



**SBI PO 2007**

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## Reasoning

### Instructions

Study the following information carefully to answer these questions.

'A \$ B' means 'A is wife of B'

'A # B' means 'A is son of B'

'A % B' means 'A is father of B'

'A \* B' means 'A is sister of B'

### Question 1

Which of the following expressions represents the relationship 'T is brother of H' ?

- A  $H * T \% K$
- B  $T * H \% K$
- C  $H \# K \% T$
- D  $H * K \% T$
- E None of these

**Answer:** A

### Explanation:

(A) :  $H * T \% K$  = H is sister of T and T is father of K,  $\Rightarrow$  T is male

$\Rightarrow$  T is brother of H

(B) :  $T * H \% K$  = T is sister of H, who is father of K

$\Rightarrow$  T is sister of H

(C) :  $H \# K \% T$  = H is the son of K and K is also father of T,  $\Rightarrow$  gender of T is unknown

$\Rightarrow$  T can be either brother or sister of H

(D) :  $H * K \% T$  = H is sister of K, who is father of T

$\Rightarrow$  T is either nephew or niece of H

Ans - (A)

### Question 2

In  $H * T \# F \% L$ , how is H related to L ?

- A Cousin
- B Brother
- C Sister
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

**Answer:** C

### Explanation:

In  $H * T \# F \% L$

H is sister of T, who is son of F.

F is father of L,  $\Rightarrow$  H(female), T(male) & L are siblings.

$\Rightarrow$  H is **sister** of L

### Question 3

Which of the following expression represent the relationship 'R is mother of J' ?

- A M\*J#K\$R
- B M\*R\$K%J
- C J#R#T
- D R\$K%M\$J
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

(A) : M\*J#K\$R = M is the sister of J, who is son of K. K is the wife of R  
=> R is father of J

(B) : M\*R\$K%J = M is sister of R, who is wife of K. K is father of J  
=> R is mother of J

(C) : J#R#T = J is son of R, who is son of T  
=> R is father of J

(D) : R\$K%M\$J = R is wife of K, who is father of M. M is wife of J.  
=> R is mother-in-law of J.

Ans - (B)

#### Instructions

These questions are based on the following set of numbers.  
153 364 279 536 298

### Question 4

If in each number, the second and the third digits are interchanged and the newly formed numbers are arranged in ascending order, which number will be second ?

- A 153
- B 364
- C 279
- D 536
- E 298

**Answer: E**

#### Explanation:

Lets change the numbers as per the question

135 346 297 563 289

Now on arranging these numbers in ascending order, we have

135 289 297 346 563

So second number is 289 which was originally 298. Thus option 5.

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### Question 5

If in each number '1' is added to the digit and then the first, second digits are interchanged which number will be the smallest ?

- A 153
- B 364
- C 279
- D 536
- E 298

**Answer:** D

### Explanation:

153 364 279 536 298

Adding 1 to each number

154 365 280 537 299

Now interchanging the first two digits we have

514 635 820 357 929

So smallest number is 357 which was originally 536, Thus option 4

### Instructions

In each question below is given a statement followed by two course of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested course of action logically follow (s) for pursuing.

### Question 6

**Statement :** An increased number of credit/debit card forgery cases have been recorded recently.

**Courses of action I. :** The banks should make stricter verification to ensure the access to credit/debit card by the authorized person

**II. The banks should advise their customers to be more careful in dealing with the plastic money.**

- A Give answer (A) if only I follows
- B Give answer (B) if only II follows
- C Give answer (C) if either I or II follows
- D Give answer (D) if neither I nor II follows
- E Give answer (E) if both I and II follows

**Answer:** E

### Question 7

**Statement :** Drinking and rave parties have become fashion among the present college youth which diverts from their studies

**Courses of action I. The State Government should make it rule to disallow the students from entering Pubs and Bars**

**II. The parents as well as the colleges should impose strict discipline among the college going youth.**

- A Give answer (A) if only I follows
- B Give answer (B) if only II follows
- C Give answer (C) if either I or II follows
- D Give answer (D) if neither I nor II follows
- E Give answer (E) if both I and II follows

Answer: B

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### Question 8

**Statement :** Increasing competition on various fronts is putting children and youth under tremendous pressure leading them to take extremely drastic steps.

**Courses of action I.** Children and youth along with their parents should be counselled for facing the competition in right spirit  
**II.** Parents and teachers should be advised not to bring pressure on children.

- A Give answer (A) if only I follows
- B Give answer (B) if only II follows
- C Give answer (C) if either I or II follows
- D Give answer (D) if neither I nor II follows
- E Give answer (E) if both I and II follows

Answer: A

### Question 9

**Statement :** Power cuts in most parts of the country has put the students in tremendous difficulty during examination time.

**Courses of action I.** Government should advise the public to make stand by arrangements like generators and invertors.  
**II.** Parents of the students should take out a morcha to the State Electricity Boards in protest against power cuts.

- A Give answer (A) if only I follows
- B Give answer (B) if only II follows
- C Give answer (C) if either I or II follows
- D Give answer (D) if neither I nor II follows
- E Give answer (E) if both I and II follows

Answer: A

### Question 10

**Statement:** Increasing construction of residential towers in the city is hampering the infrastructural arrangements like water supply, sewage system etc.

**Courses of action I.** Municipal authorities in the city should not permit construction of towers unless adequate provisions for infrastructural facilities are made.  
**II.** Concerned authorities should take stringent action those builders who are violating the rules.

- A Give answer (A) if only I follows
- B Give answer (B) if only II follows
- C Give answer (C) if either I or II follows
- D Give answer (D) if neither I nor II follows
- E Give answer (E) if both I and II follows

Answer: E

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### Instructions

In making decision about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between "strong" arguments and "weak" arguments. "Strong" arguments must be both important and directly related to the question. "Weak" arguments may not be directly related to the question and may be of minor importance or may be related to the trivial aspects of the question.

Each question below is followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a "strong" argument and which one is "weak" argument.

### Question 11

**Should graduation be made minimum educational qualification for entry level jobs in any public sector organization ?**

**Arguments I. Yes, graduates always perform better than the non-graduates by virtue of their higher level of education.**

**II. No, there are quite a few people who cannot afford to remain unemployed till the completion of graduation and are capable of performing equally well as the graduate candidates.**

- A Give answer (A) if argument I is strong
- B Give answer (B) if only argument II is strong
- C Give answer (C) if either argument I or II is strong
- D Give answer (D) if neither argument I nor II is strong
- E Give answer (E) if both arguments I and II are strong

**Answer: B**

### Question 12

**Should the examination bodies for all university examinations permit the use of calculators ?**

**Argument I. No, it is necessary for the students to know the methods of manual calculation to make their concepts clear.**

**II. Yes, manual calculations are no more required with extensive use to computers in all fields.**

- A Give answer (A) if argument I is strong
- B Give answer (B) if only argument II is strong
- C Give answer (C) if either argument I or II is strong
- D Give answer (D) if neither argument I nor II is strong
- E Give answer (E) if both arguments I and II are strong

**Answer: A**

### Question 13

**Should the knowledge of Hindi language be made compulsory for all the employees of public sector organizations ?**

**Arguments I. Yes, it is necessary for dealing with people from the educationally backward strata of the society.**

**II. No, it is not necessary for every employee to have the knowledge of Hindi language.**

- A Give answer (A) if argument I is strong
- B Give answer (B) if only argument II is strong
- C Give answer (C) if either argument I or II is strong
- D Give answer (D) if neither argument I nor II is strong
- E Give answer (E) if both arguments I and II are strong

Answer: D

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### Question 14

Should it made compulsory for all the private sector organizations to reserve quota for socially backward classes ?

Argument I. No, the private sector should not be governed by the Government rules.

II. Yes, private sector organizations should also contribute in upliftment of socially backward classes.

- A Give answer (A) if argument I is strong
- B Give answer (B) if only argument II is strong
- C Give answer (C) if either argument I or II is strong
- D Give answer (D) if neither argument I nor II is strong
- E Give answer (E) if both arguments I and II are strong

Answer: B

### Question 15

Should the women be advised not to travel alone at night in view of the increasing incidence of rape and sexual abuse ?

Argument I. No, instead the Government take measures to control such incidences.

II. Yes, it is difficult even for the police department to control such cases.

- A Give answer (A) if argument I is strong
- B Give answer (B) if only argument II is strong
- C Give answer (C) if either argument I or II is strong
- D Give answer (D) if neither argument I nor II is strong
- E Give answer (E) if both arguments I and II are strong

Answer: A

### Instructions

Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be draw from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity.

The immediate challenge is on the food front. Shortfalls in production have been allowed to affect supplies and hence prices. The government is planning to focus on investment in irrigation and strategy. It appears that the Green Revolution instruments to encourage farmers to invest are no longer effective. The Green Revolution strategy was based on the state taking out the risk of collapse in prices. Farmers were offered remunerative prices and a guaranteed procurement of their produce in case the open market could not absorb it. Farmers could then borrow from banks, acquire the Green Revolution Technology and produce as much as they could. The pressure on the food subsidy was manageable as long as there was a food shortage. Prices in the open market then tended to be above the procurement prices. But with the food surpluses the situation has changed. The situation was unsustainable not merely because of the magnitude of this subsidy. It was also inefficient. It meant farmers were being led to produce crops based just on the pieces Government fixed and not in relation to any legal demand. In these circumstances, the Government was reluctant to keep increasing procurement prices at the pace that used to be the norm in earlier years.

### Question 16

The Government is planning to make crucial changes in the Green Revolution strategies.

- A Mark answer (A) if the inference is "definitely true" i.e., it properly follows from the statement of facts given
- B Mark answer (B) if the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given

- C Mark answer (C) if the data are inadequate i.e., from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false
- D Mark answer (D) if the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given
- E Mark answer (E) if the inference is "definitely false" i.e., it cannot possible be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Refer to 2nd line of the passage stating that green revolution instruments are no longer effective. And also in the first line of the passage, the government proposed for investment in irrigation and strategy. So, A is a direct reference from the passage and hence A is true .

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**Question 17**

**The Government in no longer in a provide subsidy to farmers.**

- A Mark answer (A) if the inference is "definitely true" i.e., it properly follows from the statement of facts given
- B Mark answer (B) if the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given
- C Mark answer (C) if the data are inadequate i.e., from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false
- D Mark answer (D) if the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given
- E Mark answer (E) if the inference is "definitely false" i.e., it cannot possible be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Refer to the 5th line in the passage. It states that the pressure on the food subsidy is manageable until there is a food shortage. But if there is no food shortage, the passage did not mention whether the government can bear the subsidy amount or not. So, it can probably be true. Hence, option B is correct.

**Question 18**

**As the open market prices are lower, all the burden of procurement of crops in on the Government.**

- A Mark answer (A) if the inference is "definitely true" i.e., it properly follows from the statement of facts given
- B Mark answer (B) if the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given
- C Mark answer (C) if the data are inadequate i.e., from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false
- D Mark answer (D) if the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given
- E Mark answer (E) if the inference is "definitely false" i.e., it cannot possible be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The government is responsible for crop procurement prices but not for procurement of crops. The farmer is responsible for procurement of crops. Hence, as the inference is false, E is correct.

**Question 19**

**Demand is much higher than the quantity of crops produced by the farmers.**



- A Mark answer (A) if the inference is "definitely true" i.e., it properly follows from the statement of facts given
- B Mark answer (B) if the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given
- C Mark answer (C) if the data are inadequate i.e., from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false
- D Mark answer (D) if the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given
- E Mark answer (E) if the inference is "definitely false" i.e., it cannot possible be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts.

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

The 10th line states that the farmers are producing crops on the basis of the government's rate but not on the basis of demand. Also, the passage never mentioned about demand available in the market. Hence, it cannot be inferred from the passage and is definitely false. So, E is correct.

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**Question 20**

**The farmers tend to produce the crops as their convenience and not constant with the demand.**

- A Mark answer (A) if the inference is "definitely true" i.e., it properly follows from the statement of facts given
- B Mark answer (B) if the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given
- C Mark answer (C) if the data are inadequate i.e., from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false
- D Mark answer (D) if the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given
- E Mark answer (E) if the inference is "definitely false" i.e., it cannot possible be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

The farmers are producing crops on the basis of procurement prices but not on the basis of their convenience. So, it is definitely false. E is correct.

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 21**

**Cause :** All the major rivers in the state have been flowing way over the danger level for the past few weeks.

**What of the following is/are possible effect (s) of the above cause.**

- A. Many villages situated near the river banks are submerged forcing residents to flee.
- B. Govt. has decided to provide alternate shelter to all affected villagers residing near the river banks
- C. The entire state has been put on high flood alert.

- A Only A
- B Only (A) and (B)
- C Only (B) and (C)
- D All (A), (B) and (C)
- E None of these

**Answer:** D

**Question 22**

**Effect:** This year majority of the final year students of the management institute have opted for finance specialization. Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect?

- A Last year most of the students with HR specialization got better job offers than other specialization.
- B The management institute offers only finance specialization to its final year students
- C Last year the students with finance specialization bagged most of the lucrative offers vis-a-vis students with other specializations
- D The management institute has recently started its finance specialization in addition to Marketing and HR being offered earlier
- E None of these

**Answer:** C

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**Question 23**

**Effect:** Govt. has allowed all the airlines to charge additional amount as peak time congestion charges for the flights landing between 6.00a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Which of the following is a probable cause of the above effect ?

- A All the airline companies had threatened to suspend their services during peak hours
- B The Govt. has increased its tax for peak time flights
- C The aircraft are routinely put on hold over the airports while landing during peak time causing extra fuel consumption
- D The airline companies can now charge unlimited additional charge for peak time flights
- E None of these

**Answer:** B

**Question 24**

**Cause:** The cement manufacturing companies have increased the price of cement by about fifteen percent with immediate effect. Which of the following is/are possible effect (s) of the above cause ?

- A: Govt. will direct the cement manufacturing companies to reduce the price increase to five percent
- B: The prices of residential flats and commercial companies will see an upward trend
- C: The construction companies may stop all on going construction projects with immediate effect.

- A Only (B)
- B Only (A)
- C Only (C)
- D Only (B) and (C)
- E None of these

**Answer:** B

**Question 25**

**Effect:** There has been unprecedented increase in training spoken phonetic English in all the major cities of India during the last few years.

Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect ?

- A Many parents want their children to speak fluent English
- B Various activities being outsourced to India by many European and North American countries
- C English is no longer taught in the schools and colleges in India
- D India has highest number of English speaking educated youth compared to any other country
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

#### Question 26

Four of the following five are alike in certain way and so form a group. Which is the one "does not" belong to that group ?

- A 125
- B 729
- C 216
- D 512
- E 648

**Answer: E**

#### Explanation:

Options a, b, c and d are perfect cubes.  $5^3 = 125$ ,  $9^3 = 729$ ,  $6^3 = 216$  and  $8^3 = 512$ . Hence, 648 is the odd one out.

#### Question 27

How many such pairs of letters are there in the word EXECUTION, each of which has as many letters between them in the word as they have between them in the English alphabet?

- A None
- B One
- C Two
- D Three
- E More than three

**Answer: E**

#### Explanation:

So, the question essentially asks to find out pairs of letters in the given word "EXECUTION" which have same number of letter between them as there are in english alphabet. We can start with the first letter initially and then try to check for subsequent letters. Lets take E now EX have 18 letter between them in english alphabets, here they don't have any letter so this cannot be a possible pair. Lets move on to EE which is again not possible. EC have just 2 letters between them which is not the case in actual english alphabets. Proceeding in a similar manner we can find that words fulfilling the given requirement are XU, XT, EI, UT. Since we have figured out the 4 words already, the only feasible option is Option 5

#### Question 28

In a certain code DESIRABLE is written as JTFEQFMCB, how is DIMENSION written in that code ?

- A FNJEMTJPO

- B FNJEOOPJT
- C FNJEMOPJT
- D EJNFMOPJT
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The word DESIRABLE is divided into three parts : DESI , R , ABLE

I : DESI - JTFE

The diagonally opposite element is substituted by its immediate **following** alphabet in the English alphabetical series.

=> D is substituted by E at its diagonally opposite position. Similarly E is substituted by F at its diagonally opposite position and similarly for S and I.

II : R - Q

The middle letter is substituted by its immediate **preceding** alphabet in the English alphabetical series.

III : ABLE - FMCB

The diagonally opposite element is substituted by its immediate **following** alphabet in the English alphabetical series.

=> A is substituted by B at its diagonally opposite position. Similarly B is substituted by C at its diagonally opposite position and similarly for L and E.

Thus, code for DIMENSION :

DIME - FNJE

N - M

SION - OPJT

∴ DIMENSION - FNJEMOPJT

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**Question 29**

In a certain code KNIFE is written as \$3%#5 and LAKE is written as 7@\$5. How is FAIL written in that code ?

- A %\$#7
- B #@%7
- C \$@%7
- D \$%@7
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Looking at the above patterns, code for :

F - #

A - @

I - %

L - 7

=> FAIL - #@%7

**Question 30**

How many such pairs of digits are there in the number 75938462, each of which has as many digits between them in the number as they have between them when arranged in ascending order?

- A None
- B One
- C Two
- D Three
- E More than three

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

Original number: 75938462

Rearranged number: 23456789

So now we can see that the pairs which have the same number of digits between them before and after rearrangement are 79,53,58,36. Since we have figured out 4 such pairs, only feasible option is option 5

**Instructions**

Give an input a machine generates passcode step by step following certain rules as illustrated below:

Input : talk seven 37 48 given 83 likely 62

Step I :37 talk seven 48 given 83 likely 62

Step III :37 talk 48 seven given 83 likely 62

Step IV :37 talk 48 seven given 62 likely given 83

Step V :37 talk 48 seven 62 likely 83 given

Step V is the last step for this input.

In the above following questions same logic as illustrated above is to be used.

**Question 31**

**Step II for an input is "23 working 48 32 park blossom 26 garden". What will be the fifth step ?**

- A 23 working 26 park 48 32 blossom garden
- B 23 working 48 32 park blossom 26 garden
- C 23 working 26 32 park 48 blossom garden
- D 23 working 26 48 park 32 blossom garden
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

The pattern followed here is that in step I, the smallest number is written and in step II, the word with the greatest first letter is written at second position, and so on.

Step II : 23 working 48 32 park blossom 26 garden

Step III : 23 working **26** 48 32 park blossom garden

Step IV : 23 working 26 **park** 48 32 blossom garden

Step V : 23 working 26 park **32** 48 blossom garden

Since, it is not given in any steps, Ans - (E)

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### Question 32

Second step of an input "12 where 82 33 great wall 49 just". Which step will be the last step ?

- A VI
- B VII
- C VIII
- D IV
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

The pattern followed here is that in step I, the smallest number is written and in step II, the word with the greatest first letter is written at second position, and so on.

Step II : 12 where 82 33 great wall 49 just

Step III : 12 where **33** 82 great wall 49 just

Step IV : 12 where 33 **wall** 82 great 49 just

Step V : 12 where 33 wall **49** 82 great just

Step VI : 12 where 33 wall 49 **just** 82 great.

Step VI is the final step.

Ans - (A)

### Question 33

What will be the Step II for the following input ?

Input : Phone computer 32 link 18 75 46 dairy

- A 18 phone 46 link computer 75 32 dairy
- B 18 phone 32 link 46 computer 75 dairy
- C 18 phone 32 computer link 75 46 dairy
- D 18 phone 32 link computer 75 46 dairy
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

The pattern followed here is that in step I, the smallest number is written and in step II, the word with the greatest first letter is written at second position, and so on.

INPUT : phone computer 32 link 18 75 46 dairy

Step I : **18** phone computer 32 link 75 46 dairy

Step II : 18 phone **32** computer link 75 46 dairy

Thus, Ans - (D)

### Question 34

Step IV of an input "22 united 37 trading killer 45 72 jogger". What will be the input definitely ?

- A United 22 37 jogger 45 trading 72 killer
- B United trading 22 37 jogger 45 72 killer
- C United 22 trading jogger 37, killer 45 72
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

Input can be arranged in any order, thus it is not possible to determine from any step.

Ans - (D)

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**Question 35**

What will be the third step of an input whose step is "17 45 follow rule examination 36 85 hut" ?

- A 17 rule 36 45 follow examination 85 hut
- B 17 rule 36 45 follow 85 examination hut
- C 17 rule 36 45 examination follow 85 hut
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

The pattern followed here is that in step I, the smallest number is written and in step II, the word with the greatest first letter is written at second position, and so on.

INPUT : 17 45 follow rule examination 36 85 hut

Step I : 17 **rule** 45 follow examination 36 85 hut

Step II : 17 rule **36** 45 follow examination 85 hut

Step III : 17 rule 36 **hut** 45 follow examination 85

Since, it is not in the given options, Ans - (E)

**Instructions**

In the following questions, the symbols @, #, %, \$, \* are used with different meanings as follows:

'A @ B' means 'A is not smaller than B'

'A # B' means 'A is not greater than B'

'A % B' means 'A is neither smaller than nor equal to B'

'A \$ B' means 'A is neither greater than nor equal to B'

'A \* B' means 'A is neither greater than nor smaller than B'

In each of the following questions assuming the given statements to be true, find out which of the three conclusions, I, II and III given below them is/are "definitely true".

**Question 36**

**Statements:** R % Q, Q @ T, T \* U, U # M

**Conclusions:** I. M @ T

II. Q @ M

III. Q \* M

- A Only either II or III follows
- B Only I follow
- C Only II follow
- D Only I and either II or III follow
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

$$R > Q \geq T = U \leq M$$

It can be concluded that  $M \geq T$ , however no relationship can be established between Q and M.  
Hence B.

**Question 37**

**Statements :** M # K, K @ Z, Z % H, H \* D

**Conclusions:** I. D \$ K

II. H \$ M

III. H \* M

- A Only I and either II or III follow
- B Only I follows
- C Only either II or III follows
- D Only I & II follows
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

$$M \leq K \geq Z > H = D$$

It can be concluded that  $D < K$ , however no definite relationship can be established between H and M.  
Hence B.

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**Question 38**

**Statements :** W @ V, V # T, T \$ P, P @ Q

**Conclusions:** I. P % V

II. T \$ Q

III. Q @ V

- A Only I and II follow
- B Only II and III follow
- C Only I and III follow
- D All I, II and III follow
- E None of these

**Answer: E**



**Explanation:**

$$W \geq V \leq T < P \geq Q$$

It can be concluded that  $P > V$ , however no relationship can be established between  $Q$  and  $V$  or  $T$  and  $Q$ .  
Hence E.

**Question 39**

**Statements:** J @ L, K # L, K \$ V, V % W

**Conclusions:** I. J % K

II. L @ V

III. K \$ W

A Only I follow

B Only II follow

C Only II and III follow

D Only I and II follow

E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

$$J \geq L \geq K > V > W$$

Conclusion I.  $J > K$  is false as  $J$  could be greater or equal to  $K$

Conclusion II.  $L \geq V$  is false as,  $L$  is greater than  $V$  thus it can't be greater or equal to  $V$ .

Conclusion III.  $K > W$  is true.

Hence E.

**Question 40**

**Statements:** L % F, F @ H, H \$ E, E \* N

**Conclusions** I. H \$ L

II. H \$ N

III. L \* N

A Only I and III follow

B Only I and II follow

C Only II and III follow

D Only either I or II and III follow

E None of these

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

$$L > F \geq H < E = N$$

It can be concluded that  $H < L$  and  $H < N$ , however no relationship can be established between  $L$  and  $N$ .  
Hence B.

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**Instructions**

In each of the questions below are given four statements followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III, You have take the given statement to be true even if they seem to be variance from commonly known facts. Read all conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

**Question 41**

**Statements:** Some leaves are flowers. No flower is fruit. Some fruits are branches. Some branches are stems.

**Conclusions :** I. Some leaves are either stems or fruits

II. All leaves are either stems or fruits

III. All stems are either branches or fruits.

- A Only I follows
- B Only II and III follows
- C Only III follows
- D All follow
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

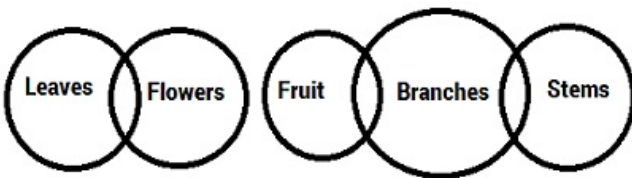
**Explanation:**

The Venn diagram for the syllogism is as shown below. We draw a scenario that satisfies the statements.

Conclusion I is not implied because none of the leaves are either stems or fruits in this scenario.

Similarly, conclusion II and III are also not implied in this scenario. So, they are not universally true.

Hence we choose option (e)



**Question 42**

**Statements:** All lions are tiger. All tigers are leopards. Some leopards are wolves. No wolf is elephant.

**Conclusions:** I. No elephant is lion

II. Some wolves are lions

III. Some leopards are lions

- A Only I follows
- B Only II follows
- C Only III follows
- D Only I and III follow
- E All follow

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

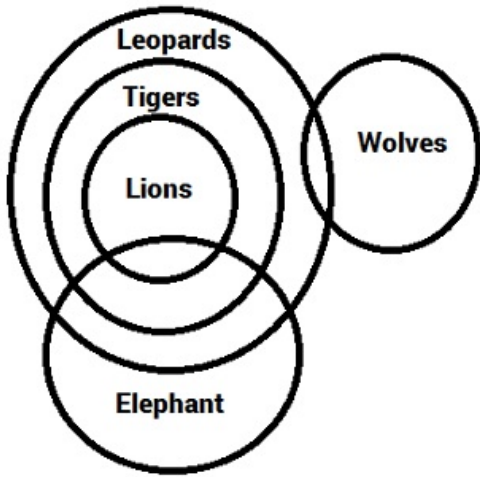
The Venn diagram for the syllogism is as shown below. We draw a scenario that satisfies the statements.

Conclusion I is not implied because some elephants are lions in this scenario.

Similarly, conclusion II is also not implied in this scenario. So, they are not universally true.

But conclusion III is implied. Atleast some leopards are lions

Hence we choose option (c)



**Question 43**

**Statements:** Some caps are umbrellas. Some umbrellas are raincoats. All raincoats are trousers. All trousers are jackets.

**Conclusions:** I. Some raincoats are caps.

II. Some trousers are umbrellas

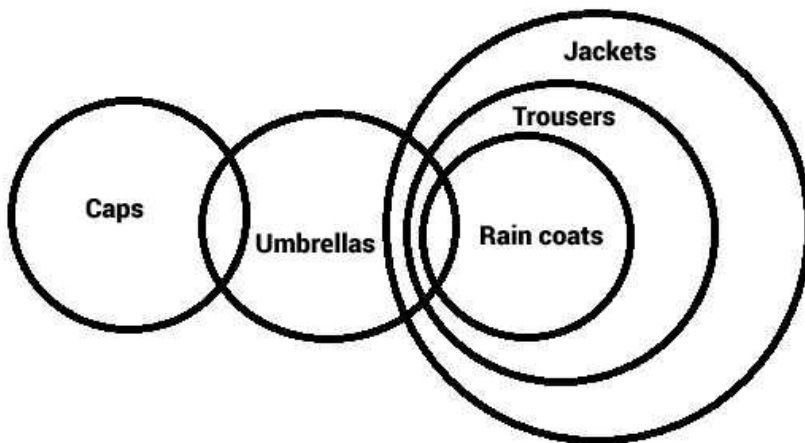
III. All raincoats are jackets.

- A None follows
- B Only I and II follows
- C Only II and III follows
- D Only I and III follows
- E None of these

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

We draw a Venn diagram that satisfies the statements. Here conclusion I is not implied but conclusion II and III are. Hence the answer is (c)



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**Question 44**

**Statements:** Some fans are coolers. Some coolers are machines. Some machines are computers. All computers are televisions.

**Conclusions:** I. Some television are machines

II. Some machines are fans

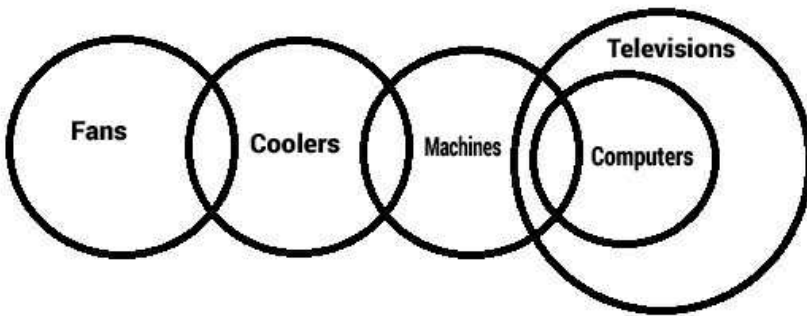
III. No machine is fan.

- A None follows
- B Only I follows
- C Only either II or III follows
- D Only I and either II or III follow
- E All follow

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Some machines are fans and No machine is fan are universally complimentary statements. So, irrespective of the diagram, one of them has to be true and both can't be true at the same time. So, we use "either" and "or". Conclusion 1 is implied as atleast some televisions are always machines.



**Question 45**

**Statements:** All keys are staplers. All staplers are blades. Some blades are erasers. Some erasers are sharpners

**Conclusions:** I. Some sharpners are keys

II. All keys are blades

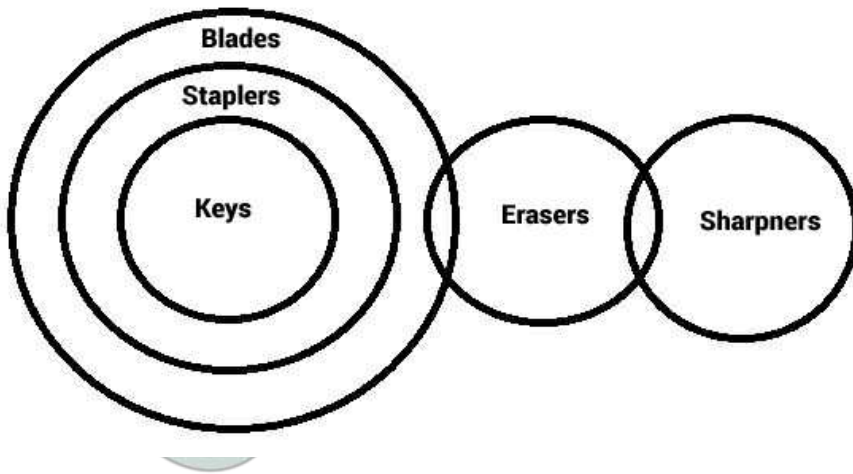
III. Some erasers are keys

- A Only I and II follows
- B Only I follows
- C Only II follows
- D All follow
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

We draw a Venn diagram that satisfies the statements. Here, conclusion I and III are not implied. Hence they are not universally implied. Conclusion II is implied. We can draw more diagrams and observe that II is implied in each case.



**Instructions**

These questions are based on the following arrangement.

D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

**Question 46**

If all the digits are dropped from the above arrangement, which of the following will be fourth to the left of seventh from the right end ?

- A B
- B @
- C L
- D A
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Given sequence: D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

On dropping all the digits, the new sequence would be D I H \* \$ K E L B @ A R M F % J £ C G  
So 7th from the right is M and 4 to M's left is B, Thus option 1.

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**Question 47**

How many such symbols are there in the above arrangement each of which is either immediately followed or immediately preceded by a consonant but not both ?

- A None
- B One
- C Two
- D Three
- E More than three

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Given Sequence: D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

Now the required symbols are D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

Thus there are 4 such symbols, i.e. \*, \$, @, £

**Question 48**

If the position of ten elements from right end is reversed which of the following will be fifth to the right of thirteenth from the right ?

- A %
- B F
- C C
- D G
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

Now after reversing last 10 elements, we get D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 9 G C 7 2 £ J % F 6

Now 13th from the right is R and 5th to the right of R is C so option 3

**Question 49**

How many such consonants are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a vowel and also immediately followed by another consonant ?

- A None
- B One
- C Two
- D Three
- E More than three

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

The consonants meeting the given requirement are D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

Thus there is only one such consonant, Thus option 2

**Question 50**

Four of the following five are alike in a certain way on the basis of their positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which is the one that "does not" belong to the group?

- A KL3
- B F£J
- C R61
- D I\$\*
- E @MA

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

D 5 4 I H \* \$ K E 3 L B @ A R M 1 6 F % J £ 2 7 C G 9

In the first 4 options the characters which appear together in original sequence are written in same order while in 5 option that is not the case as @ and A are separated by M. So option 5

### Instructions

In each of the following questions two rows of number are given. The resultant number in each row is to be worked out separately based on the following rules and the question below the row is to be answered. The operations of number progress from the left to right.

Rules: (i) If an even number is followed by another even number they are to be added.

(ii) If an even number is followed by a prime number, they are to be multiplied.

(iii) If an odd number is followed by an even number, even number is to be subtracted from the odd number.

(iv) If an odd number is followed by another odd number the first number is to be added to the square of the second number.

(v) If an even number is followed by a composite odd number, the even number is to be divided by odd number.

### Question 51

I. 84 21 13 II. 15 11 44

What is half of the sum of the resultants of the two rows ?

- A 116
- B 132
- C 232
- D 236
- E None of these

Answer: A

#### Explanation:

For the first row,

By rule no 5,

$84/21 = 4$  Now we have

$4 \ 13$  Now by rule no. 2 we have  $4*13 = 52$

Now for the second row,

By rule no. 4 we have  $15+121 = 136$

$136 \ 44$  so by rule no 1 we have

$136+44 = 180$ ,

Thus the sum of two rows is  $180+52 = 232$ , Thus half the sum is 116, option 1.

### Question 52

I. 45 18 12 II. 22 14 9

What is the product of the resultants of the two rows ?

- A 75
- B 48
- C 45
- D 64
- E None of these

Answer: E

#### Explanation:

For the first row, by rule no. 3 we have

45-18 =27, now we get  
27 12  
Again by rule no. 3 we get  
27-12 =15  
For the second row  
22 14 9  
By rule no. 1 we have  $22 + 14 = 36$   
36 9 Now by rule no. 5 we have  
 $36/9 = 4$ .  
So the product of resultants of two rows =  $15 \times 4 = 60$ , Thus option 5

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**Question 53**

I. 12 7 16 II. 79 28 15

What is the difference between the resultants of second row and the first row ?

- A 276
- B 176
- C 100
- D 156
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

For the first row, we have  
12 7 16  
By using rule no.2 we get  
 $12 \times 7 = 84$   
84 16, Now by rule no. 1, we get  
 $84 + 16 = 100$

For second row  
79 28 15  
By rule no. 3 we have,  
 $79 - 28 = 51$   
51 15  
Now by rule no. 4 we have,  
 $51 + 2 \times 15 = 276$ .  
So the difference between the two rows is  
 $276 - 100 = 176$ .

**Question 54**

I. 36 13 39 II. 77 30 7

What will be the outcome if the resultant of second row is divided by the resultant of first row ?

- A 12
- B 16
- C 8
- D 6
- E None of these

**Answer: C**



**Explanation:**

For the first row, 36 13 39

Using rule no. 1 we get  $36 \times 13 = 478$ , Now we have

478 39, Using rule no. 5 we have

$478/39 = 12$

For the second row,

77 30 7

Using rule number 3 we get,  $77 - 30 = 47$

Now 47 7, now using rule no. 4 we get,

$47 + 49 = 96$ .

Thus the required answer is  $96/12 = 8$ , Option 3

**Question 55**

I. 65 11 12 II. 15 3 11

What is the sum of the resultants of the two rows ?

- A 366
- B 66
- C 264
- D 462
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

For the first row, as per given rule no. 4

$65 + 121 = 186$  now we have

186 12 so by rule no. 1 we get

$186 + 12 = 198$

For the second row 15 3 11

By rule no. 4 we have

$15 + 9 = 24$

24 11 Now by rule no. 2 we have

$24 \times 11 = 264$

Thus the sum of two rows is  $264 + 198 = 462$

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**Instructions**

Study the following information carefully to answer these questions.

Eight members A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H belonging to three families X, Y, Z go for weekend outing in three different cars, I, II, III. Four out of eight members are females. Members of any one family travel in different cars. Each car has at least one male and one female member. Each family has at least two members.

A belongs to family Y and he travels in car III. D is wife of E and they travel in car I & II respectively. H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z. C is daughter of F who is wife of A. C travels in car II. G does not travel with F.

**Question 56**

Which of the following group of persons travel in car I ?

- A D, F, G
- B D, E, G

- C D, G, H
- D D, F, H
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

A belongs to family Y and travels in car 3

D is wife of E

H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z

C is daughter of F who is wife of A and they belong to family Y

D is wife of E and they belong to family X and they travel in car 1 and 2 respectively

C travels in car 2 means F who belongs to family Y along with A and C travels in car 1

G does not travel with F means G does not travel in car 1

Hence in car 1 along with D and F any one of B or H can travel and option D is right.

**Question 57**

**Which car has only two members travelling in it ?**

- A I
- B II
- C III
- D II or III
- E Cannot be determined

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

A belongs to family Y and travels in car 3

D is wife of E

H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z

C is daughter of F who is wife of A and they belong to family Y

D is wife of E and they belong to family X and they travel in car 1 and 2 respectively. This means there can only be 2 people in car 3 who belong from families Y and Z.

Hence car 3 is correct.

**Question 58**

**Which of the following members of families Y & Z travel in different cars ?**

- A F, G
- B C, G
- C F, H
- D C, F
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

A belongs to family Y and travels in car 3

D is wife of E

H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z

C is daughter of F who is wife of A and they belong to family Y  
D is wife of E and they belong to family X and they travel in car 1 and 2 respectively  
C travels in car 2 means F who belongs to family Y along with A and C travels in car 1  
G does not travel with F means G does not travel in car 1  
Hence F and G cannot travel in the same car.

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### Question 59

Which of the following group of person is a group of all females ?

- A B, D, G
- B A, B, C
- C B, E, F
- D D, F, C
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

#### **Explanation:**

A belongs to family Y and travels in car 3  
D is wife of E  
H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z  
C is daughter of F who is wife of A and they belong to family Y  
D is wife of E and they belong to family X and they travel in car 1 and 2 respectively  
Hence the group of females is B, F and D and are not represented in any of the options.

### Question 60

Which of the following members of families X & Y travel in the same car ?

- A C, F
- B D, F
- C C, D
- D F, E
- E None of these

**Answer:** B

#### **Explanation:**

A belongs to family Y and travels in car 3  
D is wife of E  
H is son of B who is wife of G and they belong to family Z  
C is daughter of F who is wife of A and they belong to family Y  
D is wife of E and they belong to family X and they travel in car 1 and 2 respectively  
C travels in car 2 means F who belongs to family Y along with A and C travels in car 1  
G does not travel with F means G does not travel in car 1  
Hence D and F of families X and Y travel together in car 1.

#### **Instructions**

In each of these questions given below which one of the five answer figures on the right should come after the problem figures on the left. If the sequence were continued?

Question 61

Problem figures



Answer figures



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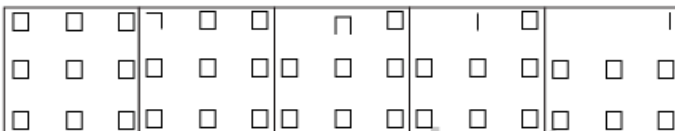
- A (1)
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- C (3)
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- E (5)

Answer: B

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Question 62

Problem figures



Answer figures



(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

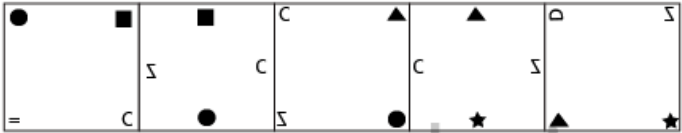
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Answer: C

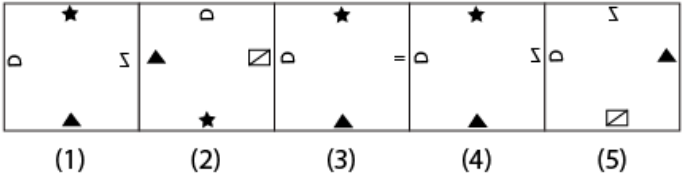
Question 63



Problem figures



Answer figures



- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

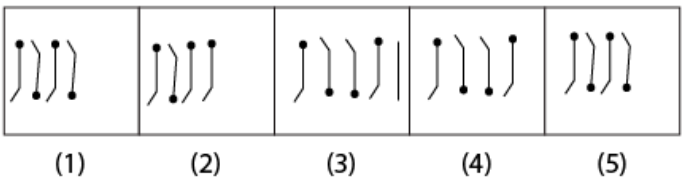
Answer: E

Question 64

Problem figures



Answer figures



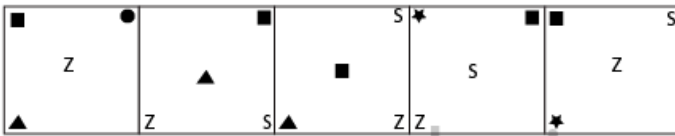
- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: C

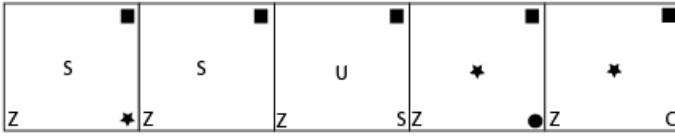


Question 65

Problem figures



Answer figures



(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

A (1)

B (2)

C (3)

D (4)

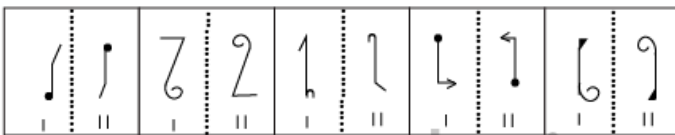
E (5)

Answer: D

Instructions

In each of the following questions, in four out of the five figures, element 1 is related to element 2 in the same particular way. Find out the figure in which the element 1 is not so related to element 2.

Question 66



A (1)

B (2)

C (3)

D (4)

E (5)

Answer: C

Question 67

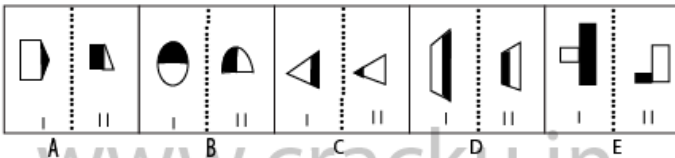


- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: E

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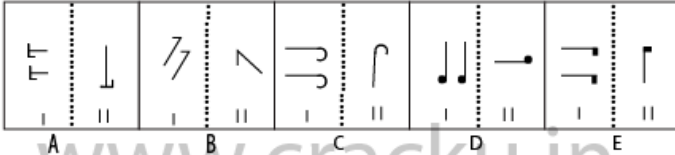
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- A (1)
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- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: E

Question 69

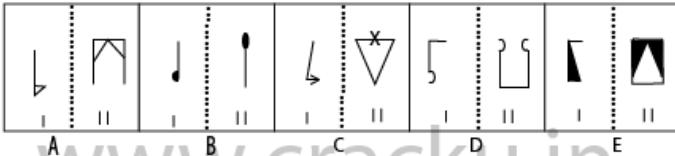


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- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: B

Question 70



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- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: B

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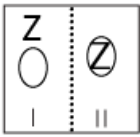
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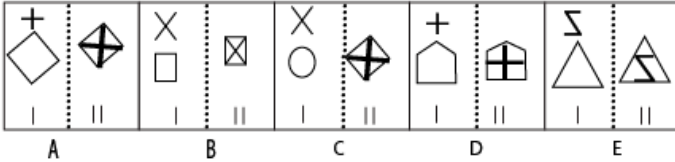
In each of the following questions, a related pair of figures is followed by five numbered pairs of figures. Select the pair that has a relationship similar to that in the unnumbered pair. The best answer is to be selected from a group of fairly close choices.

**Question 71**

**Problem figures**



**Answer figures**

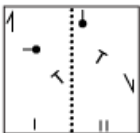


- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

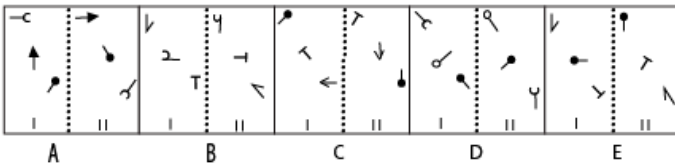
**Answer: B**

**Question 72**

**Problem figures**



**Answer figures**



- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

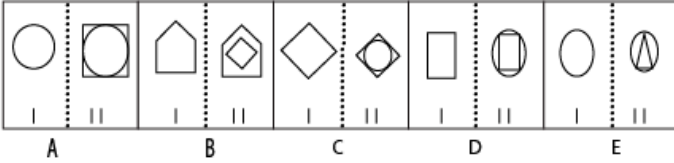
**Answer: A**

Question 73

Problem figures



Answer figures



A (1)

B (2)

C (3)

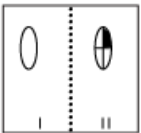
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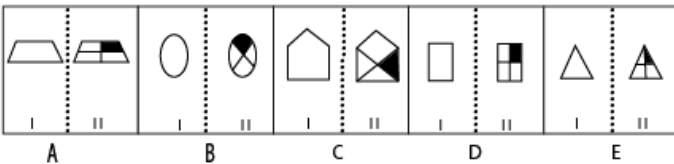
Answer: E

Question 74

Problem figures



Answer figures



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B (2)

C (3)

D (4)

E (5)

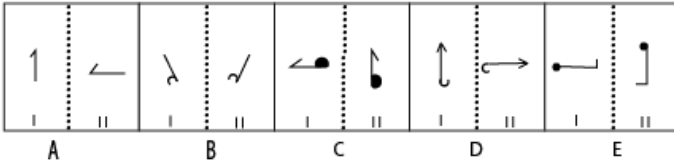
Answer: D

Question 75

Problem figures



Answer figures



- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)
- D (4)
- E (5)

Answer: E

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Instructions

What should come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions ?

Question 76

$$-84 \times 29 + 365 = ?$$

- A 2436
- B 2801
- C -2801
- D -2071
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The value of the expression is  $-84 * 29 + 365 = -2436 + 365$

This equals  $-2436 + 365 = -2071$

Hence, the correct option is option (d)

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**Question 77**

$$(21.69)^2 - \sqrt{324}=?$$

- A 440.4615
- B 425.4561
- C 452.4561
- D 442.4651
- E None of these

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

We need to find the value of  $(21.69)^2 - \sqrt{324}$

$$\sqrt{324} = 18 \text{ and}$$

$$(21.69)^2 = 470.4561$$

Hence, the required expression equals  $470.4561 - 18 = 452.4561$

**Question 78**

$$(800 \div 64) \times (1296 \div 36)=?$$

- A 420
- B 460
- C 500
- D 540
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

We need to find the value of  $(800 \div 64) \times (1296 \div 36)=?$

$$800 \div 64 = 100 \div 8 = 25 \div 2 = 12.5$$

$$1296 \div 36 = 216 \div 6 = 36$$

$$\text{So, } (800 \div 64) \times (1296 \div 36) = 12.5 \times 36 = 450$$

As this is not given in any of the options, the correct answer is option (e)

**Question 79**

$$(42 \times 229) \div (9261)^{1/3}=?$$

- A 452
- B 448
- C 458
- D 456
- E None of these

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

$$(9261)^{1/3} = 21$$

$$\text{Hence, } (42 \times 229) \div (9261)^{1/3} = (42 \times 229) \div 21$$

$$\text{This equals } 2 \times 229 = 458$$

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**Question 80**

$$(35423 + 7164 + 41720) - (317 \times 89) = ?$$

- A 28213
- B 84307
- C 50694
- D 54096
- E None of these

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

We need to find the value of  $(35423 + 7164 + 41720) - (317 \times 89)$

$$35423 + 7164 + 41720 = 84307$$

$$317 \times 89 = 28213$$

So, the required value is  $84307 - 28213 = 56094$

As, this is not given in the options, the correct answer is option (e)

**Question 81**

$$(9\% \text{ of } 386) \times (6.5\% \text{ of } 144)$$

- A 340.1664
- B 325.1664
- C 333.3333
- D 328.0065
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

$$9\% \text{ of } 386 = 34.74$$

$$6.5\% \text{ of } 144 = 9.36$$

Hence, the required product is  $34.74 \times 9.36 = 325.1664$

**Question 82**

$$4500 \times ? = 3375$$

- A  $\frac{2}{5}$
- B  $\frac{3}{4}$
- C  $\frac{1}{4}$
- ~

D  $\frac{3}{5}$

E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Let the number required be equal to  $X$

$$\text{So, } 4500 \times X = 3375$$

$$\text{So, } X = \frac{3375}{4500}$$

$$\text{Hence, } X = \frac{3}{4}$$

So, the correct answer is option (b)

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**Question 83**

$$4 + 4.44 + 44.4 + 4.04 + 444 = ?$$

A 500.88

B 577.2

C 495.22

D 472.88

E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

$$4 + 4.44 + 44.4 + 4.04 + 444 = 8.44 + 48.44 + 444$$

$$\text{This equals, } 56.88 + 444 = 500.88$$

Hence, the correct option is option (a)

**Question 84**

$$\sqrt[3]{?} = (36 \times 24) \div 9$$

A 884736

B 804036

C 854734

D 814736

E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Let the number to be found out be equal to  $X$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt[3]{X} = (36 \times 24) \div 9$$

$$\text{So, } \sqrt[3]{X} = 4 \times 24 = 96$$

$$\text{So, the value of } X \text{ is } 96 \times 96 \times 96 = 884736$$

So, the correct option is option (a)

**Question 85**

**(43%of 2750) - (38% of 2990)=?**

- A 49.3
- B 44.7
- C 43.6
- D 46.3
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

We need to find the value of (43%of 2750) - (38% of 2990)

$$43\% \text{ of } 2750 = 0.43 * 2750 = 1182.5$$

$$38\% \text{ of } 2990 = 0.38 * 2990 = 1136.2$$

Hence, the difference equals  $1182.5 - 1136.2 = 46.3$ .

So, the correct option is option (d)

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**Instructions**

What should come in the place of question mark (?) in the following number series ?

**Question 86**

**13, 14, 30, 93, 376, 1885, ?**

- A 10818
- B 10316
- C 11316
- D 11318
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The number series in the question, follows the following pattern

$$13 * 1 + 1 = 14$$

$$14 * 2 + 2 = 30$$

$$30 * 3 + 3 = 93$$

$$93 * 4 + 4 = 376$$

$$376 * 5 + 5 = 1885$$

Hence, the next number in the series equals  $1885 * 6 + 6 = 11316$  which is option (c)

**Question 87**

**4, 6, 9, 13.5, 20.25, 30.375, ?**

- A 40.25
- B 45.5625

- C 42.7525
- D 48.5625
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Each number in the given number series equals 1.5 times the previous number.

For example,  $4 \times 1.5 = 6$

$6 \times 1.5 = 9$

$9 \times 1.5 = 13.5$

$13.5 \times 1.5 = 20.25$

$20.25 \times 1.5 = 30.375$

Hence, the number to come next is  $30.375 \times 1.5 = 45.5625$  which is option (b)

**Question 88**

**400, 240, 144, 86.4, 51.84, 31.104, ?**

- A 19.2466
- B 17.2244
- C 16.8824
- D 18.6624
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Each term in the series equals 60% of the preceding term.

For example,  $400 \times 60\% = 240$

$240 \times 60\% = 144$

$144 \times 60\% = 86.4$

$86.4 \times 60\% = 51.84$

$51.84 \times 60\% = 31.104$

Hence, the term that comes next is  $31.104 \times 60\% = 18.6624$  which is option (d)

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**Question 89**

**4.5, 4.5, 6.75, 13.5, 33.75, ?**

- A 101.25
- B 103.75
- C 99.75
- D 105.50
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**



Each term in the number series is a multiple of the previous term. The pattern is as given below

$$4.5 * 1 = 4.5$$

$$4.5 * 1.5 = 6.75$$

$$6.75 * 2 = 13.5$$

$$13.5 * 2.5 = 33.75$$

Hence, the term that comes next is  $33.75 * 3 = 101.25$  which is option (a)

**Question 90**

705, 728, 774, 843, 935, 1050, ?

- A 1190
- B 1180
- C 1185
- D 1147
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

The difference between successive terms of the number series is a multiple of 23.

For example,  $728 - 705 = 23$

$$774 - 728 = 46$$

$$843 - 774 = 69$$

$$935 - 843 = 92$$

$$1050 - 935 = 115$$

Hence, the term next in the series equals  $1050 + 138 = 1188$

As, it is not given in the options, the correct answer is option (e)

**Instructions**

What "approximate" value should come in the place of question mark (?) in the following questions? (You are not expected to calculate the exact value)

**Question 91**

$(421\% \text{ of } 738) \div 517 = ?$

- A 6
- B 8
- C 10
- D 4
- E 12

**Answer:** A

**Explanation:**

We need to find the approximate value of  $(421\% \text{ of } 738) \div 517$

This is approximately equal to  $(4.2 \times 7.4) \div 5.2 \approx 31.08 \div 5.2 \approx 6$

Hence, the correct option is option (a)

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**Question 92**

$5248 \div 2 \div 3.5 = ?$

- A 747
- B 752
- C 744
- D 756
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

$5248 \div 2 \div 3.5 = 5248 \div 7$

$5243 = 749 \times 7$

Hence,  $5248 \div 7 = 749.71$

As neither 749 nor 750 are given in the options, the correct option is option (e)

**Question 93**

$(1.65\% \text{ of } 8471) - (0.61\% \text{ of } 9326) = ?$

- A 85
- B 81
- C 87
- D 83
- E 89

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

We need to find the value of  $(1.65\% \text{ of } 8471) - (0.61\% \text{ of } 9326)$

$1.65\% \text{ of } 8471 = 139.7715$

$0.61\% \text{ of } 9326 = 56.8886$

Hence, the difference equals 82.8829 which is approximately equal to 83

**Question 94**

$\sqrt[3]{80000} = ?$

- A 50
- B 49
- C 42
- D 38
- E 40

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

We need to find the approximate value of  $\sqrt[3]{80000}$

We know that  $2^3 = 8$  and  $10^3 = 1000$

Let the value of  $\sqrt[3]{80000} = X$

So,  $X = 2 \times 10 \times \sqrt[3]{10}$

The  $\sqrt[3]{10}$  is approximately equal to 2.1

Hence, the approximate value equals  $20 \times 2.1 = 42$

The closest option is option (c)

#### Question 95

$(5995 + 4874 + 3333) \div (713 + 509 + 326) = ?$

- A 11
- B 9
- C 11.5
- D 7.5
- E 12

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

$(5995 + 4874 + 3333) \div (713 + 509 + 326)$

$5995 + 4874 + 3333 = 14202$

$713 + 509 + 326 = 1548$

Hence, the required quotient equals  $14202 \div 1548$

$1548 \times 9 = 13932 \approx 14202$

Hence, the required answer is option (b)

#### Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

#### Question 96

The profit earned after selling an article for Rs. 625/- is the same as loss incurred after selling the article for Rs. 435/- What is the cost price of the article ?

- A Rs. 530/-
- B Rs. 520/-
- C Rs. 540/-
- D Rs. 550/-
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

#### Explanation:

Let the cost price of the article be X.

So, profit when it is sold for Rs. 625 =  $625 - X$

Loss made when it is sold for Rs. 435 =  $X - 435$

As they are equal, it implies that  $625 - X = X - 435$

Or,  $2X = 625 + 435 = 1060$

Hence,  $X = 530$

**Question 97**

A sum of Rs. 817/- is divided among A, B and C such that 'A' receives 25% more than 'B' and 'B' receives Rs.76/- less than 'C' What is the 'A' share in the amount ?

- A Rs. 228/-
- B Rs. 247/-
- C Rs. 285/-
- D Rs. 304/-
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Let a,b,c be the sum of shares received by A,B,C respectively

Let  $a = 1.25b$  (since a is 25% more than b)

$c = b + 76$ ,

Then  $a + b + c = 817$ ,

We have  $1.25b + b + b + 76 = 817$ ,

Then solve for b we get 228, We can have the value of a as 285.

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**Question 98**

Ms. Sujata invests 7% i.e. Rs. 2170/- of her monthly salary in mutual funds. Later she invests 18% of her monthly salary in recurring deposits also, she invests 6% of her salary on NSC's. What is the total annual amount invested by Ms. Sujata ?

- A Rs. 1, 25, 320/-
- B Rs. 1, 13, 520/-
- C Rs. 1, 35, 120/-
- D Rs. 1, 15, 320/-
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The total percentage of her salary that Sujata invested is  $7\% + 18\% + 6\% = 31\%$

7% of her salary is Rs. 2170.

So, 31% of her salary is  $2170/7 * 31 = 9610$

So, Sujata invests Rs. 9610 every month i.e  $9610 * 12 = 115320$

**Question 99**

What is the 30% of 40% of  $\frac{2}{5}$ th of 2500 ?

- A 500
- B 400

- C 360  
D 120  
E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

$$\frac{2}{5} \times 2500 = 1000$$

So, 40% of 1000 = 400

30% of 400 = 120

**Question 100**

A, B, C and D are four consecutive even numbers respectively and their average is 65. What is the product of A and D ?

- A 3968  
B 4216  
C 4092  
D 4352  
E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

As, A is the smallest even number of the four,

$$B = A+2$$

$$C = B+2 = A+4$$

$$D = C+2 = A+6$$

Hence, their sum is  $A + (A+2) + (A+4) + (A+6) = 4A + 12$

And their average is  $(4A+12)/4 = A + 3$

This equals 65.

So,  $A = 62$  and  $D = A+6 = 68$

Their product equals  $62 \times 68 = 4216$

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**Question 101**

The sum of five numbers is 555. The average of first two numbers is 75 and the third number is 115. What is the average of last two numbers ?

- A 145  
B 290  
C 265  
D 150  
E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Let the five numbers be A, B, C, D and E.

So,  $A+B+C+D+E = 555$

$$A+B = 75 \times 2 = 150$$

$$C = 115$$

Hence,  $D+E = 555 - 150 - 115 = 290$  and their average equals 145

#### Question 102

A car covers the first 35 km of its journey in 45 minutes and covers the remaining 69 km in 75 minutes. What is the average speed of the car?

- A 42 km/hr
- B 50 km/hr
- C 52 km/hr
- D 60 km/hr
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

#### Explanation:

Average speed = Total distance / Total time taken

$$\text{Total distance} = 35 + 69 = 104 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{Total time} = 45 + 75 = 120 \text{ min} = 2 \text{ hr}$$

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{104}{2} = 52 \text{ km/hr}$$

#### Question 103

In how many different ways can the letters of the word 'PRIDE' be arranged?

- A 60
- B 120
- C 15
- D 360
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

#### Explanation:

There are a total of 5 letters in the word 'PRIDE'.

None of the letters are repeated.

Hence, the total number of ways of arranging them is  $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$

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#### Question 104

If the numerator of a fraction is increased by 250% and the denominator is increased by 400%. The resultant fraction is  $\frac{7}{19}$ . What is the original fraction?

- A  $\frac{10}{19}$
- B  $\frac{5}{9}$

C  $\frac{9}{5}$

D  $\frac{19}{5}$

E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Let the two numbers be a,b

We have the new fraction as  $(a+2.5a)/b+4b=7/19$ ;

$35a/50b=7/19$ ;

After simplification we get 10:19 As the answer.

Question 105

The ages of Samir and Tanuj are in the ratio of 8: 15 years respectively. After 9 years the ratio of their ages will be 11: 18. What is the difference in years between their ages ?

A 24 years

B 20 years

C 33 years

D 21 years

E None of these

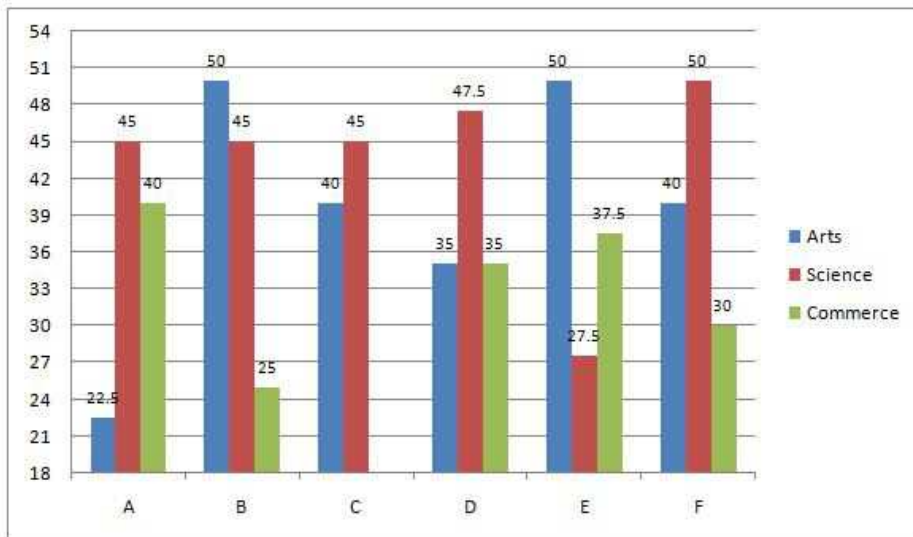
Answer: D

Explanation:

We have  $S/t=8/15$ , Then we have  $S+9/t+9=11/18$  Solve for t we get 45 And S As 24 Difference is 21.

Instructions

Study the following Graph carefully and answer the questions given below:



Question 106

The number of students taking Arts in college B, is how many thousand fewer than the number of students taking Arts in college A and college C together ?

A 12.5

- B 27.5
- C 50
- D 1.10
- E 6.25

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The value of students taking arts in B is 50. C is 40, A is 22.5 Hence B is 12.5 Less than A and C together.

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**Question 107**

In college F, the students taking Commerce is what percent of the total number of students taking Arts, Science and Commerce in all ?

- A 45
- B 55
- C 59
- D 70
- E 25

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

as per the given value,

the students taking commerce is 30,

students taking all the 3 subjects is 120 so ,

The value is  $30/120 \times 100 = 25\%$ .

**Question 108**

How many candidates (in thousand) have taken Commerce from all the colleges ?

- A 165
- B 177.5
- C 167.5
- D 193
- E 185

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

As per the given graph, The values are 40, 25, 35, 37.5, 30

Adding these we get 167.5 as the answer.

**Question 109**

What is the respective ratio of the number of the students taking Science to the number of Students taking Arts in college D ?



- A 14: 19  
 B 12: 17  
 C 17: 19  
 D 19: 14  
 E 13: 18

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

We get the values as 47.5 & 35 as students who take science and arts respectively.

so we need  $47.5/35$

or  $475/350$  take 25 as a common factor,

, So, we get 19/14 As the final ratio.

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**Question 110**

What is the average number of students (in thousand) taking up Science from all the six colleges together? (Rounded off to two digits after decimal)

- A 44.90  
 B 43.33  
 C 51.33  
 D 49.90  
 E 48.88

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Total students taking Science =  $45+45+45+47.5+27.5+50 = 260$

Avg =  $260/6 = 43.33$

**Instructions**

Study the following Table carefully and answer the questions given below:

Marks obtained by different students in different subjects.

**Subjects (Maximum Marks)**

Students	Hindi (100)	English (100)	Maths (100)	S.St. (100)	Science (75)	Sanskrit (50)	Phy.Edu (75)
Anupama	85	95	87	87	65	35	71
Bhaskar	72	97	55	77	62	41	64
Charu	64	78	74	63	55	25	53
Deepak	65	62	69	81	70	40	50
Garima	92	82	81	79	49	30	61
Vishal	55	70	65	69	44	25	30

**Question 111**

How many students have scored the lowest marks in two or more subjects ?

- A 2

- B 3
- C 1
- D 0
- E 4



**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The lowest scores in each of the subjects are as follows:

Hindi - Vishal

English - Deepak

Maths - Bhaskar

S. St. - Charu

Science - Vishal

Sanskrit - Charu and Vishal

Phy. Edu - Vishal

So, Vishal and Charu have scored the least in atleast 2 subjects.

**Question 112**

**Who has scored the highest marks in all the subjects together ?**

- A Deepak
- B Charu
- C Anupama
- D Garima
- E Bhaskar

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Anupama's total score is  $85 + 95 + 87 + 87 + 65 + 35 + 71 = 525$

This is the highest score of all in the group.

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**Question 113**

**What is the percentage of Deepak's marks (upto two digits after decimal) in all the subjects together ?**

- A 88.63
- B 77.38
- C 67.83
- D 62.83
- E 72.83

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The percentage of Deepak's marks =  $100 * \frac{\text{Total marks obtained}}{\text{Total marks possible}}$

$$= 100 * \frac{65+62+69+81+70+40+50}{100+100+100+100+75+50+75} = 72.83\%$$

**Question 114**

Marks obtained by Charu in Hindi are what percent of marks (upto two digits after decimal) obtained by Anupama in the same subject ?

- A 75.92
- B 78.38
- C 77.29
- D 75.29
- E 72.83

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

$$\text{The required percentage} = \frac{64}{85} * 100 = 75.29\%$$

**Question 115**

What are the average marks obtained by all the students together in Science ?

- A 55.75
- B 57.5
- C 60
- D 59.5
- E 58

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The total marks obtained by students in Science =  $65 + 62 + 55 + 70 + 49 + 44 = 345$

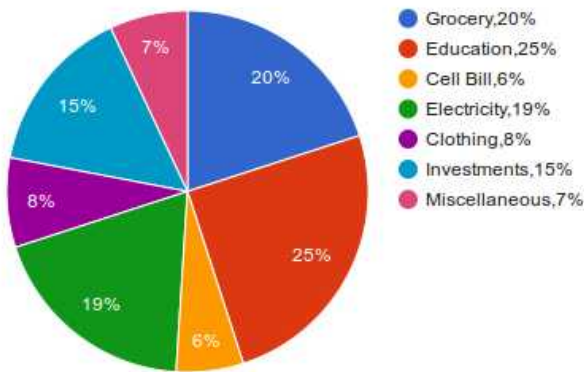
So, the average =  $345/6 = 57.5$

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**Instructions**

Study the following Pie Graph carefully and answer the questions given below:

The pie chart given below represents the budget estimated by a family for their monthly expenses. The total salary is Rs. 32,000 per month



**Question 116**

What is the budget estimated by the family on Clothing and Grocery together ?

- A Rs. 8,960
- B Rs. 8,550
- C Rs. 8,780
- D Rs. 8,690
- E Rs. 8,850

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Budget estimated on clothing =  $(8/100) \times 32000 = 2560$

Budget estimated on grocery =  $(20/100) \times 32000 = 6400$

Total =  $2560 + 6400 = 8960$

(METHOD II)

Total % sum on clothing and grocery =  $8 + 20 = 28\%$

Estimated budget on both =  $(28/100) \times 32000 = 8960$

**Question 117**

Due to a sudden marriage, the family incurs Miscellaneous expenditure of Rs. 3,040/- in total. How much is the increase in the amount under this head from that of the budgeted?

- A Rs. 2,240
- B Rs. 304
- C Rs. 800
- D Rs. 224
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Estimated budget on miscellaneous =  $(7/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 2240$

Expenditure incurred on miscellaneous = Rs. 3040 (given)

Increase in amount =  $3040 - 2240 = \text{Rs. } 800$

**Question 118**

The family actually paid Rs. 4,672 on Grocery. What is the difference in the amount budgeted and spent on Grocery ?

- A Rs. 1,738
- B Rs. 1,672
- C Rs. 467
- D Rs. 1,038
- E None of these

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

Estimated budget on grocery =  $(20/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 6400$

Actual spent on grocery = Rs. 4672 (given)

Difference in both amounts =  $6400 - 4672 = \text{Rs. } 1728$

**Question 119**

What is the difference in the amount estimated by the family on Electricity and cell bill ?

- A Rs. 1,920
- B Rs. 4,160
- C Rs. 6,080
- D Rs. 8,000
- E Rs. 4,480

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

Amount estimated on electricity =  $(19/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 6080$

Amount estimated on cell bill =  $(6/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 1920$

Difference between both bills =  $6080 - 1920 = \text{Rs. } 4160$

(METHOD II)

% difference in electricity and cell bill =  $19 - 6 = 13\%$

Estimated difference =  $(13/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 4160$

**Question 120**

The family saved Rs. 1,920 on their Electricity Bill, as it was less than the estimated budget. What is the percentage of Electricity Bill amount of the total salary ?

- A 10.5
- B 12
- C 14.5
- D 13

E 16

Answer: D

**Explanation:**

Estimated electricity budget =  $(19/100) \times 32000 = \text{Rs. } 6080$

Savings in electricity bill = Rs. 1920

Actual expenditure in electricity bill =  $6080 - 1920 = \text{Rs. } 4160$

% of electricity bill of total salary =  $(4160/32000) \times 100 = 13\%$

**Instructions**

Study the following Table carefully and answer the questions given below:

**The annual income of 6 persons over the year (in lacs)**

Years	Persons					
	Harish	Indira	Jasmeet	Kiran	Lalita	Manish
2001	1.44	1.45	2.00	1.68	1.80	2.50
2002	1.50	1.56	2.12	1.74	1.92	2.61
2003	1.56	1.64	2.25	1.92	2.00	2.68
2004	1.62	1.70	2.30	2.00	2.11	2.73
2005	1.68	1.84	2.33	2.05	2.18	2.80
2006	1.73	1.95	2.40	2.17	2.20	2.85

**Question 121**

In the year 2002 who amongst the given people got the highest increase (in percentage) in their annual salary from the previous year ?

- A Manish
- B Harish
- C Lalita
- D Indira
- E Kiran

Answer: D

**Explanation:**

For the percentage rise to be high, the increase should be high and the salary in the previous year should be low. So, Indira has the highest increase in salary from 2001 - 2002.

The percentage increase in annual salary for Indira =  $\frac{1.56 - 1.45}{1.45} \times 100 = 7.59\%$

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**Question 122**

What is the approximate percent increase in the annual income of Kiran in the year 2004 from that of the previous year ?

- A 5.5
- B 6
- C 4
- D 7
- E 2.5

Answer: C

**Explanation:**

Kiran's income in 2003 = 1.92

Kiran's income in 2004 = 2

$$\% \text{ increase} = \frac{2-1.92}{1.92} * 100 = 4.17\%$$

**Question 123**

What is the approximate average annual income of Harish over the given years ?

- A Rs. 1.622 lacs
- B Rs. 1.88 lacs
- C Rs. 2.588 lacs
- D Rs. 1.562 lacs
- E Rs. 1.588 lacs

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The average annual income of Harish over the years =  $(1.44 + 1.50 + 1.56 + 1.62 + 1.68 + 1.73)/6 = 9.53/6 = 1.588$

**Question 124**

The average annual income earned by Indira over the given years is approximately what percent of the average income earned by Jasmeet over the given years ?

- A 10.15
- B 75.50
- C 13.44
- D 24.50
- E 17.25

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

$$\text{The average of Indira} = \frac{1.45+1.56+1.64+1.7+1.84+1.95}{6} = 10.14/6 = 1.69$$

$$\text{The average of Jasmeet} = \frac{2+2.12+2.25+2.3+2.33+2.4}{6} = 13.4/6 = 2.23$$

$$\text{The required percentage} = \frac{1.69}{2.23} * 100 = 75.78\%$$

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**Question 125**

What is the respective ratio of the annual income of Indira and Manish in the year 2005 ?

- A 23: 35
- B 23: 37
- C 32: 35
- D 43: 70

E 33: 53

Answer: A

**Explanation:**

The respective ratio of the annual income of Indra and Manish is 1.84 : 2.8.

184/280, take 8 as a common factor, we can simplify

and is equal to 23:35

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## General Awareness

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 126**

Lothar Guenther Buchheim who died recently was a famous-----

- A Statesman
- B Singer
- C Film producer
- D Sports personality
- E Author

Answer: E

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**Question 127**

A heavy exchange of firing between Ethiopian troops and some unknown gunmen took place in Mogadishu recently. Mogadishu is the capital of

- A Somalia
- B Ethiopia
- C Sudan
- D Kenya
- E Tanzania

Answer: A

**Question 128**

The organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) has recently agreed to cut off diplomatic relation with which of the following nations over its aggressive view in regard to A1-Aqsa mosque in one of its cities ?

- A Malaysia
- B Saudi Arabia
- C Israel



- D U.A.E.
- E None of these

Answer: C

**Question 129**

Who amongst the following is NOT a padma Award winner which was given away recently ?

- A Khushwant Singh
- B Vikram seth
- C P.N. Bhagwati
- D Sunil Mittal
- E Kiran Desai

Answer: E

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**Question 130**

Yang Ziao Shu who won the Mumbai International Marathon 2007 is from which of the following countries ?

- A China
- B Japan
- C North Korea
- D Hong kong
- E None of these

Answer: A

**Question 131**

Who amongst the following won the Australian Open 2007 Women Championship?

- A Serena Williams
- B Cara Black
- C Maria Sharapova
- D Chan-Yung-Jan
- E None of these

Answer: A

**Question 132**

Which of the following states has launched 'Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana' a scheme to bring all round development of tribals in the state ?

- A Madhya Pradesh
- B Jharkhand
- C Gujarat
- D Orissa
- E Chhattisgarh

**Answer: C**

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### Question 133

Chetan Anand whose name was recently in news in the Winner of the National Championship in-----

- A Badminton
- B Tennis
- C Golf
- D Table Tennis
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

### Question 134

Which of the following countries recently launched its first Space Rocket ?

- A Pakistan
- B Iran
- C Bangladesh
- D Israel
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

### Question 135

Which of the following countries has offered to work with India at WTO talks so that the deadlock on the same can be opened ?

- A Britain
- B Russia
- C China
- D Australia
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

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### Question 136

The Aero India Show 2007 was organized in February 2007 in-----

- A Chandigarh
- B Bangalore
- C Jaipur
- D New Delhi
- E Kolkata

**Answer: B**

### Question 137

Which of the following is not a major Rubber producing State ?

- A Kerala
- B Karnataka
- C Tamil Nadu
- D Orissa
- E All of these

**Answer: D**

### Question 138

'Ranji Trophy' is associated with the game of-----

- A Hockey
- B Football
- C Cricket
- D Badminton
- E Golf

**Answer: C**

### Question 139

Who amongst the following is the author of the book "The Algebra of Infinite Justice" ?

- A Kiran Desai
- B Anita Desai
- C Arundhati Roy
- D Anita Nair

E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Question 140**

**The World Day of Water was observed on-----**

A 22nd January

B 22nd February

C 22nd March

D 22nd April

E 22nd December

**Answer: C**

**Question 141**

**Which of the following is NOT correct ?**

A Bank Rate - 6%

B Repo Rate - 7.5%

C Statutory Liquidity Ratio 35%

D Cash Reserve Ratio - 5.5%

E All are correct

**Answer: C**

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**Question 142**

**The 38th Parallel is the line between which of the following two countries ?**

A China - India

B India - Bangladesh

C India - Myanmar

D China - Nepal

E South - North Korea

**Answer: E**

**Question 143**

**One of the significant decisions taken in the ASEAN Summit held in Cebu (Philippines) recently was to expedite the process of establishment the ASEAN Community by the year-----**

A 2010

- B 2012
- C 2015
- D 2017
- E 2020

**Answer: C**

**Question 144**

A new Master Plan to develop which of the following cities in India by the year 2021 was notified recently by the Union Urban Development Ministry ?

- A Delhi
- B Bangalore
- C Mumbai
- D Chennai
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

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**Question 145**

Mr. Karim Masimov's name was recently in news as he has taken over as the new----

- A President of Kazakhstan
- B Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
- C President of Israel
- D Prime Minister of Israel
- E Chief of the UN Security Council

**Answer: B**

**Question 146**

Which of the following diseases is caused by the deficiency of Iron in human body ?

- A Anaemia
- B Scurvy
- C Dermatitis
- D Beri-Beri
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Question 147**

Syed Sabir Pasha an Indian player of International repute recently announced his retirement from national/international matches. He was associated with the game of-----

- A Hockey
- B Football
- C Golf
- D Table Tennis
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

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**Question 148**

Who amongst the following is the author of the book "No full stops in India"?

- A Mary Tully
- B B. K. Nehru
- C D. R. Mankekar
- D R. K. Narayan
- E None of these

**Answer: E**

**Question 149**

Next SAARC Summit (2007) is due to be held in----

- A Nepal
- B Pakistan
- C Sri Lanka
- D Bangladesh
- E India

**Answer: E**

**Question 150**

Which of the following is represented by the letter 'L' in the abbreviation CAMELS, the rating system used in financial world ?

- A Loans
- B Leadership
- C Liabilities
- D Liquidity

E None of these

Answer: D

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### Question 151

As per the figures released recently the per capita income in India has increased by approximately ?

A 3%

B 3.5%

C 4.5%

D 6%

E 7.5%

Answer: E

### Question 152

Which of the following statement(s) is/are True about the Union Budget 2007-2008 presented in the Lok Sabha recently ?

A: Slight change in rates of direct taxes

B: Basic exemption limit raised to Rs. 1,10,000

C: Education Cess increased from 3% to 4%

A Only A

B Only B

C Only C

D All A, B & C

E None of these

Answer: B

### Question 153

The revenue generated by the change in the rate of education cess will be utilized to fund which of the following sectors/segments of education in India ?

A Primary Education

B Technical Education

C University Education

D Secondary Education

E None of these

Answer: A

## SBI Clerk Free Mock Test (Latest Pattern)

**Question 154**

Which of the following committees has recommended that a part of foreign exchange reserves should be used for infrastructural development ?

- A Parekh Committee
- B Rakesh Mohan Committee
- C Mehta Committee
- D Rangarajan Committee
- E None of these

**Answer: E**

**Question 155**

As a general principle of economics it is said that growth is a function of investment. But to sustain growth it is not enough that country has a high investment rate only. It is also needed that investment has to be---

- A exactly the same year after year and at least for the period of five years
- B rising year after year and that too for many years
- C down after a period of two/three years
- D withdrawn after a period of three years so that the growth can be spread uniformly
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Question 156**

Many a times we come across a term 'DDT' in the financial/economic transactions. What is the full form of the same ?

- A Direct Distribution Treaty
- B Dividend Distribution Tax
- C Delhi Denmark Treaty
- D Direct Distribution Terminals
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

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**Question 157**

As per the news in the leading newspapers Government of India is in process of the establishment of 'SROs' for various market participants in the capital market. What is the full form of 'SROs' ?

- A Self Regulatory Organization
- B Small Regulatory Organization
- C Small Revenue Operators



- D Securities Roll back Operators
- E Securities Regulatory Organization

**Answer: A**

**Question 158**

**As per the data released recently by various agencies the direct taxes contribute to how much percentage of central revenues ? (Approximately)**

- A 30%
- B 40%
- C 45%
- D 50%
- E 55%

**Answer: D**

**Question 159**

**Who amongst the following is going to issue 'Rural Bonds' of Rs. 5,000 crores in days to come ?**

- A Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- C National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)
- D State Bank of India (SBI)
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

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**Question 160**

**As per RBI directives which of the following functions cannot be outsourced by the banks ?**

- A Opening and closing of accounts
- B Cash collections from the parties
- C Recovery of bad loans
- D Credit cards and Debit cards
- E Internal audit

**Answer: A**

**Question 161**

**As per the economic survey presented in the Lok Sabha recently what has been the average growth of GDP?**

- A 7%
- B 7.5%
- C 8%
- D 9.75%
- E 8.6%

**Answer: E**

**Question 162**

Which of the following countries has recently got entry in the top 20 Wealth Markets of the World? (It is placed at 20th rank)

- A Japan
- B Britain
- C France
- D Brazil
- E India

**Answer: E**

**Question 163**

In one of his speeches the Finance Minister of India quoted a famous statement of one of our great leaders of yesteryears. The quote is--"Everything else can wait but not agriculture". The statement is taken from the speeches/writings of--

- A Smt. Indira Gandhi
- B Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C Mahatma Gandhi
- D Dr. V. V. Giri
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Question 164**

The Government of India has recently appointed a committee to review Forward Trading of Agro-products. Who amongst the following is the Chairman of the Committee ?

- A Dr. Amartya Sen
- B Prof. Abhijit Sen
- C Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
- D Dr. Rakesh Mohan
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Question 165**

As a rough estimate the farm sector provides livelihood to how many families in India ? Approximately---

- A 60 million
- B 80 million
- C 100 million
- D 115 million
- E 125 million

**Answer: D**

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**Question 166**

Economic distress of small farmers is a cause of great concern in almost all sectors in the country. Which of the following, as stated in the economic survey presented recently has been single most important cause of economic distress of small farmers over the years ?

- A Forward Trading of agro-products
- B Emphasis on development of Special Economic Zones for which fertile land is being taken over in some states
- C Low productivity
- D Entry of multinationals in retail sector
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Question 167**

The government of India is planning to bring how much more land under irrigation ? About---

- A 1 million hectare
- B 1.5 million hectares
- C 2 million hectare
- D 2.5 million hectares
- E 3 million hectares

**Answer: D**

**Question 168**

General Assembly elections took place in Punjab recently. Who amongst the following was the Chief Minister there immediately prior to the elections?

- A Sri Prakash Singh Badal
- B Sri Sukhbir Singh Badal
- C Dr. M.S.Gill
- D Sri Sukhdev Sing

E None of these

Answer: E

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### Question 169

The Government of India is planning to develop which of the following cities as a 'Hub for Global Financial Services'?

- A New Delhi
- B Pune
- C Bangalore
- D Mumbai
- E None of these

Answer: D

### Question 170

The Government of India has recently decided to halt the Future Trading of which of the following commodities for the time being ?

- A Soya oil
- B Jeera
- C Wheat
- D Gram
- E Chilli

Answer: C

### Question 171

Which of the following games is being hosted by India for the first time and will be held in 2010 ?

- A SAARC Youth Festival
- B Asian Games
- C World Cup Hockey
- D Commonwealth Games
- E None of these

Answer: D

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### Question 172

Tata Steels became the fifth largest steel maker in the world after they took over Corus. Who amongst the following is the largest Steel maker of the world ?

- A Nippon Steel
- B POSCO
- C US Steel
- D Nucor
- E Arcelor-Mittal

**Answer: E**

**Question 173**

**R.A. Mashelkar Report which was in news recently is related with which of the following fields ?**

- A Patent Laws
- B Reservation for SC/STs in private sector
- C Distribution of Cauvery Water
- D Withdrawal of Red corner notice on one of the suspects of the Bofors Deal
- E None of these

**Answer: E**

**Question 174**

**The Government of India has raised serious objection on the recent event of the firing on the Indian fishermen by the navy of which of the following countries ?**

- A China
- B Sri Lanka
- C Bangladesh
- D Myanmar
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

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**Question 175**

**The Ministers from seven Muslim countries recently held a meeting over the nuclear policy of which of the following countries ? (The nuclear programme of that country has created a dangerous escalation of tension in international circles)**

- A China
- B South Korea
- C India
- D Iran
- E None of these

Answer: D

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### Verbal

#### Instructions

In each question below a sentence with four words printed in "bold" type is given. These are numbered as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words may be either "wrongly spelt or inappropriate" in this context of the sentence. Find out the word which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the four words correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (E) i.e., "All correct" as your answer.

#### Question 176

The Economic imperatives (A) for acquiring (B) technological strengths do not warrant (C) repetition (D) here. All correct (E)

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

Answer: D

#### Explanation:

D spells as repetition.

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#### Question 177

The combination of a base of imported technology and Capabilities (A) built up indigenous (B) led initially (C) to product and process involvement (D). All correct (E)

A A

B B

C C

D D

E E

Answer: B

#### Explanation:

'The combination of a base of imported technology and Capabilities' is the subject and 'led' is the verb. Part B of the sentence, 'built up indigenous', should act as a modifier to the subject. However, **indigenous** is supposed to modify verb built and hence should be an adverb. Correct verb should be indigenously. B is the answer.

#### Question 178

If a country does not learn to master (A) these new realities of life, our aspirations (B) to ensure the prosperity (C) of our people may come to not (D). All correct (E)

A A

- B B
- C C
- D D
- E E

Answer: D

**Explanation:**

Not should always be before a main or auxiliary verb. But here not is neither preceded nor succeeded by a verb. So not is incorrect.

**Question 179**

Since vegetable and fruit consumption (A) will increase in future, an appropriate (B) choice considering agro-climate (C) input needs and economic returns (D) should be arrived at for every region. All correct (E)

- A A
- B B
- C C
- D D
- E E

Answer: E

**Explanation:**

All the words have been correctly used. No correction required. Right answer is E.

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**Question 180**

An environmental (A) concern (B) that is likely to have implications (C) for Indian agriculture is the emission (D) of gases like methane and carbon dioxide. All correct (E)

- A A
- B B
- C C
- D D
- E E

Answer: E

**Explanation:**

No correction required.

**Instructions**

Rearrange the following six sentence (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph ; then answer the questions given below them.

1. There are a number of items in the atomic energy programme which are being made indigenously.
2. Given the overall energy situation in India, the use of nuclear power in some measure is inescapable even while thermal and hydrogen power continue to be the dominant elements.
3. However. commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities, especially for power-generation programmes, have been recently given high priority.

4. Atomic energy programmes have been subject to serve restrictions for very obvious reasons as the Department of Atomic Energy is becoming self-reliant in areas in which only a few countries have such capability.
5. Even to meet these nuclear power requirements, India critically requires a commercial level power-generation capability with its commensurate safety and nuclear waste management arrangements
6. Thus, in the Indian context energy security is also crucial, perhaps much more than it is for the U.S.A. because India imports a good part of its crude oil requirements, paying for it with precious foreign exchange.

**Question 181**

**Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement ?**

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Sentence B introduces the topic of discussion i.e. scenario of energy situation in India. Sentence D should follow it as it tells us about the restrictions in Atomic Energy Programme and that some countries are getting self-reliant in it. Sentence A follows it as it tells the reason why few countries mentioned in D are getting self-reliant as there are items which are made indigenously. C changes the topic of discussion by stating that commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities are given high priority. Sentence E states that to meet requirements stated in C, India needs commercial level power-generation capability and hence should follow C. F concludes the paragraph by stating that for India energy security is crucial as it imports crude oil and pay for it by precious foreign exchange. So, the sequence is BDACEF.

Thus, the fifth sentence is E.

**Question 182**

**Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement ?**

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Sentence B introduces the topic of discussion i.e. scenario of energy situation in India. Sentence D should follow it as it tells us about the restrictions in Atomic Energy Programme and that some countries are getting self-reliant in it. Sentence A follows it as it tells the reason why few countries mentioned in D are getting self-reliant as there are items which are made indigenously. C changes the topic of discussion by stating that commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities are given high priority. Sentence E states that to meet requirements stated in C, India needs commercial level power-generation capability and hence should follow C. F concludes the paragraph by stating that for India energy security is crucial as it imports crude oil and pay for it by precious foreign exchange. So, the sequence is BDACEF.

Thus, the third sentence is A.

**Question 183**

**Which of the following will be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement ?**



- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Sentence B introduces the topic of discussion i.e. scenario of energy situation in India. Sentence D should follow it as it tells us about the restrictions in Atomic Energy Programme and that some countries are getting self-reliant in it. Sentence A follows it as it tells the reason why few countries mentioned in D are getting self-reliant as there are items which are made indigenously. C changes the topic of discussion by stating that commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities are given high priority. Sentence E states that to meet requirements stated in C, India needs commercial level power-generation capability and hence should follow C. F concludes the paragraph by stating that for India energy security is crucial as it imports crude oil and pay for it by precious foreign exchange. So, the sequence is BDACEF.

Thus, the second sentence is D.

**Question 184**

**Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement ?**

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Sentence B introduces the topic of discussion i.e. scenario of energy situation in India. Sentence D should follow it as it tells us about the restrictions in Atomic Energy Programme and that some countries are getting self-reliant in it. Sentence A follows it as it tells the reason why few countries mentioned in D are getting self-reliant as there are items which are made indigenously. C changes the topic of discussion by stating that commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities are given high priority. Sentence E states that to meet requirements stated in C, India needs commercial level power-generation capability and hence should follow C. F concludes the paragraph by stating that for India energy security is crucial as it imports crude oil and pay for it by precious foreign exchange. So, the sequence is BDACEF.

Thus, the first sentence is D.

**Question 185**

**Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement ?**

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4
- E 5

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Sentence B introduces the topic of discussion i.e. scenario of energy situation in India. Sentence D should follow it as it tells us about the restrictions in Atomic Energy Programme and that some countries are getting self-reliant in it. Sentence A follows it as it tells the reason why few countries mentioned in D are getting self-reliant as there are items which are made indigenously. C changes the topic of discussion by stating that commercial aspects of exploiting nuclear capabilities are given high priority. Sentence E states that to meet requirements stated in C, India needs commercial level power-generation capability and hence should follow C. F concludes the paragraph by stating that for India energy security is crucial as it imports crude oil and pay for it by precious foreign exchange. So, the sequence is BDACEF.

Thus, the fourth sentence is C.

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**Instructions**

In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank approximately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. With the U.S. military tied down on two fronts and the rest of the world growing (186) to American power, the challenges for Rice are as (187) as they have been for any Secretary of State in the past three decades. After six years of tussling with others on Bush's national-security team, Rice has seen off her rivals and (188) as the principal spokesperson for Bush's foreign (189). Her reward has been to (190) responsibility for selling a failed policy in Iraq and (191) a legacy for Bush at a time when (192) in the world are in the mood to help her. "Bush is severely (193) and he was very little (194) or support at home or abroad." says Leslie Gelb, former president of the Council on Foreign Relations. "That is (195) true for his Secretary of State. So they are (196) flailing around." That's grim assessment, since the (197) to international order are (198) today than at any 'other' time since the end of the cold war. The most immediate source of (199) emanates from Iraq, where the country's civil war risks (200) a region-wide conflict.

**Question 186**

186

- A resistant
- B subservient
- C immune
- D cordial
- E indifference

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

C immune is a medical term and used for denoting when someone is resistant to a disease. Indifference is a noun form and doesn't fit into the given context. The entire passage states that America has been hated by the entire world for its actions on Iraq and all countries are against to Bush. Hence, cordial meaning friendly is eliminated. Subservient is almost similar to cordial and can be eliminated. Resistant is the correct word as the sentence can be read as 'the rest of the world is growing resistant to American power'. Hence, A

**Question 187**

187

- A obvious
- B trivial
- C superfluous
- D daunting
- E rewarding

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The sentence means that the challenges faced by Rice are troublesome. Hence A, obvious meaning clear, B trivial meaning controversial, C superfluous meaning unnecessary, E rewarding meaning benefiting can be eliminated, Daunting means which is too difficult and intimidating .Hence, fits perfectly into the context. Hence, D

**Question 188**

188

- A renamed
- B emerged
- C appointed
- D entrusted
- E visited

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Renamed means changing the name, entrusted means giving somebody else the responsibility. visited means went to somewhere on official purpose. So, these three are eliminated . Between appointed & emerged, emerged is correct as the previous phrase mentions that she withstood rivals competition. Emerge means to develop out of something(here competition) also appointed should be supported by an auxiliary verb. Hence, B

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**Question 189**

189

- A aid
- B recognition
- C policy
- D acceptability
- E minister

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

aid means help, recognition means identification, acceptability means the process of agreeing some one or thing . Hence, all of these can be eliminated. Policy is the correct word. Hence, C

**Question 190**

190

- A shirk
- B avoid
- C transfer
- D visualize
- E inherit

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Shirk& avoid are synonyms and can be eliminated. visualize is to assume, hence, eliminated. Between transfer & inherit, transfer means shifting from one person to another, inherit means to receive or give a responsibility Hence, E is correct..

**Question 191**

191

- A focusing
- B framing
- C escaping
- D salvage
- E demolishing

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

to focus means to concentrate,escape means to move off something, demolishing is destroying. AS per the passage Rice is supposed to improve Bush's respect. So, The three options explained gets eliminated. Between salvage and framing framing is correct as salvage means rescue. Hence, B

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**Question 192**

192

- A people
- B few
- C diplomats
- D autocrats
- E most

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Few should be preceded by a to give a positive meaning, Most cannot be used with preposition 'in'. Among A,C,D the passage mentions only about people and Hence, A

**Question 193**

193

- A intensified
- B master-minded
- C weakened
- D projected
- E supported

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The passage is severely criticizing Bush & says that all are against to Bush. Hence,B,D,E can be eliminated. Between A&C; , C, weakened is correct and fits in correctly.Hence, C

**Question 194**

194

- A credibility
- B difficulty
- C majority
- D power
- E enthusiasm

**Answer: E**

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**Question 195**

195

- A not
- B uniformly
- C remotely
- D partially
- E also

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The sentence means that Rice is facing the similar situation as of Bush so, she too faces the same criticism. hence, also a synonym for too is correct.All other options are irrelevant. Hence,E

**Question 196**

196

- A effectively
- B inadvertently
- C basically
- D aimlessly
- E not

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

flail means to attack some one verbally . the passage states that Bush & Rice are responsible for criticism on America's action on Iraq. Hence, E is eliminated. B,c are eliminated as those are out of context.Between A&D; , A is correct as some one cannot abuse aimlessly. Hence,A.

**Question 197**

197

- A admirations
- B threats
- C pleasantries
- D demands
- E accolades

**Answer: D**

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**Question 198**

**198**

- A louder
- B fewer
- C magnificent
- D most
- E bigger

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Emanate in the following sentence means a feeling or sense. A is eliminated as it seems out of context. B can be eliminated as not few many of the citizens belonging to Iraq criticize America & Bush. Among C, D, E, bigger is the correct adjective. Hence, E

**Question 199**

**199**

- A instability
- B fuel
- C energy
- D peace
- E atrocity

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Emanate means a feeling or sense. B, C can be easily eliminated as those are out of context. D can be eliminated as it means the contrast. Between A & E, E fits in well as the sentence can be read as 'immediate source of atrocity emanates from Iraq'. Hence, E

**Question 200**

**200**

- A defusing
- B demolishing

- C terminating
- D igniting
- E extinguishing

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The sentence means that civil war risks are ready to give raise to regional wise conflicts. A,B,C,E mean the contrast when substituted. Hence, D, Igniting meaning irking is correct.

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### Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in "bold" to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

For years now, Gorge W. Bush has told Americans that he would increase the number of troops in Iraq only if the commanders on the ground asked him to do so. It was not a throwaway line: Bush said it from the very first days of the war, when he and Pentagon boss Donald Rumsfeld were criticized for going to war with too few troops. He said it right up until last summer, stressing at a news conference in Chicago that Iraq commander General George Casey "Will make the decisions as to how many troops we have there." Seasoned military people suspected that the line was a dodge—that the civilians who ran Pentagon were testing their personal theory that war can be fought on the cheap and the brass simply knew better than to ask for more. In any case, the president repeated the mantra to dismiss any suggestion that the war was going badly. Who, after all, knew better than the generals on the ground?

Now, as the war near the end of its fourth year and the number of Americans killed has surpassed 3,000, Bush had dropped the general-know-best line. Sometime next week the President is expected to propose a surge in the number of U.S. forces in Iraq for a period of upto two years. A senior official said reinforcements numbering "About 20,000 troops," and may be more, could be in place within months. The "**surge**" would be achieved by extending the stay of some forces already in Iraq and accelerating the deployment of others.

The "**irony**" is that while the generals would have liked more troops in the past, they are "**cool**" idea of sending more now. That's in part because the politicians and commanders have had trouble agreeing on what the goal of a surge would be. But it is also because they are worried that a surge would further erode the readiness of U.S.'s already stressed ground forces. And even those who back a surge are under no "**illusions**" about what it would mean to the casualty rate. "If you put more American troops on the front line," said a White House Official, "You're going to have more casualties."

Coming from Bush, a man known for bold strokes, the surge is a strange half-measure—too large for the political climate at home, too small to crush the "**insurgency**" in Iraq and surely three years too late. Bush has waved off a bipartisan rescue mission out of pride, "**stubbornness**" or ideology, or some combination of the three. Rather than reversing course, as well the wise elders of the Iraq Study Group advised, the Commander in Chief is betting that more troops will lead the way to what one White House official calls "Victory".

### Question 201

**Bush and Rumsfeld had received brickbats for----**

- A waging a war against Iraq
- B testing her personal theories
- C their assertion in the news conference in Chicago
- D turning down the demands of General George Casey
- E None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Brickbat means criticism and Bush and Rumsfeld had received criticism for asserting that General George Casey would take decisions regarding the number of troops. Hence, option C is correct.

### Question 202

**George Bush gave an impression to his subjects that his army commanders were given the autonomy to decide----**

- A when to start or stop the war in Iraq
- B the reasonable requirement of American troops to fight the war in Iraq
- C how many troops should Iraq use to fight against the Americans
- D the Pentagon policies regarding war in Iraq
- E None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The third line of the 1st paragraph states that Bush had given the freedom to The Iraq commander General George to decide how many troops were required to fight the war. Hence, C is correct.

**Question 203**

From the content of the passage, which of the following can be definitely inferred ?

- A: The U.S. troops in Iraq are happy with their victory
- B: The troops already fighting the war in Iraq are sufficient enough to combat the situation effectively
- C: The generals who were earlier not in favour of increasing troops in Iraq are now insisting on surge.

- A (A) and (B) only
- B (B) and © only
- C (A) and (C)only
- D None
- E All the three

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The passage clearly never discussed the happiness of U.S troops in Iraq. It also never stated that troops are sufficient. Instead, it emphasized on the necessity of extra troops. As per the passage, generals never expressed their opinion on increase of troops or insurgency. Hence D, None of them is correct.

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**Question 204**

Which of the following best describes Bush's persistent reaction to the observations that the Iraq war strategy was not effective due to inadequate American forces ?

- A Such strategies are better left to Army Commanders to decide on the ground
- B Civilians are best assessors of such strategies
- C Wars can be fought on the cheap
- D The brass knew better of war but not of politics
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The question is how Bush reacted to the criticism. Refer to the third line of the passage. It mentions that Generals were given freedom to decide. Hence, A



**Question 205**

**The author of the passage appears to be**

- A in favour of enhancement of American troops in Iraq
- B critical about Bush's strategy of handling situation in Iraq
- C an important assessor of the US strategy related to the situation in Iraq
- D an indifferent onlooker of what is happening in Iraq
- E inclined to the idea of withdrawal of American troops to save casualty

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The main point of the passage is not only to state the necessity of extra troops in Iraq, but also to criticize the actions of Bush. Hence, B is correct.

**Question 206**

**Which of the following is the assessment of the Commander-in-chief of U.S. forces in Iraq on the present situation there ?**

- A America's desired goal will be achieved if more troops are deployed in Iraq
- B Withdrawal of troops from Iraq is essential to raise the morale of the U.S. Army
- C Further strengthening of U.S. army in Iraq will be suicidal as it means more destruction of U.S. forces
- D Pentagon's civilians should not have been allowed to interfere with the army commander's strategies
- E None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The final line of the passage states that the commander in Chief is of the opinion that increased troops will lead to a victory. C is contrast. D, is too narrow and out of context. A is also out of context as the passage never spoke of morality of US forces. A captures the idea at best.

**Question 207**

**Which of the following strategies would achieve the desired increase in American forces in Iraq ?**

- A. Continuation of stay of troops for a further period.
- B. Expeditious deployment of additional troops
- C. Seeking additional input from politicians and commanders of neighbouring friendly countries.

- A (A) only
- B (C) only
- C (B) only
- D (A) and (B) only
- E None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

C is never mentioned in the passage. But A & B have representation in 2nd para last lines of the passage. Hence D.

Question 208

Why do the army commanders disfavour enhancement of troops now ?

- A. More force means more casualties
- B. Difference of opinion between politicians and commanders about the aim of the troop enhancement
- C. Probable adverse psychological impact on ground forces.

- A Only (A) and (B)
- B Only (B) and (C)
- C All the three
- D Only (A) and (C)
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

A is mentioned in 3rd para last line. B is mentioned in 3rd para 2nd line. C is mentioned in 3rd para 3rd line (already stressed means psychologically depressed). Hence, C is correct.

Question 209

Which of the following made Bush change his thinking about the requirement of forces in Iraq ?

- A. The unreasonably long period for which the war continued
- B. The large number of American soldiers killed in the war
- C. Demand from the Army Commanders

- A Only (A) and (C)
- B Only (A) and (B)
- C Only (B) and (C)
- D All the three
- E Only (C)

Answer: B

Explanation:

2nd paragraph 1st line clearly states that war was too long and more number of U.S troops were killed. Hence, A & B; both are correct.

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Question 210

Which of the following most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word given in "bold" as used in passage ?

"Cool"

- A Warm
- B Enthusiastic
- C Unwelcome
- D Intemperate
- E Indifferent

Answer: B

**Explanation:**

The cool as used in the passage is not supposed to deal with the temperature but with the idea. In the context of the passage cool means having no energy. Hence, the opposite should be enthusiastic. B is correct.

**Question 211**

Which of the following most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word given in "bold" as used in passage ?

"Surge"

- A Enhancement
- B Trivializing
- C Reduction
- D Strengthening
- E Upgradation

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Surge means to increase or enhance. So, strengthening, up-gradation and enhancement are synonyms and can be eliminated. Trivializing is giving less importance. Hence, C is the antonym

**Question 212**

Which of the following most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word given in "bold" as used in passage ?

"Stubbornness"

- A Uncertainty
- B Weakness
- C Acceptability
- D Infirmity
- E Flexibility

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Stubborn means bold and not changing as per the context of the passage. Hence, option (e) Flexibility is the correct answer

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**Question 213**

Which of the following is most nearly the **SAME** in the meaning as the word given in "bold" as used in the passage ?

"Illusion"

- A Reality
- B Reflection
- C Fantastic
- D Delusion
- E Deviation

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Illusion means fantasy or imitation or hallucination. As per the context, illusion means fantasy or which is not real or misleading. Hence, D is correct. Reality means true. Reflection means sending back the absorbed may be light or thought. Delusion means misleading. Deviation means moving from the usual path or changing the direction. Hence, D

**Question 214**

Which of the following is most nearly the SAME in the meaning as the word given in "bold" as used in the passage ?

**"Insurgency"**

- A Rebellion
- B Ingredient
- C Combat
- D Debacle
- E Violation

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Insurgency means rebellion or revolution. Ingredient means a part of something. Combat is to fight. Debacle is a disaster. Violation is deviation from rule. Hence, A suits correct.

**Question 215**

Which of the following is most nearly the SAME in the meaning as the word given in "bold" as used in the passage ?

**"Irony"**

- A Levelling
- B Precaution
- C Controversy
- D Mockery
- E Perception

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Irony means which is contrast or not matching (involving humor) or peculiar action in order to make people laugh. Leveling is balancing. Precaution is a safeguarding or defending measure. Controversy is one which attracts criticism or disputed. Mockery is teasing to generate humor. Hence, D

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**Instructions**

In each question below, a sentence is given with a part of it printed in "bold" type. That part may contain a grammatical error. Each sentence is followed by phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D). Find out which phrase should replace the phrase given in "bold" to correct error, if there is any, and to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and "No correction is required", mark (E) as the answer.

**Question 216**

A nation that "had been once tried to" kill him was the first to embrace him.

- A had once been trying to
- B had once tried to
- C once had been tried to
- D had to once try and
- E No correction required

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The sentence means that a nation had tried to kill him. But now it embraced him. We use had been preceded to verb+ing . But the sentence here requires had +verb because we use past perfect in the supporting clause if it impacts the main clause(also the main clause has past tense.)

**Question 217**

**"Had he known more" about the policies of the company, he might not have accepted the offer.**

- A He had known more
- B Did he know more
- C Since not more was known
- D If he would know more
- E No correction required

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Conditional tenses are used to speculate about what could happen, what might have happened, and what we wish would happen. In English, most sentences using the conditional contain the word *if*. Many conditional forms in English are used in sentences that include verbs in one of the past tenses. The correct form to be used is if + Would +verb should be followed by might have+verb.

**Question 218**

**His life is an example of "how the human will can" flourish even in harsh conditions.**

- A what the human will can
- B how the human can and will
- C when the human will can
- D where the human will can
- E No correction required

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

We use how to represent this question also will is to be succeeded by can. Hence, B

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**Question 219**

**The social worker passionately stroked the annoyed passenger in order "that be pacified."**

- A to pacify him
- B that to pacify
- C to be pacified for
- D that to be pacified with
- E No correction required

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

In order is always followed by to +verb. Hence, A

**Question 220**

**They were no longer able to provide the " help their children need."**

- A helped their children need
- B help their children needed
- C help that their children need
- D help that their children would need
- E No correction required

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

To have the sentence to be correct, all verb forms that are being used should be concurrent with the time. If the main verb is in past tense, auxiliary verb should also be past. Hence, needed is correct

**Question 221**

**You may be well organized in your thoughts but "what would you propose" may not be necessarily acceptable on all occasions.**

- A what you would propose
- B that you would propose
- C what you propose
- D what you would have proposed
- E No correction required

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

What is not used to represent a question here. Hence, what should be followed by a pronoun .

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**Question 222**

**The striking difference between the two contestants " compatible with each other" for the match was related to their age.**

- A compatible with one another

- B compatible against one another
- C competing with the other
- D competing with each other
- E No correction required

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Contestants compete with each other. Compatible means flexible and it doesn't make sense here. Hence, D

**Question 223**

**Market research and market communication "is so far being confined to" a handful of consumer goods like soaps, cosmetics, etc.**

- A is thus far being confined to
- B have so far been confined to
- C are so far being confined to
- D have so far been confined with
- E No correction required

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

'So far being confined' gives the hint that the market research and market communication was initiated in the past and continues to happen. The right construction method for such sentences is Present Perfect Progressive tense. Also, the right preposition used with confined is 'to'. The right answer is B.

**Question 224**

**If we rely on others for technology upgradation, "potential serious damage may" be caused.**

- A potentially serious damage may
- B serious potentially damage may
- C seriously potential damage may
- D seriously potential damage might
- E No correction required

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Serious is an adjective supposed to modify the verb damage. Hence, it should precede damage and potential is used as an adverb to modify serious. Hence, E

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**Question 225**

**The load-shedding, however justifiable it may be, "has been aggravating" the problems.**

- A have been aggravated
- B have aggravated

- C have been aggravating
- D would have been aggravated
- E No correction required

**Answer:** E

**Explanation:**

Load-shedding is the subject which is singular, thus singular 'has' must be used. Also, in perfect continuous tense, 'ing' form of verb is used. Thus, the right answer should read 'The load-shedding, however justifiable it may be, has been aggravating the problems'. Answer is E.

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