas, Austin, have discovered it using a deep learning neural network — an artificial intelligence tool that mimics the workings of a human brain.

S: Exoplanets, or planets outside our solar system, are routinely being discovered, with the number of those that have already been found now standing at 3,567.

A SRQP

B PQRS

C QRSP

D SQPR

Answer: D

Question 84

P: The funds are intended to offset the loss of wages due to TB and to help with travel and nutrition.

Q: The Central TB Division has said the government would hand over a sum of 500 rupees a month to each of India's 35 lakh diagnosed TB patients in order to strengthen the fight against the disease.

R: An early study from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany in the 1940s showed that Soviet inmates, who didn't receive extra rations from the Red Cross as their British counterparts did, were around 16 times more likely to develop the disease.

S: Yet, much more needs to be done to protect TB patients from the effects of malnutrition, which has a complicated relationship with TB.

A PQSR

B RSQP

C QPSR

D SPRQ

Answer: C

Question 85

P: This time the court will have to do more than pronounce on whether the provision discriminates against men on the basis of gender and gives an unconstitutional exemption to women.

Q: It has further noted that in a case of adultery, one person is liable for the offence but the other is absolved and that the concept of gender neutrality, on which criminal law normally proceeds, is absent.

R: By agreeing to have another look at the constitutional validity of Section 497 of the Indian Penal Code, under which men can be prosecuted for adultery, the Supreme Court has re-opened a question that has been decided thrice in the past.

S: While agreeing to issue the notice to the government, the Bench has observed that the provision is archaic.

- A PRQS
- B RPSQ
- C SQRP
- D QRSP

Answer: D

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Question 86

P: One lakh rupees invested in Bitcoin in 2010 would be worth a few hundred crore rupees today.

Q: In fact, all it took for the currency to reach \$11,000 after breaching the \$10,000 mark was a single day.

R: In 2017 alone, Bitcoin price has increased by over 1000%.

S: That is the kind of extraordinary return the digital currency has given to investors as its price has witnessed a meteoric rise, from just a few cents in 2010 to hit a lifetime high of over \$11,000 last week.

- A PSRQ
- B QRSP
- C SPQR
- D QPRS

Answer: A

Question 87

P: Even the periodic directions of the Supreme Court in a public interest case, *Dr. S. Rajasekaran v. Union of India*, have not produced any dramatic change in the official attitude.

Q: But as anyone who uses India's roads knows only too well, that is not an administrative priority.

R: The most effective measure to keep roads safe is enforcement of rules with zero tolerance to violations.

S: Despite the court setting up the Committee on Road Safety and appointing an amicus curiae to help implement its recommendations, it is mostly business as usual for the police in enforcing road rules, for engineers tasked with forming roads and pavements, and transport officials in charge of licensing.

- A RQPS
- B PQRS
- C PSRQ
- D QRSP

Answer: A

Question 88

P: But it is the conflict between the massive scope for progress provided by the digital era and the fear of loss of individual autonomy that is foregrounded in any debate about data protection laws.

Q: It also enhanced the perils of unregulated and arbitrary use of personal data.

R: Unauthorised leaks, hacking, and other cyber crimes have rendered data bases vulnerable.

S: The dawn of the information age opened up great opportunities for the beneficial use of data.

A QSPR

B PQRS

C SQRP

D QRSP

Answer: C

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Question 89

P: A few months ago, the court had sought the Centre's response to a petition filed in public interest by former Union Law Minister Ashwani Kumar, who complained about the delay in India ratifying the UN Convention, which it had signed in 1997.

Q: The Union government has informed the Supreme Court that it is seriously considering the 273rd Report of the Law Commission, which has recommended that India ratify the United Nations Convention against Torture and pass a law to prevent torture and punish its perpetrators.

R: The court disposed off the matter without any direction after being informed that the matter was under serious consideration.

S: The petition had also favoured a standalone legislation to prohibit torture.

A SRQP

B RQPS

C SPQR

D QPSR

Answer: D

Question 90

P: They are moving ahead with specific instruments for loss and damage they suffer due to destructive climate-linked events.

Q: Early studies also suggest that it is on track to achieve the national pledge under the 2015 Paris Agreement for a 33-35% cut in emissions intensity per unit of growth from the same base year by 2030, and thus heed the 2°C warming goal.

R: As the 23rd conference of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn shifts into high gear, developing countries including India are focussing on the imperatives of ensuring adequate financing for mitigation and adaptation.

S: India's progress in reducing the intensity of its greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP by 20-25% from 2005 levels by 2020, based on the commitment made in Copenhagen in 2009 has been positive.

A RPSQ

B PQRS

C SRPQ

D QRSP

Answer: A

Question 91

P: Delhi's air quality deteriorates with unflinching regularity, with large swathes of north India in the grip of suffocating smog, but the State governments that can make it easier for millions to breathe do not act with any sense of urgency.

Q: The smog that envelops the region is exacerbated by the burning of biomass in Punjab and Haryana, and the winter atmosphere is marked by weak ventilation.

R: It is unconscionable for governments, through indifference and inaction, to subject citizens to such toxic air, and cause extreme suffering especially among people with respiratory ailments and impaired lung function.

S: It has turned into a public health emergency in the capital, with the air quality index touching extremely hazardous levels in some parts, necessitating the closure of primary schools, has further lowered its standing.

A RSQP

B PSRQ

C SRQP

D RQPS

Answer: B

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Instructions

Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Question 92

The research efforts by the Danish Carlsberg scientists (great accelerated) the increase in knowledge about yeast and brewing.

A great acceleration

B greatly accelerate

C greatly accelerated

D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 93

In Mesopotamia, the brewer's craft was (the only) profession which derived social sanction and divine protection from female deities.

A only

B an only

C a only

D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 94

Amylase is present in the saliva of humans and some mammals, where (it began) the chemical process of digestion.

A it begins

B it beginning

C it begin

D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 95

The phobia typically results in a rapid onset of fear and is present (for much than) six months.

A for much then

B from more than

C for more than

D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 96

Systematic desensitization is a process in which the patients seeking help slowly (became accustomed) to their phobia.

A becomes accustomed

B becomes accustom

C become accustomed

D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 97

Organic farming in general features practices that (strive in) cycle resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity.

A strive of

B strive off

C strive to

D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 98

Contemporary and historic views regarding diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of medical conditions (have been document) for thousands of years.

- A have been documented
- B have document
- C have being documented
- D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 99

In open access publishing, a journal article (were made) available free for all on the web by the publisher.

- A is make
- B making
- C is made
- D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 100

Some forms of feminism have been criticized (for take into) account only white, middle class, and college-educated perspectives.

- A to take in
- B for taking into
- C to take into
- D No improvement

Answer: B

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Question 101

Full cultural assimilation occurs when new members of a society become indistinguishable (off) members of the other group.

- A of
- B from
- C for more than

D No improvement

Answer: B

Question 102

Human activity since the Industrial Revolution (have increased) the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

A has increased

B have increasing

C have increase

D No improvement

Answer: A

Question 103

Nitrous oxide (has significant) medical uses, especially in surgery and dentistry, for its anaesthetic and pain reducing effects.

A have significant

B significance

C has significance

D No improvement

Answer: D

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Question 104

Unlike a merchant ship, which carries cargo, a warship typically (only carry) weapons, ammunition and supplies for its crew.

A only carrying

B carrying only

C carries only

D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 105

The modern torpedo is a self-propelled weapon with an explosive warhead, (launched) above or below the water surface.

A were launch

B launching

C are launching

D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 106

Oxygen is an oxidizing agent that readily forms oxides (with more) elements as well as with other compounds.

A with most

B for more

C of more

D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 107

Reports on Indian rhinoplasty performed by a Kumhar vaidya (were published) in the Gentleman's Magazine in 1794.

A publishing

B was published

C is been published

D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 108

Eastern North American tribes historically (smoked) tobacco both socially and ceremonially, to seal a peace treaty or trade agreement.

A smokes

B has smoked

C was smoking

D No improvement

Answer: D

Question 109

Much of the progress in India, especially in higher education and scientific research, (have been credited) to various public institutions.

A have credited

B has credited

C has been credited

D No improvement

Answer: C

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Question 110

In physiology, dehydration is a deficit of total body water (with a accompanying) disruption of metabolic processes.

A with an accompanying

B to a accompanying

C with accompany

D No improvement

Answer: A

Question 111

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grand children is not money or other material things (accumulate in) one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.

A accumulate of

B accumulating

C accumulated in

D No improvement

Answer: C

Question 112

When a person is angry and he (instant become) silent, the mind then takes a new pace.

A instantly becomes

B instant becoming

C instantly become

D No improvement

Answer: A

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Question 113

Sri Ramakrishna always (stress on) realisation or spiritual awakening where every dispute on God and religion gets entirely silenced.

A stressed on

B stressed

C stressing on

D No improvement

Answer: A

Instructions

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives.

Passage:

In 1979, there was no liberalisation; there were few multinationals and not many billionaires. 'Social work' was done by activists in the field, and affluent men and women in cities 'gave to charity.' The norm in the social sector was to look at everything from the lens of 'but India is a poor country.' Child labour, for example, was accepted as a necessary evil that helped poor families survive. Concepts like social entrepreneurship, philanthropy and impact investing were unknown. Into that world came Rippan — no connections, no wealth, not even a freedom struggle background, a regular middle-class guy, with a regular middle-class job but with an unshakeable conviction that Indian children were India's responsibility. He was about to set up an organisation that would seek to engage every citizen in the struggle for justice for children. Here was a group of people who talked of large-scale impact, of funding individuals and groups that would work all over India. CRY not only survived Rippan's premature death, it grew and changed. In 1989, CRY's mission and values also struck a chord with top-notch professionals, who gave up jobs to take home salaries of ₹2,000 to ₹3,500 a month. Today, the development sector in India and abroad is full of people who grew up in what I like to call the CRY School of Social Work and Management. People who discovered their calling in CRY and have gone on to do seminal work across the globe with their own initiatives for change. Shantha Sinha, who pioneered work in eradicating child labour in Andhra Pradesh, came to Rippan after every funding door had closed. She got a 'yes' and an immediate cheque for the funds she needed to start her work which, today, has been replicated globally. Andal Damodaran of the Indian Council for Child Welfare in Chennai, Gloria D'Souza, who founded Parisar Asha in Mumbai, Zakiya and John Kurrien of The Centre for Learning Resources in Pune, innovators in transforming education for children from adverse backgrounds — all of them were similarly supported. Rippan's approach was simple: "What I can do, I must do." His allegiance clear: "CRY is my home, family and life." His heart belonged to children. Just an hour or so before he died, when one of his oldest and dearest colleagues asked him how he was feeling, he said, "I can see the faces of smiling children outside my window." I cannot think of a better way to leave the planet.

Question 114

Which world is being talked about in the first sentence of the second para of the passage?

A World of rich people

B World of religious people

C World with no liberalisation, less millionaires and lesser ways to help others

D World where people used to help needy ones enthusiastically and with much reverence

Answer: C

Question 115

CRY was formed to help

A Children

B Old age people

C Acid attack survivors

D Widows

Answer: A

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Question 116

What is the better way for the author to leave this planet?

- A To be able to see the people smiling because of you before you are dying.
- B To enjoy all luxuries of life before dying.
- C To be able to get recognition of successful entrepreneur before dying.
- D To die without any expectations.

Answer: A

Question 117

What Rippan's conviction intended to?

- A Help children reach school
- B Form organisation for the justice for children
- C Protest against the government
- D Get better care for children

Answer: B

Question 118

How Rippan felt about his life at his death?

- A Disappointing life full of regrets
- B Anger against the government
- C Yearning for more
- D Satisfied with the happiness of children

Answer: D

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Instructions

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives.

Passage:

There is exciting news for butterfly enthusiasts. By studying 207 species of butterflies, scientists have created an evolutionary tree painting the detailed picture of butterfly relationships and evolution over time. An international team of lepidopterists carried out DNA studies and carbon dating analysis to understand the age and characteristics of butterflies. By comparing and merging previous studies on butterflies, the researchers were able to create the new bigger and better evolutionary tree. "We still have a long way to go, but this is the first comprehensive map of butterfly evolution," said Akito Y. Kawahara, associate professor at the Florida Museum of Natural History in a release. "Lots of previous studies cover butterfly evolution on smaller scales — by locality or taxon — but surprisingly few have reached across the breadth of butterfly diversity." Dr. Kawahara is the corresponding author of the paper published in Current Biology. The report also supported

previous studies that butterflies originated around 119 million years ago in the late Cretaceous period. After the mass extinction (65 million years ago), most of the butterflies diverged into many different groups. The butterfly species were placed in seven groups — Papilionidae, Hedyliidae, Hesperidae, Pieridae, Riodinidae, Lycaenidae and Nymphalidae. "Our analyses support swallowtails (Papilionidae) as sister to all other butterflies, followed by skippers (Hesperidae) and the nocturnal butterflies (Hedyliidae) as sister to the remainder," says the report. The whites (Pieridae) were supported as sister to brush-footed butterflies (Nymphalidae), blues and metalmarks (Lycaenidae and Riodinidae). Previously, swallowtails and birdwings were believed to have a common ancestor but the new study showed that they feed on different plants. "That tells us that butterflies and plants may have evolved together," Dr.Kawahara added. They also studied the association of butterflies with ants. Some butterfly larvae secrete sugars that serve as a meal for ants and the ant in return protects the larva from other predators. This is a well-studied symbiotic relationship. The scientists report that most of the blue butterflies and hairstreaks and some of the metalmark butterflies exhibit this behaviour. "We [India] have about one fifth of the known moths and butterflies represented in Indian collections (3,800 out of an estimated 20,000 species). The only way they could undertake the study was the fact that they have access to a good collection. We lack this in India," explained Smetacek.

Question 119

Who are referred to as Lepidopterists?

- A Those who study or collect butterflies and moths.
- B Those who do study on ants.
- C Those who do study on birds
- D Those who do study on plant eaters.

Answer: A

Question 120

When did the mass extinction of butterflies happen?

- A 65 million years ago
- B 207 million years ago
- C 119 million years ago
- D 380 million years ago

Answer: A

Question 121

Which group of butterflies is known as nocturnal butterflies?

- A Hesperidae
- B Nymphalidae
- C Hedyliidae
- D Papilionidae

Answer: C

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Question 122

Which group of butterflies along with bird wings feed on different plants which were believed to have common ancestor in past?

- A Riodinidae
- B Lycaenidae
- C Hesperiiidae
- D Papilionidae

Answer: D

Question 123

Symbiotic relationship is shown most by

- A Lycaenidae & Ridnidae
- B Ridnidae & Hairstreaks
- C Lycaenidae & Hairstreaks
- D Hesperiiidae & Hedyliidae

Answer: C

Instructions

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives.

Passage:

A plant species that has outlived the dinosaurs, the *Cycas circinalis*, a 'living fossil' found only in the Western Ghats, faces the threat of extinction due to the overharvesting of its leaves for commercial purposes. While there are nine species of *Cycas* found across the country, almost all of which are classified as being endangered, the *Cycas circinalis*, found at altitudes between 1,500 and 1,800 meters, has traditionally been used by tribal communities for a variety of purposes. In the Nilgiris and other parts of the Western Ghats, where the plant is found, the seed is sometimes soaked in water (to remove a strong poison contained within) and ground into flour, after which it is eaten, while the seed is also said to be used in traditional, indigenous medicine. However, over the last few decades, the leaves of the *circinalis*, which are used for ornamental purposes like for setting up 'pandals' have been harvested in bulk from the remaining plants, often leading to them becoming stunted and unable to reproduce and increase in number. With a single leaf costing as much as ₹ 25, the economic incentive to completely strip the plant of all its leaves in one harvest remains high for most people. Shiny Miriam Rehel, Programme Co-ordinator for the Biodiversity Restoration Programme at Keystone Foundation, speaking to The Hindu, said that *circinalis* plants do not grow in large numbers in the wild, and the over exploitation of the leaves from the plant has caused a further decline over the last few decades. The Keystone Foundation has been trying to promote the conservation of the species by encouraging forest-dependent communities to sustainably harvest the leaves from the *circinalis*. "We collect the seeds from the wild and raise it at our nursery on the Keystone campus. We then encourage farmers and tribal communities to grow the plants near to their dwellings or land holdings," said Ms. Rehel, who added that the conservation of the species needs to be assured through working with local communities, creating awareness of sustainably harvesting the leaves and ensuring that the plant itself remains healthy. Speaking of their importance, Ms. Rehel said that not only the conservation of the endangered *circinalis* important to protect the livelihood of tribal communities, but also for biodiversity. She said that the *circinalis* is an ideal host plant for ants, cupid butterflies and bats, and added that their protection will be a vital aspect of protecting the ecology of the Western Ghats in the long run.

Question 124

Why cycas circinalis faces the threat of extinction?

- A** Because of its low production
- B** Because of excessive cattle grazing
- C** Because of over-harvesting of its leaves
- D** Because of pests

Answer: C

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Question 125

Which word in the passage means 'native'?

- A** Indigenous
- B** Tribal
- C** Incentive
- D** Dwelling

Answer: A

Question 126

How many uses of Cycas circinalis for humans are mentioned in the passage?

- A** One
- B** Four
- C** Two
- D** Three

Answer: D

Question 127

What else other than over-harvesting has contributed in decline of Cycas circinalis?

- A** Consumption by wildlife
- B** The small scale growth of the plant
- C** The high cost of the plant
- D** The pollution of air and wa ter

Answer: B

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Question 128

Why the conservation of *Cycas circinalis* important?

- A To ensure the livelihood of tribal communities and to protect biodiversity
- B To establish a business of selling it
- C To prevent its population from increasing
- D To prevent its stunted growth

Answer: A

Instructions

A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives.

Passage:

It is interesting to note contemporary storytellers such as Vikram Sridhar have stepped out of the traditional boundaries of storytelling to embrace drama. While storytelling might bring to mind grandma's tales complete with myths and morals, Sridhar believes these stories can be tweaked for a contemporary retelling. Sridhar, who has been a theatre practitioner for 15 years felt stories could be used to draw attention to social issues. "I had to think how I could be different from informal storytellers and mould my stories to interest adults and children. I had a strong theatre background, had worked in a corporate set-up and was deeply interested in heritage and conservation. I decided to bring my interests and strengths together into performance storytelling," says Sridhar. Based in Bengaluru, Vikram followed his passion for storytelling after doing his engineering and MBA. "I used to travel a lot. In many places in Europe and Singapore, I witnessed 'Open Night' where a story, poetry or music was performed at public spaces or coffee shops in 10-minute slots. This made me think that we need larger versions of open night and stories are a strong medium to get a message across." Sridhar is having a story session at Tipu's armoury thanks to Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), who had done restoration work at the armoury more than 15 years ago. "The armoury is totally in neglect," says Meera Iyer, Convenor, INTACH-Bangalore Chapter. "Storytelling is also a way to bring attention to the monument, and how it can be given a focus and use. A building that is used often, automatically has the greater chance of preservation." "I will not be using mike or gadgets," Sridhar says. "The audience will get stories of the armoury and more. The history of Karnataka's Mysore pak will be traced as well as the tale of the iron lady, Onake Obavva who fought the forces of Hyder Ali in the 18th century single-handedly with a pestle (Onake) in the kingdom of Chitradurga."

Question 129

The transition from stories to drama was due to?

- A Sridhar's conviction that stories can be used to concentrate on social issues.
- B His background in theatre.
- C His interest in drama.
- D His need to step out of traditional boundaries

Answer: A

Question 130

How story telling is helping INTACH?

- A It will help in generating money
- B It will make the monument more popular.
- C It will help in preservation of the monument.

D It will help to get the attention of the government

Answer: C

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Question 131

What stories are mentioned in the passage?

A Travel stories of Sridhar

B The process of transition from story telling to drama

C Story of Tipu's Armoury, Karnatka's Mysore pak, Tale of Iron lady, and fight of Onake Obavva with Hyder Ali

D No option is correct

Answer: C

Question 132

What is the meaning of the word 'Armoury'?

A place where weapons are kept

B place where clothes are kept

C place where soldiers sleep

D place where prisoners are kept

Answer: A

Question 133

What was Sridhar interested in?

A Performance story telling

B Heritage and conservation

C Travelling

D Armoury

Answer: B

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Instructions

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

Question 134

The host said to his guests, "Please consider this place as your home."

A The host requested his guests to have considered that place as their home.

- B** The host requests his guests for considering that place as their home.
- C** The host requested his guests to consider that place as your home
- D** The host requested his guests to consider that place as their home.

Answer: D

Question 135

The vendor said to us, "These mangoes will ripen in three days."

- A** The vendor says that those mangoes would ripen in three days.
- B** The vendor informed us that those mangoes will ripen in three days.
- C** The vendor says that those mangoes will be ripe in three days.
- D** The vendor informed us that those mangoes would ripen in three days.

Answer: D

Question 136

He said to the physician, "I need to get well soon."

- A** He told the physician that he needed to get well soon.
- B** He told the physician that I needed to get well soon.
- C** He says to the physician that he needed to get well soon.
- D** He told the physician that he needs to get well soon.

Answer: A

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Question 137

My father said to me, "We will be going to Jaipur this summer."

- A** My father says that we would be going to Jaipur that summer.
- B** My father told me that we will be going to Jaipur that summer.
- C** My father says that we will be going to Jaipur this summer.
- D** My father told me that we would be going to Jaipur that summer.

Answer: D

Question 138

Grandfather says, "Health is wealth."

- A** Grandfather said that health was wealth.
- B** Grandfather says that health was wealth.
- C** Grandfather says that health is wealth.

D Grandfather said that being healthy was being wealthy.

Answer: C

Question 139

The candidate said to the panel, "I promise to live up to your expectations."

- A** The candidate said to the panel that he promises to live up to their expectations.
- B** The candidate said to the panel that he is promising to live up to their expectations.
- C** The candidate said to the panel that he was promising to live up to their expectations.
- D** The candidate said to the panel that he promised to live up to their expectations.

Answer: D

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Question 140

He said to his partner, "You have to share the responsibilities if you want to share the profits."

- A** He told his partner that he had to share the responsibilities if he wanted to share the profits.
- B** He told his partner that he has to share the responsibilities if he wanted to share the profits.
- C** He tells his partner that he had to share the responsibilities if he wanted to share the profits.
- D** He told his partner that he has to share the responsibilities if he wants to share the profits.

Answer: A

Question 141

I said to my father, "If you won't get angry I would like to confess something."

- A** I told my father that if he wouldn't get angry I would like to confess something.
- B** I told my father that if he wouldn't get angry I will like to confess something.
- C** I told my father that he wouldn't get angry when I confess something.
- D** I told my father that if he wouldn't get angry I would have liked to confess something.

Answer: A

Question 142

The manager said, "We have to have the plan ready by tomorrow."

- A** The manager said that they have to have the plan ready by the following day.
- B** The manager said that they had to have the plan ready by the following day.
- C** The manager says that they had to have the plan ready by tomorrow.
- D** The manager told that they have to have the plan ready by the following day.

Answer: B

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Question 143

Aunt said to mother, "We need to find some more information about the boy's family."

- A** Aunt told mother that they needed to find some more information about the boy's family.
- B** Aunt told mother that we need to have found some more information about the boy's family.
- C** Aunt told mother that they are needed to find some more information about the boy's family.
- D** Aunt told mother that we are in need to find some more information about the boy's family.

Answer: A

Question 144

My brother said, "I can dance better than my friends."

- A** My brother said that he can dance better than his friends.
- B** My brother said that he could dance better than his friends.
- C** My brother said that he could be dancing better than his friends.
- D** My brother said that his dances were better than his friends.

Answer: B

Question 145

My son said to me, "I will do my best."

- A** My son told me that he would do his best.
- B** My son told me that he will do his best.
- C** My son tells me that he would do his best.
- D** My son told me this that he will do his best .

Answer: A

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Question 146

Vaibhav said, "I am reading 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens."

- A** Vaibhav said that he is reading 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.
- B** Vaibhav says that he was reading 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.
- C** Vaibhav said that he was reading 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.
- D** Vaibhav said that he has been reading 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.

Answer: C

Question 147

"I think I have been too lenient with you," father said to me.

- A My father told me that he thinks that he had been too lenient with me.
- B My father told me that he thought that he had been too lenient with me .
- C My father told me that he thought that he has been too lenient with me.
- D My father tells me that he thinks that he has been too lenient with me.

Answer: B

Question 148

"The delivery boy has arrived," said the watchman.

- A The watchman informed that the delivery boy has arrived.
- B The watchman informed that the delivery boy had arrived.
- C The watchman informs that the delivery boy has arrived.
- D The watchman informed that the delivery boy has had arrived.

Answer: B

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Question 149

The student said, "I am finding it difficult to memorise."

- A The student said that he is finding it difficult to memorise.
- B The student said that he was finding it difficult to memorise.
- C The student says that he was finding it difficult to memorise.
- D The student said that he has found it difficult to memorise.

Answer: B

Question 150

She said to her friend, "We should go for a picnic."

- A She told her friend that they shall go for a picnic.
- B She told her friend that they should go for a picnic.
- C She tells her friend that they should go for a picnic.
- D She told her friend that we should go for a picnic.

Answer: B

Question 151

My friend said to me, "I am angry with you."

- A My friend told me that he is angry with me.
- B My friend told me that he was angry with me.
- C My friend tells me that he was angry with me.
- D My friend told me that he is being angry with me.

Answer: B

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Question 152

My friend said to me, "I think cooking is more of an art than science."

- A My friend told me that he thinks that cooking was more of an art than science.
- B My friend tells me that he thought that cooking is more of an art than science.
- C My friend told me that he thought that cooking was more of an art than science.
- D My friend told me this that he thinks that cooking was more of an art than science.

Answer: C

Question 153

I said to the taxi driver, "Do you know this address?"

- A I asked the taxi driver if you knew that address.
- B I asked the taxi driver if he knows that address.
- C I inquired with the taxi driver if you knew that address.
- D I asked the taxi driver if he knew that address.

Answer: D

Question 154

The teacher said to me, "Draw the chart on the board."

- A The teacher says me to draw the chart on the board.
- B The teacher is asking me to draw the chart on the board.
- C The teacher says me to be drawing the chart on the board .
- D The teacher told me to draw the chart on the board.

Answer: D

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Question 155

He said to her, "I have an interview scheduled for tomorrow."

- A He informed her that he has an interview scheduled for tomorrow.
- B He informs her that he had an interview scheduled for the next day .
- C He informed her that he had an interview scheduled for the next day
- D He informed her that he has had an interview scheduled for tomorrow .

Answer: C

Question 156

The receptionist said, "How can I help?"

- A The receptionist inquired how she can help.
- B The receptionist inquired how she could help.
- C The receptionist is asking how she could help .
- D The receptionist inquired how she can be helping.

Answer: B

Question 157

Manjeet said to his friend, "It is easy to find fault with others."

- A Manjeet said to his friend that it was easy to find fault with others.
- B Manjeet said to his friend that it is easy to find fault with others.
- C Manjeet has said to his friend that it was easy to find fault with others
- D Manjeet said to his friend that it is easy to have found fault with others .

Answer: A

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Question 158

"I will be taking an extra class tomorrow." the teacher said to us.

- A The teacher informed us that he will be taking an extra class the next day.
- B The teacher informed us that he shall be taking an extra class the next day
- C The teacher informed us that he will be taking an extra class tomorrow.
- D The teacher informed us that he would be taking an extra class the next day.

Answer: D

Question 159

"My new car will be delivered today," he said.

- A He said that his new car would be delivered that day.
- B He said that his new car will be delivered that day.

C He says that his new car would be delivered today .

D He said that his new car will be delivered today.

Answer: A

Question 160

I said to my wife, "We have to brace for the coming storm."

A I said to my wife that we had to brace for the coming storm.

B I said to my wife that we have had to brace for the coming storm.

C I say to my wife that we had to brace for the coming storm.

D I said to my wife that we had to be bracing for the coming storm.

Answer: A

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Instructions

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

Question 161

You have to submit the assignment before the deadline.

A The assignment has to be submitted by you before the deadline.

B Submission of the assignment has to be done by you before the deadline

C Before the deadline you have to be done with the assignment submission.

D The assignment is to be submitted by yourself before the deadline

Answer: A

Question 162

The mechanic will repair the scooter by noon.

A Repairing of the scooter by the mechanic will be done by noon.

B The scooter by noon by the mechanic would have been repaired

C By noon the mechanic will have repaired the scooter

D The scooter will be repaired by the mechanic by noon .

Answer: D

Question 163

Her performance did not impress the judges.

A Impressing the judges by her performance was not done by her.

- B Her performance was not impressive for the judges.
- C She failed to impress the judges by her performance .
- D The judges were not impressed by her performance.

Answer: D

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Question 164

The agent showed us many residential properties.

- A Showing of many residential properties to us has been done by the agent
- B We were shown many residential properties by the agent.
- C Many residential properties the agents had shown us.
- D We ourselves were shown by the agent himself many of the residential properties.

Answer: B

Question 165

I have been asking you since days to replace the leaking tap.

- A You have been asked by me since days to replace the leaking tap.
- B Asking you to replace the leaking tap has been done by me since days.
- C Replacement of the leaking tap is being asked by me to you since days .
- D Since days I have been asking you for replacement of the tap that is leaking.

Answer: A

Question 166

This medicine gives me a heartburn.

- A Giving of heartburn is done by this medicine.
- B I have got heartburn by that medicine.
- C A heartburn is given to me by this medicine.
- D Heartburning has been caused by this medicine.

Answer: C

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Question 167

You need to bake it in the oven for 15 minutes.

- A It needs to be baked in the oven for 15 minutes by you.

- B Baking it in the oven for 15 minutes is needed be done by you.
- C For 15 minutes in the oven it needs to be baked by yourself.
- D It is in need of being baked in the oven for 15 minutes by you .

Answer: A

Question 168

The driverless car turned the corner just the way it should.

- A Turning of the corner just the way it should has been done by the driverless car.
- B The car which is driverless has turned the corner just the way it should.
- C The corner was turned by the driverless car just the way it should.
- D Just the way it should be doing it the driverless car has been turni ng the corner

Answer: C

Question 169

I will bake for you your birthday cake

- A Baking of your birthday cake will be done by me.
- B Your birthday cake will be baked by me.
- C For you the cake of your birthday I would be baking.
- D It will be me who will bake your birthday cake.

Answer: B

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Question 170

I adore movie stars

- A Adoring movie stars is being done by me.
- B Movie stars are adored by me.
- C I am in adoration of movie stars.
- D Movie stars are what that is ador ed by me.

Answer: B

Question 171

The management appreciates your efforts.

- A Appreciating of your efforts is being done by the management.
- B Efforts which are made by you will be appreciated by the management.
- C Appreciation of your efforts is done by the management.

D Your efforts are appreciated by the management.

Answer: D

Question 172

She eats too much fast food.

A Eating of too much fast food is being done by her.

B Too much fast food is eaten by her.

C Too much of eating fast food she has done.

D Fast food has been eaten by her in too much .

Answer: B

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Question 173

She will never admit her mistakes.

A Admission of her mistakes will never be done by her.

B Her mistakes will never be admitted by her.

C Her mistakes is what she will never be admitting.

D Admitting her mistakes has never been done by her.

Answer: B

Question 174

You need to brush your teeth twice daily.

A Your teeth are needed to be brushed twice by you daily.

B Brushing twice of your teeth daily is needed by you.

C It is twice that you should be brushing your teeth daily.

D Daily you are needed to brush your teeth twice.

Answer: A

Question 175

You are making a bad situation worse.

A Making a bad situation worse is being done by you.

B A bad situation is being made worse by you.

C A situation which is bad you are making is worse.

D Worsening a bad situation is being done by you.

Answer: B

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Question 176

You should talk to your mother more often.

- A Your mother should be talked to by you more often.
- B Talking to your mother more often should be done by you.
- C It is more often that you should be talking to your mother.
- D You shall talk to your mother more than often.

Answer: A

Question 177

I always carry a bottle of water with me.

- A Carrying a bottle of water is always done by me.
- B A bottle of water is always carried with me.
- C It is with me that I always am carrying a bottle of water.
- D Always I carried a bottle of water with myself.

Answer: B

Question 178

I have known this place since I was a kid.

- A This place has been known to me since I was a kid.
- B Knowing this place since I was a kid is being done by me.
- C Since I was a kid that is a known place to me.
- D I have been knowing this place since the time I was a kid.

Answer: A

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Question 179

She dances the Salsa as if she were twenty something.

- A Dancing of the Salsa was done by her as if she were twenty something.
- B She was twenty something when she danced the Salsa.
- C She becomes twenty something while dancing the Salsa .
- D The Salsa is danced by her as if she were twenty something.

Answer: D

Question 180

If you hit a century the selectors will surely notice you.

- A** If hitting a century is done by you the selectors will surely be noticing you.
- B** If a century is hit by you, you will surely be noticed by the selectors.
- C** Noticing of you will surely be done by the selectors if you hit a century.
- D** When you will be hitting a century then the selectors will be surely noticing you.

Answer: B

Instructions

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

Passage:

Never write down a phonetic _____ without fully understanding its meaning in every detail. A key to the various marks will be _____ at the bottom of every page of the dictionary, and the student should refer to this _____. In the front part of the dictionary there will also be found an _____ of all possible sounds that any letter may have; and every sound that any letter may have may be indicated by a peculiar mark, _____ several letters may represent the same sound there are a variety of symbols for the same sound.

Question 181

down a phonetic _____ without fully

- A** from
- B** form
- C** for
- D** of

Answer: B

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Question 182

various marks will be _____ at the bottom of every

- A** found
- B** find
- C** finding
- D** to find

Answer: A

Question 183

should refer to this _____. In the front part

- A** frequency
- B** frequently

- C frequent
- D frequenting

Answer: B

Question 184

be found an _____ of all possible

- A explained
- B explaining
- C explanation
- D explain

Answer: C

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Question 185

peculiar mark, _____ several letters may represent

- A of
- B form
- C off
- D since

Answer: D

Instructions

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

Passage:

Sometimes fate is like a small sandstorm that keeps _____ directions. You change direction but the sandstorm chases you. You turn again, but the storm adjusts. Over _____ over you play this out, like some ominous dance with death just before dawn. Why? Because this storm isn't something that blew in _____ far away, something that has nothing to do with you. This storm is you. Something _____ of you. So all you can do is give in to it, step right inside the storm, closing your eyes and plugging up your ears so the sand doesn't get in, and walk _____ it, step by step.

Question 186

sandstorm that keeps _____ directions.

- A change
- B changing
- C changed
- D to change

Answer: B

Question 187

Over _____ over you play this out,

- A and
- B since
- C but
- D or

Answer: A

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Question 188

something that blew in _____ far away,

- A for
- B of
- C from
- D form

Answer: C

Question 189

Something _____ of you.

- A into
- B on
- C inner
- D inside

Answer: D

Question 190

and walk _____ it, step by step.

- A through
- B though
- C threw
- D thought

Answer: A

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Instructions

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

Volcanic eruptions create beautiful surreal panorama like the unique landscape in Turkey. Here, rock structures of different shapes and sizes are a result of volcanic outbursts. Called "Fairy Chimneys" of Goreme in the Cappadocia region, Turkey, these rock sites are a major tourist attraction. Cappadocia lies in Central Anatolia in Turkey with the Taurus Mountains in the south separating it from the Mediterranean Sea. The rock formations that we see today can be traced back to millions of years. Several volcanic eruptions through deep fractures threw up rocks, lava, ash and other materials. After the eruption, a dense ash covered the entire area. Soon the ejected ash solidified into a soft/porous rock called "tuff".

The soft rocks were exposed to sub aerial erosion by wind, water and climatic changes (temperature changes). The rocks expanded in summer as they heated up, and broke up in winter as they froze. Added to this, the icy water collected in the cracks led to disintegration. Cappadocia gets heavy rain, and this too has played its part in altering the landscape. Rainwater has created sweeping curves on the sides of the valleys. The rivers washed away the eroded pieces of rocks and the harder rocks stayed on. Today, you see them in different shapes — capped chimneys, pillars, mushrooms and conical formations. As erosion constantly changes the landscape of the rock structures in Cappadocia, it can pose a danger to the habitation.

Question 191

What is 'tuff'?

- A Solidified ash
- B A type of volcano
- C Local name for the chimneys
- D Dense rocks

Answer: A

Question 192

What is to the south of Cappadocia?

- A Goreme
- B Volcanoes
- C Turkey
- D Taurus Mountains

Answer: D

Question 193

When do the rocks break-up?

- A Summer
- B During rains
- C When volcanoes erupt
- D Winter

Answer: D

Question 194

Why are there curves on the sides of the valley?

- A Due to winds
- B Due to changing temperature
- C Due to rain water
- D Due to human activity

Answer: C

Question 195

How old are these rock formations?

- A Billions of years
- B Thousands of years
- C Millions of years
- D Hundreds of years

Answer: C

Instructions

A passage is given with 5 questions following it. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Passage:

The Berber, are a group of people indigenous to North Africa. In the Nalut district of the Tripolitania region, Ghadames, an oasis town is known as the "pearl of the desert". It is one of the oldest pre-Saharan cities and a grand example of a traditional settlement. Flying over, I was surprised to see just houses and more houses. There didn't seem to be any pathways or alleys. Puzzled I flew down to investigate. I found that each house is built in such a way that it hangs over the alleys creating an underground network of passages. The ground floor of the house is used to store supplies, the next floor is for the use of the family and the open-air terraces are reserved for women. They were talking a language I did not understand. I later learnt it was Ghadam^{is}, a Berber language.

Towards the end of the month, for three days the old city of Ghadames comes alive with feasting, singing and dancing. It happens at the end of the date harvest. When all the work is done, the people head to the city's World Heritage-listed old quarter to eat dates and celebrate. The people of the old quarter moved out in the mid-1980s, and live in the modern town. But, on this occasion they return to their family homes in the old city. They throw open the doors for singing, dancing and other festivities. The covered alleys provide shelter from the hot Sahara sun.

Question 196

The Berber' refers to:

- A A group of settlements in Tripolitania region
- B A group of people
- C A species of native animals of North Africa
- D An oasis town

Answer: B

Question 197

While flying over why we won't see any pathways in Ghadames?

- A** The people walk from roof top to roof top.
- B** Houses are built in such a way that they cover the pathways.
- C** The pathways are built underground
- D** In those days there was no concept of pathways.

Answer: B

Question 198

Which part of the house is kept specially for the women folk?

- A** The terrace
- B** The ground Floor
- C** The floor above the ground floor
- D** The floor below the terrace

Answer: A

Question 199

When are the 3 days of celebration?

- A** At the beginning of the date harvest
- B** At the beginning of the holy month
- C** At the end of the date harvest
- D** At the end of the holy year

Answer: C

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Question 200

Which of the following is true?

- A** Tripoli tania is a part of Nalut
- B** Nalut is a Berber language
- C** Ghadames town is a part of Nalut district
- D** The Berber is a part of Nalut

Answer: C

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