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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 1

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

- A. Using his mother's show-business contacts, Charlie became a professional entertainer in 1897.
- B. He spent his early childhood with his mother, the singer Hannah Hall, after she and his father separated.
- C. Even today Charlie is widely regarded as the greatest comic artist of the screen and one of the most important figures in motion-picture history.
- D. Charlie Chaplin was born on April 16, 1889 in London and named after his father, a British music-hall entertainer.

A CBDA

B CABD

C DABC

D DBAC

Answer: D

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Question 2

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

All human beings must learn to live in _____ with nature.

A kindness

B pleasure

C admiration

D harmony

Answer: D

Question 3

Find a word that is the ANTONYM OF animosity

A sarcasm

B benevolence

C bitterness

D contamination

Answer: B

Question 4

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

A I regret the way I treated you

- B I regret the way you were treated by me
- C I regret the way I am treating you
- D I regret the way you treated me.

Answer: B

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Question 5

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
I owe a big debt of gratitude to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.

- A A big debt of gratitude had been owed by me to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.
- B A big debt of gratitude was owing by me to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.
- C A big debt of gratitude will be owed by to my mentor, Ms. Pallavi Dutta.
- D A big debt of gratitude is owed by me to my mentor, Ms Pallavi Dutta.

Answer: D

Question 6

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
Mrs. Sethi said to her students, "Would you like to go outdoors for the yoga class?"

- A Mrs Sethi asked her students whether they would like to go outdoors for the yoga class
- B Mrs Sethi asked her students about their liking to go outdoors for the yoga class.
- C Mrs Sethi told her students that would you like to go outdoors for the yoga class.
- D Mrs Sethi said to her students will you like to go outdoors for the yoga class?

Answer: A

Question 7

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence..
Did the boys take permission to go out today?

- A Are the boys taking permission to go out today?
- B Was permission to go out today taken by the boys?
- C Has permission to going out today been taking by the boys?
- D Had the boys taken permission to go out today?

Answer: B

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Question 8

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
My friends persuaded me that I should forgive him.

- A I was persuaded by my friends that he should be forgiven
- B I will have been persuaded by my friends to forgive him
- C I am being persuaded by my friends that he should be forgiven.
- D I will be persuaded by my friends that he should be forgiven.

Answer: A

Question 9

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
'Let's not go out today. It's going to be a hot day,' he said to me.

- A He suggested that we shouldn't be going out that day as it is going to be a hot day.
- B He is suggesting that they shouldn't go out today as it was going to be a hot day.
- C He suggested that we shouldn't go out that day as it was going to be a hot day
- D He had suggested that they shouldn't go out today as it was going to be a hot day

Answer: C

Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Comprehension:

Dust storms of May 2018, in Northern India, contributed to the deteriorating air quality in the region and the capital city of Delhi, with implications for human health, a study found. The high death toll from the severe dust storms that lashed the region was mainly attributed to the intense winds, which surprised even scientists and meteorologists. But apart from the immediate damage to life and property, drastic changes in air quality from the dust engulfing the region affected far more people with potential implications for human health, stated a team of researchers who analysed the impact of the spell of dust storms that struck the region that month. They reported increases in particulate matter, mainly in Delhi and urged for an early

Dust storms commonly occur in the Indo-Gangetic Plains - the fertile plains in northern India that stretch all the way to the East - from March to May, the pre-monsoon season. Westerly winds typically bring loose sand and soil particles, picked up from the Arabian Peninsula or the Thar Desert in North Western India, to the Indo-Gangetic Plains. The dust tends to worsen air quality over the Indo-Gangetic Plains, home to around 900 million people, which can have far-reaching effects on human health. While dust storms are a regular feature in the region, the May 2018 dust storms specifically had a death toll of about 100 people, with around 200 people injured.

"We are concerned that the dust impacts the health of people who get exposed," said a senior professor. However, he also observed that scattered rains occurring soon after the dust storms tend to clean up the dust, improving air quality. During October-November, densely populated cities like Delhi and Kanpur in the Indo-Gangetic Plains are vulnerable to wind borne long-range air pollution from crop residue burning in the North, and now this study "shows the effect of dust storms during the March-May time frame," Sarkar pointed out. "This really puts the Indo-Gangetic valley in a unique spot in terms of it being targeted by these different hazardous conditions which are mostly outsourced from other areas."

Question 10

Dust storms in Delhi are a cause of concern as they

- A cause strong winds.
- B affect Delhi alone.
- C challenge scientists

D are a health hazard.

Answer: D

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Question 11

Dust storms are caused by

- A winds from the North.
- B winds from the South.
- C Westerly winds.
- D Easterly winds.

Answer: C

Question 12

The notable fact about pollution in Oct to Nov is that _____

- A Westerly winds bring loose sand and soil particles
- B dust storms are a regular feature.
- C it is caused by crop burning in North India
- D it is caused by the winds from Thar Desert

Answer: C

Question 13

By saying, 'This really puts the Indo-Gangetic valley in a unique spot' the writer refers to the fact that

- A the Indo- Gangetic valley receives its pollution from other areas or factors.
- B the valley is affected by pollution caused by hazardous industries.
- C intense winds in the valley surprise even scientists and meteorologists.
- D studies find that only the valley faces pollution all year round.

Answer: A

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Question 14

Choose the correct sequence in which events take place -

- A Strong winds- poor air quality -dust storms- - death and disease
- B Dust storms- poor air quality- strong winds -death and disease
- C Dust storms - death and disease-strong winds- poor air quality
- D Strong winds- dust storms- poor air quality- death and disease

Answer: D

Instructions

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Question 15

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

- A. New ideas on marketing were brainstormed and all the members agreed to try them forthwith.
- B. Upon their return from an off-site camp Ravi and Sunil decided to hold a meeting.
- C. As soon as everyone assembled, the meeting which lasted for four hours, began.
- D. Its purpose was to replace some of the old ways of marketing used by the company with new ones.

A ACBD

B BDAC

C CDBA

D BCDA

Answer: D

Question 16

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

I'm thinking to buy a new car as my old one is giving me trouble.

A thinks to buying

B thinking of buying

C thought to buy

D no improvement

Answer: B

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Question 17

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
exercising a compelling charm

A dismissive

B vapid

C charismatic

D uninspiring

Answer: C

Question 18

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
They shifted the venue of the conference.

- A The venue of the conference was shifted.
- B The venue of the conference has been shifted
- C They are shifting the venue of the conference
- D They were shifting the venue of the conference

Answer: A

Question 19

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

- A. There is a story about an ancient Indian sage who was called ugly names by a passerby.
- B. The sage then said, "Well then, I have not accepted your offering" and walked away.
- C. He finally asked the man, "If an offering is not accepted who does it belong to?" at which the man replied, "To the person who offered it."
- D. The sage listened unperturbed till the man ran out of words.

- A CABD
- B ACDB
- C DCBA
- D ADCB

Answer: D

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Question 20

Identify the word that is misspelt.

- A definitely
- B accidentally
- C conscience
- D chargable

Answer: D

Question 21

Select the segment which has an error.

Over the years, the writer Amish has evolved to what millions of youngsters aspires to be today - an intellectual.

- A Over the years
- B aspires to be today
- C Amish has evolved
- D millions of youngsters

Answer: B

Question 22

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

Rohit was _____ when he took important decisions without consulting the family.

- A cutting the red tape
- B told to get a new lease of life
- C in the same boat
- D told to fight his own battles himself

Answer: D

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Question 23

Select the segment which has an error

Each film will be checked by a government-appointed censor board along public exhibition.

- A along public exhibition.
- B each film
- C by a government-appointed censor board
- D will be checked

Answer: A

Question 24

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

The books those I gave you is mine . Please don't misplace them or lend them to someone else.

- A that I gave you are mine
- B no improvement
- C that I gave to you is my
- D which I gives to you is mine

Answer: A

Question 25

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

- A. It was called the 'take ownership' programme, and it worked.
- B. The programme was a huge success in reviving the corporate culture of the bank and in reviving the bank's stock price.
- C. My colleagues and I felt and behaved like owners, because we actually were.
- D. I once worked for a large bank that gave stock options to all of its employees.

- A CDBA
- B DACB
- C ADCB

D CABD

Answer: B

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Question 26

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
Kapil said to his team, "If you don't perform well in this match, you will not get a place in the team."

- A Kapil told to his team if you don't perform well in this match, you will not get a place in the team.
- B Kapil warned his team that if they didn't perform well in that match, they would not get a place in the team
- C Kapil warned to his team, if they don't perform well in this match, they will not get a place in the team.
- D . Kapil said to his team that if you don't perform well in that match, you will not get a place in the team.

Answer: B

Question 27

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

The author is not well known. Little bit people have heard of him.

- A no improvement
- B A little bit of people
- C A few person
- D Few people

Answer: D

Question 28

Select the segment which has an error.

It is be said that in 2019 the Indian Stock Market will fall drastically and we can expect

- A we can expect
- B It is be said
- C that in 2019
- D the Indian Stock Market will fall

Answer: B

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Question 29

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
"I will be twenty five tomorrow", said Vidushi.

- A Vidushi is saying that she will be twenty five by tomorrow.

- B Vidushi said that she would be twenty five the next day.
- C Vidushi will say that she would be twenty five tomorrow.
- D .Vidushi had told that me she would be twenty five the next day.

Answer: A

Question 30

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. My grandmother believes that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health.

- A It is believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health.
- B It is being believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health..
- C It will have been believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health.
- D It has been believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health

Answer: D

Question 31

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence. Radha is unable to continue working in this office. Hard work is _____ on her health..

- A making her meet both ends
- B blowing hot and cold
- C It will have been believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health.
- D It has been believed by my grandmother that drinking a glass of milk at bedtime is essential for health.

Answer: D

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Question 32

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence. Radha is unable to continue working in this office. Hard work is _____ on her health.

- A making her meet both ends
- B blowing hot and cold
- C keeping an eye
- D volatile

Answer: C

Question 33

Find a word that is the synonym of - mercurial

- A interchangeable

- B predictable
- C permanent
- D volatile

Answer: C

Question 34

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

My recent London trip was really special because I was being able to meet my nephew and his family after many years.

- A was able to meet
- B am unable to
- C no improvement
- D has able to

Answer: A

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Instructions

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

Comprehension:

Uncertainty looms over the revival of Naini Lake, a waterbody in the middle of Model Town in North Delhi, due to _____ (1) in the opinions of residents and local bodies regarding its desilting and _____ (2). While the Corporation claimed that the lake _____ (3) for years and several attempts by them to initiate a drive to desilt it were halted because of lack of funds or _____ (4) from locals, residents alleged that it is _____ (5) fresh water lake and is free from silt, and only a water treatment plant will be enough to resolve the problem.

Question 35

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

- A feuds
- B protest
- C objections
- D differences

Answer: D

Question 36

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

- A evacuation
- B beautification
- C moderation
- D resolution

Answer: B

Question 37

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

- A is desilted
- B is not to be desilted
- C hasn't been desilted
- D has desilted

Answer: C

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Question 38

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

- A activation
- B applause
- C resistance
- D assault

Answer: C

Question 39

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

- A any
- B some
- C the
- D a

Answer: D

Instructions

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Question 40

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
The interviewer said, "Rajiv, I'm impressed with you."

- A The interviewer says I am impressed with Rajiv
- B The interviewer told to Rajiv that he is impressed with him
- C The interviewer told Rajiv that he was impressed with him.
- D The interviewer said to Rajiv that he had been impressed with you.

Answer: C

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Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Comprehension:

Parents all over Iceland's capital Reykjavik embark on a two-hour evening walk around their neighbourhood every weekend, checking on youth hangouts as a 10 pm curfew approaches. The walk in Reykjavik is one step toward Iceland's success into turning around a crisis in teenage drinking.

Focusing on local participation and promoting more music and sports options for students, the island nation in the North Atlantic has dried up a teenage culture of drinking and smoking. Icelandic teenagers now have one of the lowest rates of substance abuse in Europe.

The Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis, the institute pioneering the project for the past two decades, says it currently advises 100 communities in 23 countries, from Finland to Chile, on cutting teenage substance abuse. "The key to success is to create healthy communities and by that get healthy individuals," said Inga Dora Sigfusdottir, a sociology professor who founded the Youth of Iceland programme, which now has rebranded as Planet Youth.

The secret, she says, is to keep young people busy and parents engaged without talking much about drugs or alcohol. That stands in sharp contrast to other anti-abuse programmes, which try to sway teenagers with school lectures and scary, disgusting ads showing smokers' rotten lungs or eggs in a frying pan to represent an intoxicated brain.

"Telling teenagers not to use drugs can backlash and actually get them curious to try them," Ms Sigfusdottir said. In 1999, when thousands of teenagers would gather in Reykjavik every weekend, surveys showed 56% of Icelandic 16-year-olds drank alcohol and about as many had tried smoking.

Years later, Iceland has the lowest rates for drinking and smoking among the 35 countries measured in the 2015 European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs.

On average, 80% of European 16-year-olds have tasted alcohol at least once, compared with 35% in Iceland, the only country where more than half of those students completely abstains from alcohol.

Denmark, another wealthy Nordic country, has the highest rates of teenage drinking, along with Greece, Hungary and the Czech Republic, where 92% to 96% have consumed alcohol.

In the US, teen drinking is a significant health concern, because many US teenagers are driving cars and do not have access to good public transport like teenagers in Europe.

Reykjavik mayor Dagur B. Eggertsson said the Icelandic plan "is all about society giving better options" for teens than substance abuse. He believes the wide variety of opportunities that now keep students busy and inspired has dramatically altered the country's youth culture.

Local municipalities like Reykjavik have invested in sport halls, music schools and youth centres. To make the programmes widely available, parents are offered a 500 US dollar annual voucher toward sports or music programmes for their children.

Researchers say the Planet Youth prevention model is evolving constantly because it is based on annual surveys to detect trends and measure policy effectiveness. By law, introduced when Icelandic police routinely dealt with alcohol-fuelled street gatherings, children under 12 are not allowed to be outside after 8pm without parents and those 13 to 16 not past 10pm.

"We tell the kids if they are out too late, polite and nice, and then they go home," said Heidar Atlason, a veteran member of the patrol. Over Iceland's harsh winter, one parent admits, evenings sometimes pass without running into any students.

Question 41

Parents in Reykjavik take an evening walk at night in order to

- A remain fit and healthy by avoiding drinking at night
- B keep a watch on teenagers to ensure they don't get into the habit of drinking
- C meet other parents to know and discuss how to control teenagers
- D enjoy the evening stroll with other parents after dinner

Answer: B

Question 42

What is dramatic about the figures of teenage drinking in Iceland?

- A They've remained the same over the years
- B They've become the lowest in Europe
- C They've gone up by 36%
- D They've shot down by 96%

Answer: B

Question 43

The Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis does the work of

- A showing teenagers anti-abuse programmes, which stop teenagers from drinking
- B advising many countries on controlling use of drugs etc. by young adults
- C legally allowing children 12 years and more to remain outside their homes after 6
- D going around at night with patrolling groups in many European countries.

Answer: B

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Question 44

Teenage drinking in many countries like Denmark, Greece, Hungary, etc has been reported as

- A completely eradicated.
- B the lowest in the world.
- C low compared to Iceland.
- D the highest in the world

Answer: D

Question 45

"Cutting teenage substance abuse" refers to

- A teenagers consuming hazardous substances such as alcohol and drugs.
- B parents shaming their young children for their bad habits.
- C reducing consumption of drugs and alcohol among young adults.
- D teenagers who consume alcohol abusing their parents.

Answer: C

Question 46

The programme Planet Youth was started by

- A The Icelandic Centre for Social Research and Analysis
- B the local municipality of Reykjavik
- C Inga Dora Sigfusdottir
- D Dagur B. Eggertsson

Answer: C

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Question 47

Which of the following does not contribute to the success of Planet Youth programme?

- A Enacting laws against late night movement of teenagers
- B Arranging street gatherings of teenagers
- C Arranging opportunities for music, sports etc.
- D Ensuring parental control and influence

Answer: B

Question 48

From the passage one can conclude that

- A bad habits can be checked by engaging teens in alternative activities
- B by showing smokers' diseased lungs to teens, parents can influence them
- C parents must pay for sports and other activities for their children.
- D strict punishment is needed as it acts as a deterrent.

Answer: A

Question 49

The word from the passage that means 'change the image of an organisation or program' is

- A abstain
- B rebrand
- C invest
- D embark

Answer: B

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Question 50

'Over Iceland's harsh winter, one parent admits, evenings sometimes pass without running into any students.' This means -

- A parents are not motivated to get involved in the programme.
- B students are not bothered about the efforts made for them.
- C the programme is having the right impact on teenagers
- D authorities are disappointed that the programme has failed.

Answer: C

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 51

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

The masses, though well intentioned, preferable to remain passive spectators.

- A prefer to remain
- B prefers to remaining
- C No improvement.
- D had preferred to remaining

Answer: A

Question 52

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

The old lady said, "May God bless you and give you all you desire in life!"

- A The old lady says that may God bless you and give you all you desire in life.
- B The old lady said that God may bless you and give you all you desire in life
- C The old lady said that God will bless me and give me all I desire in life
- D The old lady wished that God would bless me and give me all I desired in life

Answer: D

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Question 53

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

They are selling very good stationery here.

- A very good stationery sells here.
- B Very good stationery is being sold here.
- C Stationery selling here is very good.
- D Stationery selling has been very good here.

Answer: B

Question 54

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given
The act of compelling or forcing authority on others.

- A aspersion
- B volition
- C coercion
- D scion

Answer: C

Question 55

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

- A. This move is part of the government's reform agenda for PSBs under Enhanced Access and Service Excellence Programme (EASE) 2.0.
- B. Banks have already agreed to keep branches operational for customers for uniform working hours in one location and this will be another step towards standardising operating hours.
- C. Under EASE a banker's panel has recommended that every region adopt one of three six-hour time slots – 9 am to 3 pm, 10 am to 4 pm or 11 am to 5 pm.
- D. Public sector banks (PSBs) across the country will soon have standard operating hours as per a recent move.

- A BCDA
- B CDBA
- C DCBA
- D DACB

Answer: D

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Question 56

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
Were all formalities completed by you?

- A Did you complete all formalities?
- B Have you completed all formalities?
- C Have you been completing all formalities?
- D Will you complete all formalities?

Answer: A

Question 57

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
"Don't use your mobile while crossing the road," I said to him.

- A I told him to not to use his mobile while crossing the road.

- B** I advised him not to use his mobile while crossing the road.
- C** I am advising him not to use his mobile while crossing the road.
- D** I said him not to use his mobile while crossing the road.

Answer: B

Question 58

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

He tries to perform well but good projects done by him are____. He needs to put in extra effort

- A** on edge
- B** walking on air
- C** few and far between
- D** going with the flow

Answer: C

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Instructions

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

Question 59

- A.** In the study, researchers found that kids who experienced their growth spurt late had lower than average bone density in young adulthood.
- B.** Teens who hit puberty late may end up with weaker bones, a new study finds.
- C.** However, they continue to have lower bone strength even after they finish growing and may be at greater risk for osteoporosis in adulthood.
- D.** These later maturing teens do catch up with early maturing teens in terms of bone strength.

- A** ACDB
- B** BADC
- C** BCDA
- D** ADCB

Answer: B

Question 60

- A.** Having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life.
- B.** They also allow people to learn from others facing similar situations .
- C.** The groups are gaining popularity these days as they allow volunteers to talk with those who are living with cancer.
- D.** But these days there are support groups that help patients cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing an opportunity to share feelings and challenges they face with others.

- A** CBDA
- B** ADCB
- C** DCBA

D ACBD

Answer: B

Instructions

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Question 61

Select the segment which has an error.

Two American cities, witnessed shooting and resulting in mass fatalities over the weekend.

- A over the weekend
- B Two American cities
- C witnessed shooting
- D and resulting in mass fatalities

Answer: D

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Question 62

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

She said to her friend, "Where did you go yesterday?"

- A She asked her friend where she had gone the day before
- B She asked her friend where had she gone the day before.
- C She asked her friend where she was going yesterday.
- D She asked her friend where she went yesterday

Answer: A

Instructions

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

Question 63

Word by word reading lead to the development of another bad habit which is the habit of reading aloud.

- A lead to develops
- B leads to the development
- C No improvement
- D leading to the developing

Answer: B

Question 64

My friend did not understand the story. She asked me for explain it her.

- A to explain it to her

- B no improvement
- C to explaining it for her
- D can I explain that to her

Answer: A

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Instructions

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Question 65

Select the segment which has an error.

Instead of helping her mother at the kitchen, Rekha was on her mobile talking to her friend.

- A talking to her friend
- B of helping
- C at the kitchen
- D on her mobile

Answer: C

Question 66

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

- A. The ingredients must therefore be of the finest quality and in the right proportions.
- B. When you have them right and keep practicing you are sure to bake some of the yummiest cakes.
- C. Success in life is just like baking a cake that requires many things.
- D. Firstly, unless you have the right ingredients and recipe it is not going to work

- A BADC
- B CDAB
- C CABD
- D BCDA

Answer: B

Question 67

Select the segment which has an error.

Please go out and check if it is yet raining.

- A and check
- B if it is
- C yet raining
- D Please go out

Answer: C

Question 68

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

My new office is in a first floor of the new office complex.

- A no improvement
- B over first floor
- C on the first floor
- D at above floor

Answer: C

Question 69

Select the segment which has an error

It was a really bad movie- a worse movie I've ever seen in my life.

- A in my life
- B I've ever seen
- C was a really
- D a worse

Answer: D

Question 70

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

- A scarce
- B rare
- C unusual
- D omnipresent

Answer: D

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Question 71

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence

The government has decided to _____ GST on some items in order to help small traders.

- A steer clear of
- B roll back
- C wash away
- D crack down on

Answer: B

Question 72

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

If your actions are _____ what you say, no one is going to believe you.

- A contrary for
- B contrary with
- C contrary to
- D contrary at

Answer: C

Question 73

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The mother said to her son, "You always do what you want. Do you always have to be so _____?"

- A stubborn
- B reasoning
- C withdrawn
- D awkward

Answer: A

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Question 74

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

- A. Creating a relaxing bedroom environment is very important too, and this can be done using a calming, subtle fragrance..
- B. It is possible to retrain your brain to have a sound sleep.
- C. This is possible if you make sure your room is undisturbed, quiet and dark.
- D. Start by regulating the times you go to bed and get up.

- A BDCA
- B ADBC
- C BCAD
- D DACB

Answer: A

Question 75

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

The residents of my colony _____ in trying to find out about the increasing number of car thefts.

- A hit a purple patch
- B hit the sack
- C beat about the bush

D pulled all the stops

Answer: D

Question 76

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

It take me within 15 minutes to walk to the metro station from my house.

A take me most of

B no improvement

C takes me about

D takes me going

Answer: C

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Question 77

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

When you _____ it is best to be patient and have faith in your inner strength.

A remain on high alert

B keep someone at an arms length

C call a spade a spade

D find yourself in troubled waters

Answer: D

Question 78

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

When we were on holiday in Kerala, we were visiting much beautiful tea terraces and spice gardens.

A visited any

B are visit a few

C visited many

D no improvement

Answer: C

Question 79

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

The belief that events are predetermined and therefore cannot be changed

A fatalism

B chasm

C autism

D prism

Answer: A

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Question 80

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

- A. Spoon the brownie batter into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 40 minutes.
- B. Now beat in eggs and vanilla extract, and add cocoa and mix until well combined.
- C. To make chocolate chip brownies mix together melted butter, brown sugar and white sugar using a wooden spoon or hand mixer.
- D. Next, stir in flour and salt and mix until flour is incorporated, and then add some chocolate chips.

A CDBA

B ACDB

C CABD

D ADCB

Answer: A

Question 81

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
The airport helper said, "Should I fetch you a trolley?"

- A The helper had said he would be fetching me a trolley.
- B The airport helper is asking me that he will fetch a trolley.
- C The airport helper asked me if he should fetch me a trolley.
- D The airport helper said he will go to fetch me a trolley.

Answer: C

Question 82

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

Would you like to speak in English or Hindi?

- A like to speaking
- B liking to speak
- C no improvement
- D liked speaking

Answer: C

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Question 83

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
The salesgirl said, "Forgive me but this dress is already sold."

- A The salesgirl said that she is sorry but this dress is already sold.
- B The salesgirl begged forgiveness and regretted that that dress was already sold.
- C The salesgirl asked to be forgiven but this dress was already sold.
- D The salesgirl said to me to forgive her but this dress was sold.

Answer: B

Question 84

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
The exact opposite

- A prosthesis
- B aesthete
- C analogous
- D antithesis

Answer: D

Question 85

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

- A. She started the Udaipur-based organisation Shikshantar to create a space for selfdirected learning called 'unschooling'.
- B. It also organizes week-long camps where children involve themselves in local communities and interact with other kids who don't attend school.
- C. Nidhi Jain has been an unschooling parent for over two decades.
- D. The organisation arranges everything from internships in filmmaking to cooking for unschooled kids.

- A DBAC
- B CBAD
- C ACDB
- D CADB

Answer: D

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Question 86

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
"If the rains don't stop we will have to move the animals to another place,"said the zoo official.

- A The zoo official had been saying said that if the rains don't stop they would have to move the animals to another place.
- B The zoo official said that if the rains didn't stop they would have to move the animals to another place.
- C The zoo official will say that if the rains don't stop they would have to move the animals to another place.

D The zoo official said that if the rains are not stopping they would have to move the animals to another place.

Answer: B

Question 87

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
touching along the side or boundary

- A inconspicuous
- B unpretentious
- C harmonious
- D contiguous

Answer: D

Question 88

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

A. "It's sort of cool to be on a ship but even more amazing is this Earth we live on," Williams remarked as she described life on a spaceship to eager kids.

B. Williams, who is set to be one of the first to fly aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft in November 2019, was introduced at the festival by former NASA astronaut Mike Massimino .

C. On Sept. 22, 2018 NASA astronaut Sunita Williams – a veteran of two long-duration spaceflights – talked to families and space enthusiasts about space travel.

D. She was speaking at the Intrepid Air, Sea & Space Museum during the recent Space & Science Festival.

- A BCDA
- B CDBA
- C CBDA
- D BACD

Answer: B

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Question 89

Select the segment which has an error.

Found in many parts of India, the frangipani tree is a small, low -branching tree which is especial used for several medicinal purposes.

- A a small, low -branching tree
- B Found in many parts
- C The frangipani tree is
- D which is especial used

Answer: D

Question 90

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
The art teacher said, "I never tell my students what to draw. I tell them to imagine."

- A The art teacher said that I never tell my students what to draw. I tell them to imagine.
- B The art teacher said that she never told her students what to draw. She told them to imagine.
- C The art teacher is saying that she never tells her students what to draw. She tells them to imagine.
- D The art teacher had said that she never told her students what to draw. She tells them to imagine.

Answer: B

Question 91

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

I am like very much Chinese food and have learnt to cook it.

- A like very much Chinese food
- B like Chinese food very much
- C no improvement
- D am liking very much Chinese food

Answer: B

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Question 92

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

- A. Some used cars may have been involved in accidents or salvaged and rebuilt.
- B. Before buying a used car it's important to know everything there is to know about it.
- C. If the car engine is clean, it's a good sign, but still ask for a test drive.
- D. It is therefore very important to examine the car's engine for any fluid leaks.

- A CDBA
- B ACDB
- C BADC
- D DBCA

Answer: C

Question 93

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

Many old projects are _____ with a change in company policies.

- A beating around the bush
- B caught red handed
- C getting a new lease of life
- D breaking the ice

Answer: C

Question 94

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

Food and water are the two basic necessities that citizens should have accessing in.

- A access for
- B access at
- C No improvement.
- D access to

Answer: D

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Question 95

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

"Reena, I'm surprised you want dinner as we had such a late lunch," said Rajat.

- A Rajat had told Reena that he was surprised that she had wanted dinner as they were having such a late lunch.
- B Rajat was saying to Reena that he was surprised that she was wanting dinner as they had been having such a late lunch.
- C Rajat had been telling Reena that he was surprised that she wants dinner as they had had such a late lunch.
- D Rajat told Reena that he was surprised that she wanted dinner as they had had such a late lunch.

Answer: D

Question 96

Find a word that is the synonym of -
onerous

- A arduous
- B abundant
- C honourable
- D accessible

Answer: A

Question 97

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

The two little girls were playing a game of dice.

- A The two little girls had played a game of dice.
- B A game of dice was played by the two little girls.
- C A game of dice was being played by the two little girls.
- D The two little girls had been playing a game of dice.

Answer: C

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Question 98

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
To be a good speaker you need to memorize these speeches.

- A These speeches will be memorized by you to be a good speaker.
- B To be a good speaker these speeches need to be memorized by you
- C To be a good speaker these speeches need to memorize by you.
- D To be a good speaker these speeches being memorized by you.

Answer: B

Instructions

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

Question 99

"Can you pay him in cash?" she said to me.

- A She asked me if he could pay me in cash.
- B She asked him if I can pay him in cash.
- C She asked me if I could pay him in cash.
- D She asked him if I should pay him in cash.

Answer: C

Question 100

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
He advised me to go abroad for higher studies the following year.

- A He said to me, "I go abroad for higher studies next year."
- B He said to me, "Please go abroad for higher studies next year."
- C He told to me, "You should go abroad for higher studies the following year."
- D He said to me, "You should go abroad for higher studies next year."

Answer: D

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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 101

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
one who studies human societies and their culture

- A pathologist

- B astrobiologist
- C pharmacologist
- D anthropologist

Answer: D

Question 102

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

- A. According to hair loss experts, excess DHT drastically increases collagen production in the hair follicle.
- B. Hair loss can be traced to an increase of internal Dihydrotestosterone (DHT) and collagen production.
- C. Eventually, collagen blocks the pore completely causing a lack of necessary blood flow due to which your hair loses its sheen, thins down and finally you lose your hair completely.
- D. When too much collagen lines the interior of the follicle, it narrows the pores, decreases blood flow and slowly strangles your hair to death.

- A DABC
- B DCAB
- C BADC
- D BDAC

Answer: C

Question 103

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

"If I had the manual of the new T.V, I would have fixed it by now," said Uma.

- A Uma said that if she was having the manual of the new T.V she would have fixed it by now.
- B Uma said that if she has the manual of the new T.V she will have fixed it by then.
- C Uma said that if she will have the manual of the new T.V she would have fixed it by then
- D Uma said that if she had had the manual of the new T.V she would have fixed it by then

Answer: D

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Question 104

Find a word that is the ANTONYM of -
pandemonium

- A turbulence
- B harmony
- C excitement
- D uproar

Answer: B

Question 105

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

Shyamalan's movie 'The Sixth Sense' starring Bruce Willis was a great success but doesn't win all Academy Award as expected.

- A No improvement.
- B but didn't win any
- C but did win most
- D although it won some

Answer: B

Question 106

Find a word that is the ANTONYM OF piquant

- A pungent
- B interesting
- C bland
- D peppery

Answer: C

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Question 107

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

- A. Over the past week, the state has been pounded by intense rainfall, thus transforming the July deficit to surplus.
- B. A year after being ravaged by the worst floods in 100 years, Kerala is once again facing a deluge.
- C. The districts in Kerala's north - in particular Kozhikode, Wayanad, and Malappuram - are among the worst affected where relief work is going on.
- D. The copious amounts of rainfall in the state have been both intense and consistent leading to many deaths besides rendering thousands homeless.

- A BADC
- B DBAC
- C DBCA
- D ABCD

Answer: A

Question 108

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. I hope you are 100 percent fit by now.

- A It will be hoped that you are 100 percent fit by then.
- B It is hoping you are 100 percent fit by now.

- C It is hoped that you are 100 percent fit by now.
- D It was being hoped by me that you are 100 percent fit by then.

Answer: C

Question 109

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

Even if Uma is unable to make it, I can't most definitely come.

- A No improvement.
- B won't definite
- C needn't more definite
- D shall most definitely

Answer: D

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Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

Comprehension:

Mount Everest, the world's highest peak at 8,848 metres, draws adventurers from all over. But the mountain on the Nepal-China border is fast becoming a dangerous place to visit even for the hardened mountaineer. The inherent risks were highlighted with a photograph by Nirmal Purja, a Gorkha ex-soldier. The image, which went viral and altered the manner in which people worldwide imagine what it is to scale Mt. Everest, showed a long queue awaiting a final tilt at the summit, with all the dangers such a wait holds. In the 2019 season, at least 11 climbers have died or gone missing, including four Indians. Experts have been calling for Nepal to restrict the number of permits. It awarded a record 381 for this spring each fetching \$11,000 (climbing from the Tibet side is more expensive). On 22nd May, 200 climbers ascended the summit, a new record for a single day. Last year, 807 managed to reach the summit. In 2012, the United Nations estimated that there were more than 26,000 visitors to the Everest region, and this figure has grown manifold since then. Nepal officials argue that permits are not issued recklessly, and that jams such as this year's near the summit are on account of spells of bad weather, which result in mountaineers being compelled to reach the summit within a narrow time frame. Waiting in sub-zero temperatures at rarefied altitude can be fatal-- this season's deaths were mostly due to frostbite, exhaustion, dehydration and lack of oxygen.

This year's drama has caught public imagination, as happened in 1996 when eight persons died in a single day amid an unexpected storm - events of and around that day were the subject of Jon Krakauer's bestselling book 'Into Thin Air'. The adventure industry that is built around the human desire to scale the peak has meant many amateurs take up the challenge, confident that support teams and specialized equipment will make up for their lack of adequate mountaineering experience. The fallout is that in case of a disaster not only are some of them unable to manage but they also hold up others, putting them in harm's way. The commercial operations have led to the Everest being called the world's highest garbage dump as many climbers discard non-critical gear, used oxygen cylinders, plastic bottles, cans, batteries, food wrappings, fecal matter and kitchen waste on the mountains. It is unlikely, however, that this season's tragedies will deter future summiteers, as the hypnotic lure remains intact. But the authorities must learn from this year's tragedies and work out an optimum number of climbers and strengthen safety measures.

Question 110

What is the theme of this newspaper editorial?

Select the most appropriate combination of factors given below.

- Overcrowding of Mount Everest on 22nd May, 2019.
- The urgent necessity to introduce and implement adequate safety measures to prevent man-made disasters.
- Not to treat the ascent of the highest peak as an adventure sport.
- Refuse permits to amateur climbers.
- Disallow tour operating companies from crowding the base-camp.

A c & d

B b & c

C a & e

D a & b

Answer: D

Question 111

Fill in the blank to complete the statement.

In 2019 _____ people have lost their lives on Mt. Everest.

A eleven

B eight

C nine

D ten

Answer: A

Question 112

What image has Nirmal Purja's viral photograph captured?

A A long queue of climbers on the final stretch of a steep slope.

B Dead bodies of mountaineers on the route of the highest peak.

C The accumulated garbage on the mountain slopes.

D Exhausted mountaineers falling unconscious on the way up.

Answer: A

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Question 113

Why was the Nepal Government criticized recently?

A For not providing optimum facilities to the mountaineers.

B For charging a hefty fee to issue a permit.

C For allowing too many tour operators at the Everest Base Camp Site.

D For issuing 381 permits to aspiring climbers.

Answer: D

Question 114

Why, according to the text, do most climbers prefer to climb the Everest from Nepal side?

A Nepali people are keen to help the climbers because this is their only way to earn money.

- B International mountaineers are not allowed in Chinese territory.
- C Nepal provides better logistical support than India.
- D Climbing the Everest from Nepal side is cheaper than the Tibet side.

Answer: D

Question 115

Choose the factor, which was NOT responsible for the death of mountaineers in May, 2019.

- A Dehydration
- B Lack of food
- C Lack of oxygen
- D Frost bite and exhaustion

Answer: B

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Question 116

If an amateur mountaineer is one who climbs mountains as a hobby, which word in the text, describes an experienced one.

- A reckless mountaineer
- B ex-soldier climber
- C adventure climber
- D hardened mountaineer

Answer: D

Question 117

How are amateur mountaineers a threat to others?

- A Amateurs are dependent on their support teams and cannot manage anything on their own.
- B Amateurs, because of their inexperience and slow pace, are exposed to all kinds of hazards.
- C Amateurs need specialized equipment to make up for their inexperience.
- D Amateurs hold up other mountaineers in case of unforeseen disasters because they are not self-reliant.

Answer: D

Question 118

Identify the INCORRECT OPTION.

The Everest has become the 'highest garbage dump' as many climbers leave behind _____

- A kitchen waste
- B protective clothing.

- C empty food cans and bottles
- D spent oxygen tanks

Answer: B

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Question 119

Select the INCORRECT Option.

'Into Thin Air' is ____

- A a best-selling book.
- B based on an unexpected storm in the Himalayas.
- C an account of the death of eight people in a single day.
- D an incident that happened in 1999.

Answer: D

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 120

Select the segment which has an error.

A recent government report highlight that the shortage of teachers in higher educational institutions is greater than that in countries like China, Brazil, Sweden and Russia.

- A A recent government report highlight
- B in higher educational institutions
- C that the shortage of teachers
- D is greater than

Answer: A

Question 121

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

Consisting of many things or parts

- A few
- B singular
- C numerical
- D multitudinous

Answer: D

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Instructions

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

Question 122

His large income was still insufficiently to meet the growing demands of his family.

- A No improvement.
- B was still insufficient
- C have been still insufficient
- D was being yet insufficient

Answer: B

Question 123

I had no idea at first how difficult it was being track the identity of every tree in Delhi.

- A No improvement.
- B was to track
- C were to tracked
- D have been tracking

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 124

Select the segment which has an error.

Their house aren't very big but their garden is.

- A aren't very big
- B Their house
- C garden is
- D but their

Answer: A

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Question 125

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
It is known by everyone that the tournament will be won by us.

- A It is known to everyone that we are going to win the tournament.
- B It is known that the tournament is going to be won by us.
- C Everyone knows that we will win the tournament.
- D Everyone knows that the tournament was won by us.

Answer: C

Instructions

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

Question 126

- A. It requires continuous learning and sacrifices.
- B. To raise well behaved and responsible children one should be willing to invest a considerable amount of time, patience and energy.
- C. Instilling and inculcating good values in a child will go a long way in making him/her a good person and a better citizen.
- D. There is no doubt that parenting is among the most difficult and demanding tasks in the world.

- A ACBD
- B ABCD
- C BDCA
- D DABC

Answer: D

Question 127

- A. Such was his devotion that Kaali Ma appeared before him with a thousand heads and a thousand pairs of arms.
- B. Once, Tenali Raman wanted to visit the Kaali temple on the outskirts of the city and pray.
- C. It was quite dark by the time Tenali reached the temple, prostrated before the goddess, and with eyes closed started praying to Mother Kaali.
- D. Raman who was dazzled to see Mother Kaali in all her glory, looked at her from left to right and right to left and could not control his happiness.

- A BCAD
- B BACD
- C DCBA
- D CDAB

Answer: A

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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 128

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
How were they managing the school for one year without a Principal?

- A How was the Principal managed for one year without a School?
- B How was the school managed for one year without a Principal?
- C How was the Principal being managed for one year without a School?
- D How was the school being managed for one year without a Principal?

Answer: D

Question 129

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.
Factory owners are protesting because they think that the government has _____ of plastic manufacturing companies by closing their factories in big cities.

- A separated the wheat from the chaff
- B made no bones
- C been barking up the wrong tree
- D upset the applecart

Answer: D

Question 130

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

It was quite a _____ matter but was escalated due to the media coverage.

- A humble
- B trivial
- C stingy
- D ghastly

Answer: B

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Question 131

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

In trying to solve the crime, the detective found himself _____. Yet the mystery kept deepening.

- A beating the bush
- B beating his brains out
- C letting his hair down
- D making room for others

Answer: B

Question 132

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

One should leave office on time to maintain good work life balance.

- A Office is being left on time to maintain good work life balance.
- B Office should be left on time to maintain good work life balance.
- C Office has to be left on time to maintain good work life balance.
- D Office will be left on time to maintain good work life balance.

Answer: B

Question 133

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

Now that I having grow old , I often spend a lot of time thinking about my childhood.

- A had grown older
- B has grown older
- C No improvement.
- D am growing older

Answer: D

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Instructions

Select the segment which has an error.

Question 134

Is she go to visit her parents in the evening?

- A her parents
- B to visit
- C in the evening
- D Is she go

Answer: D

Question 135

Our most memorable meeting with Spielberg happened while we were at the Berlin Film Festival in 1977, where the film 'Shatranj ke Khilari' were being screened as India's official entry.

- A Our most memorable meeting
- B while we were at
- C where the film
- D were being screened

Answer: D

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 136

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
The commander said, "Keep marching till you reach the border."

- A The commander ordered his men to keep marching till they reached the border.
- B The commander requested the men keep marching till they reach the border.
- C The commander said the men should keep marching till they reach the border.
- D The commander said to his men they should keep marching till you reach the border.

Answer: A

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Question 137

Select the segment which has an error.

Doctors say that eating red meat is one of a lead cause of heart disease.

- A is one of a lead cause
- B of heart disease
- C Doctors say that
- D eating red meat

Answer: A

Question 138

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

An interesting discussion is being held on environmental degradation.

- A They are holding an interesting discussion on environmental degradation.
- B An interesting discussion had been held on environmental degradation.
- C An interesting discussion is to be held on environmental degradation.
- D They will be holding an interesting discussion on environmental degradation.

Answer: A

Question 139

Identify the word that is misspelt.

- A exhilaration
- B idiosyncrasy
- C recalcitrant
- D conscientious

Answer: B

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Question 140

Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.

The official found himself _____ when he could not explain his actions and all the members started attacking him with accusations of cheating.

- A in the eye of a storm
- B on the same page
- C wet behind the ears

D burning the midnight oil

Answer: A

Question 141

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

- A. So he told his son that for every careless act of his he would hammer a nail into a wooden pillar in their house, and for every positive act he would pull out one nail.
- B. The boy saw that the pillar was getting crowded with nails and realised his mistake.
- C. A father wanted to inculcate a sense of responsibility in his careless son.
- D. He resolved to change his behaviour and soon the nails started coming out, till there were none left.

A BACD

B BCDA

C CABD

D CDBA

Answer: C

Question 142

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence. I said, "Mother please let me go out for a movie with my friends."

- A He requested his mother she may please let him go out for a movie with his friends.
- B I said to mother you please let me go out for a movie with my friends.
- C She is begging her mother to please let me go out for a movie with my friends.
- D I begged my mother to let me go out for a movie with my friends.

Answer: D

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Question 143

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence. My art teacher asked me whether I had attended her classes.

- A My art teacher was asking me whether I had attended her classes.
- B My art teacher asks me whether I attended her classes.
- C I was being asked by my art teacher whether I was attending her classes.
- D I was asked by my art teacher whether I had attended her classes.

Answer: D

Question 144

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

I think you can have a piece of this cake but not all of it. I have to save some for my mother.

- A but never all of those
- B but not some of that
- C or not most of it
- D no improvement

Answer: D

Question 145

Identify the word that is misspelt.

- A questionnaire
- B hierarchy
- C liaison
- D millenium

Answer: D

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Question 146

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
We expect an important announcement regarding the foreign policy today.

- A An important announcement regarding the foreign policy was expected today.
- B We had been expected an important announcement regarding the foreign policy today
- C An important announcement regarding the foreign policy is expected today.
- D An important announcement regarding the foreign policy will be expected today.

Answer: C

Question 147

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
"Why is everybody leaving so early today?" said the manager.

- A The manager asked why was everybody leaving so early that day.
- B The manager asked why everybody left so early that day.
- C The manager asked why everybody was leaving so early that day.
- D The manager asked why everybody was leaving so early today.

Answer: C

Question 148

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

In my lifetime, I have been greatly privileged to travel to some of the most wonderful places in the world.

- A No improvement.
- B only a few of
- C none of
- D least of the

Answer: A

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Question 149

Select the segment which has an error.

Since a meeting drew to a close, I realized that people were not really listening to me.

- A I realized
- B Since a meeting
- C drew to a close
- D were not really

Answer: B

Question 150

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

Amar urged Amit to stop taking tranquillizers without consulting the doctor.

- A "Amit, please stop taking tranquillizers without consulting the doctor," Amar was advising,
- B Amit said to Amar, "Please stop taking tranquillizers without consulting the doctor."
- C "Amit, please stop taking tranquillizers without consulting the doctor," said Amar.
- D Amar says to Amit, "Please consult the doctor before taking tranquillizers."

Answer: C

Question 151

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

My birthday was celebrated by my colleagues at the office today.

- A My colleagues have celebrated my birthday at the office today.
- B My colleagues are celebrating my birthday at the office today.
- C My colleagues will celebrate my birthday at the office today.
- D My colleagues celebrated my birthday at the office today.

Answer: D

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Question 152

Select the segment which has an error.

Rescue officials was unable to find any survivors in the California boat tragedy.

- A was unable
- B in the
- C to find
- D Rescue officials

Answer: A

Question 153

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

Aanya said, "Even if it rains very hard I will not miss school tomorrow."

- A Aanya says that even if it rains very hard she will not miss school tomorrow.
- B Aanya said that even if it rained very hard she would not miss school the next day.
- C Aanya said though it rains very hard she will not miss school the next day.
- D Aanya has said that if it rains very hard I will not miss school tomorrow.

Answer: B

Question 154

Find a word that is the synonym of -
diminutive

- A petite
- B expeditious
- C dangerous
- D fallacious

Answer: A

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Question 155

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

Father hugged me and said, "What a beautiful painting!"

- A Father hugged me and exclaimed that my painting was very beautiful.
- B Father hugs me and exclaimed that my painting is very beautiful.
- C Father hugs me and says that my painting was very beautiful.
- D Father hugged me and exclaimed I had made a very beautiful painting.

Answer: A

Question 156

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
Making a show of being morally superior to others

- A approving
- B sanctum
- C profligate
- D sanctimonious

Answer: D

Question 157

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The _____ speech did not impress the audience as they could not really make out the focus of her discussion.

- A contagious
- B concurrent
- C contaminated
- D convoluted

Answer: D

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Question 158

Select the segment which has an error.

Please don't disturbs to me as I am reading a book.

- A Please don't
- B reading a book
- C as I am
- D disturbs to me

Answer: D

Instructions

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

Comprehension:

Packing is one of those chores that seems _____ (1) simple but it's a skill that most of humanity _____ (2). Even seasoned travellers end up carrying a _____ (3) array of stuff they don't use. Heavy bags _____ (4) be back-breaking and frustrating. Packing _____ (5) is a test of planning skills and is indicative of one's ability to _____ (6) one's life. The simplest way to pack smart is to _____ (7) a medium-sized bag so you're not tempted to _____ (8) more stuff at the last minute. The smart packer doesn't _____ (9) what -if -I -need it-category of stuff, the singular reason junk lands in _____ (10) suitcase.

Question 159

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

- A deceptively

- B cleverly
- C specially
- D deceitfully

Answer: A

Question 160

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

- A do have
- B does have
- C don't have
- D doesn't have

Answer: D

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Question 161

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

- A irritating
- B illuminating
- C bedazzling
- D mind boggling

Answer: D

Question 162

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

- A will
- B mustn't
- C should
- D can

Answer: D

Question 163

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

- A complicatedly
- B randomly
- C deliberately

D strategically

Answer: D

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Question 164

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

A detect

B reflect

C organise

D interpret

Answer: C

Question 165

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

A select

B invest

C go

D look

Answer: A

Question 166

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

A squeeze in

B pushing in

C spreading on

D putting on

Answer: A

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Question 167

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

A live on

B stay on

C think on

D dwell on

Answer: D

Question 168

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

A most

B the

C one

D many

Answer: B

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 169

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
Rashmi says, "My startup is doing very well."

A Rashmi says that my startup is doing very well.

B Rashmi said that her startup is doing very well.

C Rashmi said that her startup was doing very well.

D Rashmi says that her startup is doing very well.

Answer: D

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Question 170

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

A. Now, that the real estate sector has got its own regulator, RERA, from May 1, 2017, things are expected to improve.

B. For many of the homebuyers, across locations the delay has extended to almost six years or more.

C. In the absence of a regulator and with no rules in place, the builder-buyer battle appeared one-sided.

D. For the buyers of real estate properties the delay in possession of their homes has been the biggest concern.

A DBCA

B ABDC

C DABC

D BACD

Answer: A

Question 171

Choose the most appropriate option to change the narration (direct / indirect) of the given sentence.
He said, "The last film I saw was such a violent one that I couldn't sleep the whole night".

A He is saying the last film he saw was such a violent one that he couldn't sleep the whole night.

- B** He shall be saying that the last film he had been seeing was such a violent one that he couldn't sleep the whole night.
- C** He shall say that the last film he had seen was such a violent one that he couldn't sleep the whole night.
- D** He said that the last film he had seen was such a violent one that he couldn't sleep the whole night.

Answer: D

Question 172

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
a private conversation between two people

- A** monologue
- B** tête-à-tête
- C** dialogue
- D** sermon

Answer: B

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Question 173

Select the segment which has an error.

Aanya's class teacher and her friends congratulates her warmly when she won the inter school debate and brought the trophy to the school.

- A** and brought the trophy
- B** congratulates her
- C** when she won
- D** and her friends

Answer: B

Question 174

Select the segment which has an error.

Some of us are plan to go for a movie tonight.

- A** for a movie
- B** to go
- C** Some of us
- D** are plan to go

Answer: D

Question 175

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
proceeding in a gradual way and secretly intending to cause harm

- A** benevolent

- B malevolent
- C solvent
- D insidious

Answer: D

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Question 176

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

- A. Though everything was on the up and up for Holzman, yet ... something wasn't quite right.
- B. At 19, he enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America before heading to the West Coast to cook for such well-esteemed restaurants as Palladin, Napa and Aqua.
- C. He got a little fed up with the kitchen and started to feel that he wanted to do something different with it.
- D. Holzman, a well known chef, started his career at the age of 15 when the prodigy began cooking under Eric Ripert at the iconic New York restaurant, Le Bernadin.

- A DBAC
- B ABCD
- C DACB
- D ACBD

Answer: A

Question 177

Select the segment which has an error.

The novel 'Embers' has a captivating plot and begins with a senior army officer preparing to receive a rare visitor, a man who was once his closer friend.

- A his closer friend
- B has a captivating plot
- C a man who was once
- D begins with

Answer: A

Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow-

Comprehension:

Brain training is big business. From online websites to video games to mobile apps, it seems like there are plenty of ways to give your brain a bit of a boost. But does all this brain training really work? Can it increase your cognitive abilities or your IQ? According to a few recent

studies, while these brain training tools might help sharpen your abilities to retain information, they won't necessarily increase your intelligence or improve your ability to reason and think abstractly.

The parent company of one of the most prominent "brain training" websites was recently fined for deceptive advertising. According to the complainant, the company suggested its games could reduce or delay cognitive impairment such as one might find in Alzheimer's patients, which is false.

So while there may be some benefits to brain training, don't expect miraculous results. Earlier studies have found no link between increased intelligence and brain training exercises.

Same is the case with standardized tests. Students today take a wide variety of standardized tests, from assessments throughout elementary school to evaluations required for college admission. While test preparation for such assessments can increase factual knowledge, one study suggests that this preparation does little to increase overall IQ.

Why is it so? While test preparation increases what psychologists refer to as crystallized intelligence, it does not increase what is known as fluid intelligence. Crystallized intelligence includes facts and information, while fluid intelligence involves the ability to think abstractly or logically.

In a study published in the journal Psychological Science, researchers looked at the IQ scores and test scores of approximately 1,400 eighth-grade students. While schoolwork helped increase the students' test scores, it had no effect on measures of fluid intelligence. The authors suggest that fluid intelligence is a much better indicator of abilities such as problemsolving ability, abstract thinking skills, memory capacity, and processing speed.

While the study found no indicator that test preparation improved IQ, that does not mean that this preparation has no value. Research clearly shows that having high scores on standardized tests is linked to having high scores on other important tests including Advanced Placement tests, the SAT etc.

Question 178

In the passage, 'give your brain a bit of a boost' means to -

- A increase its ability to grow stronger
- B be able to play video games
- C increase its size
- D sharpen it

Answer: D

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Question 179

What do brain training tools do?

- A Enable you to retain information
- B Sharpen the ability to think clearly
- C Increase intelligence
- D Improve problem solving abilities

Answer: A

Question 180

A brain training site was fined for-

- A making false claims
- B causing Alzheimer's disease
- C helping improve learning ability
- D decreasing intelligence

Answer: A

Question 181

On comparing crystallized intelligence and fluid intelligence it is found that-

- A students have better fluid intelligence and perform better because of schoolwork and standardized test.
- B crystallized intelligence helps in making you think with a logical mind gives you better test scores.
- C fluid intelligence is what gives a learner skills such as problem-solving and processing of information.
- D crystallized intelligence is better because it helps you learn facts and information.

Answer: C

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Question 182

From the passage one can arrive at the conclusion that both brain training and standardized tests -

- A do not really increase overall IQ and mental abilities.
- B sharpen logical thinking through intensive training.
- C increase brain functioning and performance.
- D make you more intelligent and get better results.

Answer: A

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 183

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea are working on 'The Book of Gutsy women '.

- A 'The Book of Gutsy Women,'is being worked upon by Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea.
- B Hillary Clinton and Chelsea will have worked upon 'The Book of Gutsy Women'.
- C 'The Book of Gutsy Women' would have been worked upon by Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea.
- D Hillary Clinton and her daughter Chelsea were working upon 'The Book of Gutsy Women.'

Answer: A

Question 184

Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active / passive) form of the given sentence.
The monsoons spur the trees to sprout new leaves.

- A Trees were spurred to sprout new leaves by the monsoons.
- B The monsoons will have spurredthe trees to sprout new leaves.
- C Trees are spurred by the monsoons to sprout new leaves.
- D The monsoons are spurring the trees to sprout new leaves.

Answer: C

Instructions

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

Question 185

The gym instructor exclaimed that her students' performance was extremely poor.

- A The gym instructor said to her students, "How poor their performance is!"
- B The gym instructor said to her students, "How is your performance so poor?"
- C The gym instructor said to her students, "How poor your performance is!"
- D The gym instructor says to her students, "Your performance is poor."

Answer: C

Question 186

The teacher suggested that the PTM be postponed to the third Saturday of the month.

- A The teacher told, "The PTM will be postponed to the third Saturday of the month. "
- B The teacher said, "Let's postpone the PTM to the third Saturday of the month. "
- C The teacher said, "The PTM would be postponed to the third Saturday of the month."
- D The teacher suggested, "The PTM must be postponed to the third Saturday of the month."

Answer: B

Question 187

The RWA members said, "We want to see the audited accounts before we make more payments."

- A The RWA members are saying that they want to see the audited accounts before they make more payments.
- B The RWA members said that they wanted to see the audited accounts before they made more payments.
- C The RWA members said that we want to see the audited accounts before we make more payments.
- D The RWA members said we wanted to see the audited accounts before we make more payments.

Answer: B

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Instructions

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

Question 188

The vicious cycle of poverty refers to the situation where those who are poor will trapped in poverty.

- A would be trap
- B will remain trapped
- C No improvement.
- D were trapping

Answer: B

Question 189

There was a time when it was fashionable to have a dainty dog, like as the poodles or any other tiny creature as a pet.

- A like as the poodle
- B such as a poodle
- C No improvement.
- D much like a poodles

Answer: B

Instructions

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

Comprehension:

It's a magical sight: Just as the light begins to vanish, thousands of tiny penguins waddle _____ (1) the surf on an island in south-eastern Australia, then _____ (2) the beach and along well-worn paths toward _____ (3) burrows. The "Penguin Parade" has been a major attraction since the 1920s, when tourists _____ (4) by torchlight to view the nightly _____ (5) the birds – the world's smallest penguin breed, with adults _____ (6) 13 inches tall. For much of that time, the penguins lived _____ (7) the residents of a housing development, in tight proximity to cars and pets. The penguins' numbers fell _____ (8) But in 1985, the state government decided to buy _____ (9) piece of property on the Peninsula and return the land to the penguins. Today there are about 31,000 penguins _____ (10) on the peninsula, up from 12,000 in the 1980s.

Question 190

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

- A stand off
- B passing off
- C far off
- D out of

Answer: D

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Question 191

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

- A move out
- B move up
- C moves on
- D moved to

Answer: B

Question 192

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

- A their
- B those
- C these
- D this

Answer: A

Question 193

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

- A was lead
- B had led
- C were led
- D were leading

Answer: C

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Question 194

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

- A shining of
- B arrival of
- C playing off
- D going of

Answer: B

Question 195

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

- A averages
- B average
- C averaging
- D averaged

Answer: C

Question 196

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

- A within
- B among

C between

D towards

Answer: B

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Question 197

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

A drastically

B variously

C numerously

D clearly

Answer: A

Question 198

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

A all

B any

C each

D some

Answer: A

Question 199

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

A preparing

B proceeding

C propelling

D breeding

Answer: D

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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 200

Select the segment which has an error.

It is estimated that most of the addict, a whopping 85%, in God's own country Kerala, are below 25 years of age.

- A It is estimated that
- B are below 25
- C most of the addict
- D a whopping 85%

Answer: C

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