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Reasoning

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 1

In a certain code language 'how many goals scored' is written as '5 3 9 7'; 'many more matches' is written as '9 8 2' and 'he scored five' is written as '1 6 3'. How is 'goals' written in that code language?

- A 5
- B 7
- C 5 or 7
- D Data inadequate
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

In the above statements 'many' and '9' are in two sentences. So 'many' is '9'.

Similarly 'scored' and '3' are in two sentences. So 'scored' is '3'.

In the first sentence 'how', 'goals', '5' and '7' are left. So 'how' and 'goals' can be either '5' or '7' (if 'how' is '5' then 'goals' is '7' and vice versa).

Question 2

In a certain code TEMPORAL is written as OLDSMBSP. How is CONSIDER written in that code?

- A RMNBSFEJ
- B BNMRSFEJ
- C RMNBJEFS
- D TOPDQDCH
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Split TEMPORAL into two halves TEMP and ORAL

Reversing the order of letters we get PMET and LARO

Subtracting 1 from PMET we get P - 1 = O, M - 1 = L, E - 1 = D, T - 1 = S

Adding 1 to LARO we get L + 1 = M, A + 1 = B, R + 1 = S, O + 1 = P

Applying the same concept to CONSIDER

CONS ⇒ SNOC IDER ⇒ REDI

S - 1 = R, N - 1 = M, O - 1 = N, C - 1 = B

I + 1 = J, D + 1 = E, E + 1 = F, R + 1 = S

RMNBJEFS

Question 3

How many meaningful English words can be made with the letters DLEI using each letter only once in each word?

- A None
- B One

- C Two
- D Three
- E More than three

Answer: C

Explanation:

Only two words can be made out of DLEI

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Question 4

Among A, B, C, D and E each having different weight, D is heavier than only A and C is lighter than B and E. Who among them is the heaviest?

- A B
- B E
- C C
- D Data inadequate
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

$D > A$ and $C < B, E$

We don't know the relation between A and B, B and E, B and D, D and E and A and C.

So it is impossible to answer this question without providing any of the required information.

Hence Data Inadequate

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Question 5

Each odd digit in the number 5263187 is substituted by the next higher digit and each even digit is substituted by the previous lower digit and the digits so obtained are rearranged in ascending order, which of the following will be the, third digit from the left end after the rearrangement ?

- A 2
- B 4
- C 5
- D 6
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

5263187 will change to 6154278 after the modifications done as mentioned in the question.

Now arranging them in ascending order => 1245678

=> Third digit from left = 4

Question 6

Pratap correctly remembers that his mother's birthday is before twenty third April but after Nineteenth April, where as his sister correctly remembers that their mother's birthday is not on or after twenty second April. On which day in April is definitely their mother's birthday ?

- A Twentieth
- B Twenty-first
- C Twentieth or twenty-first
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

According to Pratap, his mother's birthday can be on 20th, 21st or 22nd of April.

According to Pratap's sister, her mother's birthday can be on 20th or 21st of April.

=> Their mother's birthday can be on either 20th or 21st of April.

Question 7

Ashok started walking towards South. After walking 50 meters he took a right turn and walked 30 meters. He then took a right turn and walked 100 meters. He again took a right turn and walked 30 meters and stopped. How far and in which direction was he from the starting point?

- A 50 meters South
- B 150 meters North
- C 180 meters East
- D 50 meters North
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Ashok walked 50m towards South. Then he took right and walked 30m=> he is travelling towards East. Now, he is 50m South and 30m East from his starting position.

Then he took right and travelled 100m => Now he is walking towards North and is 50m North and 30m East from his starting position.

Finally, he took right again and travelled 30m => He is walking towards West and is 50m North from his starting position.

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Question 8

If '-' means '+', '+' means 'x', 'x' means '÷' and '÷' means '-'; then $15 - 8 \times 6 \div 12 + 4 = ?$

- A 20
- B 28
- C 8
- D 2

E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

After replacing the symbols we get the equation as $15 \times 8 \div 6 + 12 - 4$

Applying BODMAS rule

$$15 \times 8 \div 6 + 12 - 4$$

$$= 20 + 12 - 4$$

$$= 32 - 4$$

$$= 28$$

Question 9

Town D is towards East of town F. Town B is towards North of town D. Town H is towards South of town B. Towards which direction is town H from town F?

A East

B South-East

C North-East

D Data inadequate

E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The below are the different possible positions of the cities:

	B	OR	B	OR	B
F	H/D		F D		H
			H		F D

Hence H can be South-East of F or East of F or North-East.

=> Data Inadequate

Question 10

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

A None

B One

C Two

D Three

E More than three

Answer: D

Explanation:

SEARCHES

In the word, A and C have one letter between them, in alphabetical order A and C have only letter B between them

C and E have one letter between them, in alphabetical order C and E have only letter D between them

A and E have three letters between them, in alphabetical order A and E have three letters B, C and D between them

Therefore, (A,C) ; (C,E) and (A,E) are three pairs which satisfy the given condition.
Option D is correct

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Instructions

Direction: In each of the questions below are given four statements followed by four conclusions numbered I, II, III & IV. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

Question 11

Statements:

- All cups are bottles.
- Some bottles are jugs.
- No jug is plate.
- Some plates are tables.

Conclusions:

- I. Some tables are bottles.
- II. Some plates are cups.
- III. No table is bottle.
- IV. Some jugs are cups.

- A Only I follows
- B Only II follows
- C Only III follows
- D Only IV follows
- E Only either I or III follows

Answer: E

Explanation:

The conclusions talk about a relation between tables and bottles. Let's bring a relation between these two using the given statements.

Some bottles are jugs and no jug is a plate => some bottles can be plates or no bottle is a plate

Some plates are tables => some bottles can be plates or no bottle is a plate. -- (1)

All cups are bottles and some bottles are jugs => Nothing about cups and jugs can be derived from this.

Since we cannot derive a conclusion between cups and jugs, it is not possible to derive a conclusion between cups and plates as well.

Hence option E, which says that some bottles can be plates or no bottle is a plate is the answer.

Question 12

Statements:

- Some chairs are handles.
- All handles are pots.
- All pots are mats.
- Some mats are buses.

Conclusions:

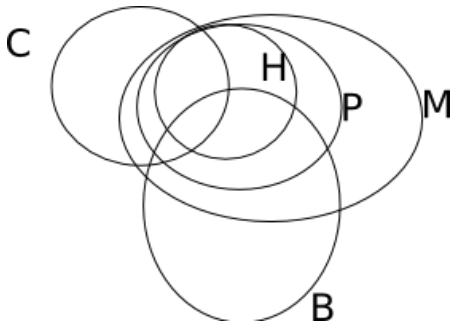
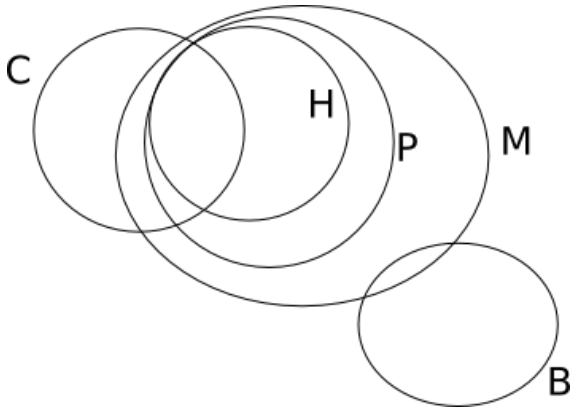
- I. Some buses are handles.
- II. Some mats are chairs.
- III. No bus is handle.
- IV. Some mats are handles.

- A Only I, II and IV follow
- B Only II, III and IV follow
- C Only either I or III and II follow
- D Only either I or III and IV follow
- E Only either I or III and II and IV follow

Answer: E

Explanation:

The following are the two possibilities:



So, either I or III and II and IV follow.

Question 13

Statements:

All birds are horses.

All horses are tigers.

Some tigers are lions.

Some lions are monkeys.

Conclusions:

I. Some tigers are horses.

II. Some monkeys are birds.

III. Some tigers are birds.

IV. Some monkeys are horses.

- A Only I and III follow
- B Only I, II and III follow
- C Only II, III and IV follow

D All I, II, III and IV follow

E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Birds is a subset of Horses, which is a subset of Tigers. So, conclusions I and III follow. But, conclusions II and IV need not follow.

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Question 14

Statements:

Some benches are walls.

All walls are houses.

Some houses are jungles.

All jungles are roads.

Conclusions:

I. Some roads are benches.

II. Some jungles are walls.

III. Some houses are benches.

IV. Some roads are houses.

A Only I and II follow

B Only I and III follow

C Only III and IV follow

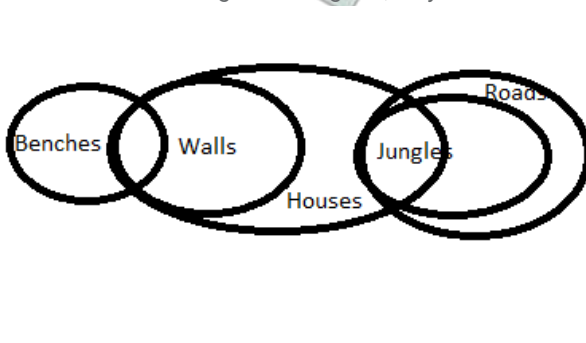
D Only II, III and IV follow

E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Based on the following Venn diagram, only conclusions 3 and 4 are implied.



Question 15

Statements:

Some sticks are lamps.

Some flowers are lamps.

Some lamps are dresses.

All dresses are shirts.

Conclusions:

I. Some shirts are sticks.

II. Some shirts are flowers.

III. Some flowers are sticks.

IV. Some dresses are sticks.

A None follows

B Only I follows

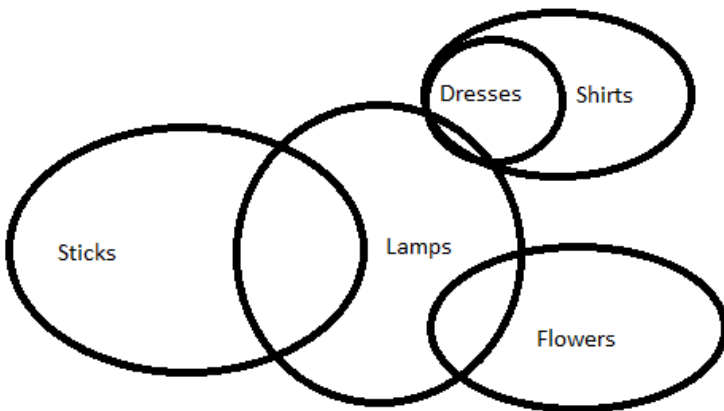
C Only II follows

D Only III follows

E Only IV follows

Answer: A

Explanation:



Based on the Venn diagram, none of the conclusions are implied by the statements.

Instructions

A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are eight employees of an organization working in three departments viz. Personnel, Administration and Marketing with not more than three of them in any department. Each of them has a different choice of sports from football, cricket, volleyball, badminton, lawn tennis, basketball, hockey and table tennis not necessarily in the same order. D works in Administration and does not like either football or cricket. F works in Personnel with only A who likes table tennis. E and H do not work in the same department as D. C likes hockey and does not work in marketing. G does not work in administration and does not like either cricket or badminton. One of those who work in administration likes football. The one who likes volleyball works in personnel. None of those who work in administration likes either badminton or lawn tennis. H does not like cricket.

Question 16

Which of the following groups of employees work in Administration department ?

- A EGH
- B AF
- C BCD
- D BGD
- E Data inadequate

Answer: C

Explanation:

	Personnel	Admin	Marketing	Football	Cricket	Volley	Badminton	LT	Basketball	Hockey	TT
A	✓										✓
B		✓		✓							
C		✓								✓	
D		✓							✓		
E			✓		✓						
F	✓					✓					
G			✓					✓			
H			✓				✓				

According to the above table, B, C and D work in Administration department.

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Question 17

In which department does E work ?

- A Personnel
- B Marketing
- C Administration
- D Data inadequate
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

	Personnel	Admin	Marketing	Football	Cricket	Volley	Badminton	LT	Basketball	Hockey	TT
A	✓										✓
B		✓		✓							
C		✓								✓	
D		✓							✓		
E			✓		✓						
F	✓					✓					
G			✓					✓			
H			✓				✓				

Based on the information given, we can draw the table given above. Hence, E works in Marketing department.

Question 18

Which of the following combinations of employee-department-favourite sport is correct?

- A E - Administration - Cricket
- B F - Personnel - Lawn Tennis
- C H - Marketing - Lawn Tennis
- D B - Administration - Table Tennis
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

	Personnel	Admin	Marketing	Football	Cricket	Volley	Badminton	LT	Basketball	Hockey	TT
A	✓										✓
B		✓		✓							
C		✓								✓	
D		✓							✓		
E			✓		✓						
F	✓					✓					
G			✓					✓			
H			✓				✓				

E works in Marketing => A is wrong

F likes Volleyball => B is wrong

H likes Badminton => C is wrong

B likes Football => D is wrong

=> None of these

Question 19

What is E's favourite sport?

- A Cricket
- B Badminton
- C Basketball
- D Lawn Tennis
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

	Personnel	Admin	Marketing	Football	Cricket	Volley	Badminton	LT	Basketball	Hockey	TT
A	✓										✓
B		✓		✓							
C		✓								✓	
D		✓							✓		
E			✓		✓						
F	✓					✓					
G			✓					✓			
H			✓				✓				

Based on the information given, we can draw the table given above. Hence, E's favourite sport is Cricket.

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Question 20

What is G's favourite sport ?

- A Cricket
- B Badminton
- C Basketball
- D Lawn Tennis
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

	Personnel	Admin	Marketing	Football	Cricket	Volley	Badminton	LT	Basketball	Hockey	TT
A	✓										✓
B		✓		✓							
C		✓								✓	
D		✓							✓		
E			✓		✓						
F	✓					✓					
G			✓					✓			
H			✓				✓				

According to the table, G's favourite sport is Lawn Tennis.

Instructions

Direction: In the following questions, the symbols \$, @, #, ^ and * are used with the following meaning as illustrated below.

'P \$ Q' means 'P is not smaller than Q'.

'P @ Q' means 'P is neither smaller than nor equal to Q'.

'P # Q' means 'P is neither greater than nor equal to Q'.

'P ^ Q' means 'P is neither greater than nor smaller than Q'.

'P * Q' means 'P is not greater than Q'.

Now in each of the following questions assuming the given statements to be true, find which of the four conclusions I, II, III and IV given below them is/are definitely true and give your answer accordingly.

Question 21

Statements: H @ T, T # F, F ^ E, E * V

Conclusions:

I. V \$ F

II. E @ T

III. H @ V

IV. T # V

- A Only I, II and III are true
- B Only I, II and IV are true
- C Only II, III and IV are true
- D Only I, III and IV are true
- E All I, II, III and IV are true

Answer: B

Explanation:

Substituting the symbols based on the directions we get

$H > T, T < F, F = E, E \leq V$

$= H > T < F = E \leq V$

Now the options are

$V \geq F, E > T, H > V, T < V$

Following the rules for coded inequalities in the concept section we find that I, II, IV are correct

So option B is right

Question 22

Statements: D#R, R*K, K@F, FSJ

Conclusions:

- I. J # R
- II. J # K
- III. R # F
- IV. K @ D

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the question $D < R \leq K > F \geq J$

These conclusions given are $J < R$, $J < K$, $R < F$, $K > D$

As per the rules given in the coded inequalities of the banking concept, II: $J < K$, IV: $K > D$ are correct.

But there is no option as such.

Hence d : None of these is the right choice.

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Question 23

Statements: N ^ B, B \$ W, W # H, H * M

Conclusions :

- I. M @ W
- II. H @ N
- III. W ^ N
- IV. W# N

- A Only I is true
- B Only III is true
- C Only IV is true
- D Only either III or IV is true
- E Only either III or IV and I are true

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the question $N = B \geq W < H \leq M$

The conclusions given are $M > W$, $H > N$, $W = N$, $W < N$

As per the rules given in the coded inequalities section of Banking Concepts, options I : $M > W$ is correct and III : $W = N$, IV : $W < N$ are partially correct.

So Option E : Only either III or IV and I are true is correct

Question 24

Statements: $R > D, D > J, J < M, M > K$

Conclusions:

- I. $K < J$
- II. $D > M$
- III. $R < M$
- IV. $D > K$

- A None is true
- B Only I is true
- C Only II is true
- D Only III is true
- E Only IV is true

Answer: A

Explanation:

From the statements given, $R > D \geq J < M > K$

The conclusions given are $K < J, D > M, R < M, D > K$

We know that both J and K are lesser than M, but we don't know whether $J > K$ or not. Hence, the first conclusion is wrong.

Similarly, we know that both M and D are greater than, but we don't know which of the two M and D is greater.

We know that D is greater than R, but as we don't know whether D is greater or lesser than M, we don't know whether M is greater than R or not.

In the same way, the relationship between M and K is known, but as the relationship between M and D is not known, we can't comment about the relationship between D and K

Hence, all the conclusions are wrong.

Question 25

Statements: $M \geq K, K > N, N < R, R < W$

Conclusions:

- I. $W > K$
- II. $M \geq R$
- III. $K > W$
- IV. $M > N$

- A Only I and II are true
- B Only I, II and III are true
- C Only III and IV are true
- D Only II, III and IV are true
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the question $M \geq K > N < R < W$

The conclusions given are $W > K, M \geq R, K < W, M > N$

We know that both W and K are greater than N, but the relationship between the two of them is not known. Hence, the first conclusion is wrong.

Similarly, M and R are greater than N, but the relationship between the two of them is not known.

Similarly, K and W are greater than N, but the relationship between the two of them is not known.

M is greater than or equal to K which is in turn greater than N, hence $M > N$ and the fourth conclusion is correct.

So, of the four options, none of them is correct.

Instructions

Following are the conditions for selecting Senior Manager-Credit in a bank. The candidate must:

- (i) be a graduate in any discipline with atleast 60 percent marks.
- (ii) have post qualification work experience of at least ten years in the Advances Section of a bank.
- (iii) be at least 30 years and not more than 40 years as on 1.4.2010.
- (iv) have secured at least 40 percent marks in the group discussion.
- (v) have secured at least 50 percent marks in interview.

In the case of a candidate who satisfies all the conditions EXCEPT:

(A) at (i) above but has secured at least 50 percent marks in graduation and at least 60 percent marks in post graduation in any discipline the case is to be referred to the General Manager Advances.

(B) at (ii) above but has total post qualification work experience of at least seven years out of which at least three years as Manager-Credit in a bank, the case is to be referred to Executive Director.

In each question below details of one candidate is given. You have to take one of the following courses of action based on the information provided and the conditions and sub-conditions given above and mark the number of that course of action as your answer. You are not to assume anything other than the information provided in each question. All these cases are given to you as on 01.04.2010.

Question 26

Shobha Gupta has secured 50 percent marks in the Interview and 40 percent marks in the Group Discussion. She has been working for the past eight years out of which four years as Manager-Credit in a bank after completing her B. A. degree with 60 percent marks. She was born on 12th September 1978.

- A The case is to be referred to Executive Director.
- B The case is to be referred to General Manager-Advances.
- C The data are inadequate to take a decision.
- D The candidate is not to be selected.
- E The candidate is to be selected.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Shobha has the 50% cutoff in the interview, 40% cutoff in group discussion and the 60% cutoff in graduation. Also, her age is between 30 and 40. But, she does not have ten years of experience. According to the passage, if the candidate has more than 7 years, of which at least 3 years of experience is as a Manager-Credit in a bank, the candidate is to be referred to the executive director.

Since Shobha has eight years of experience of which 4 years was as a Manager-Credit in a bank, she has to be referred to the executive director.

Question 27

Rohan Maskare was born on 8th March 1974. He has been working in a bank for the past twelve years after completing his B.Com. degree with 70 percent marks. He has secured 50 percent marks in both the Group Discussion and the Interview.

- A The case is to be referred to Executive Director.

- B The case is to be referred to General Manager-Advances.
- C The data is inadequate to take a decision.
- D The candidate is not to be selected.
- E The candidate is to be selected.

Answer: C

Explanation:

Rohan's age is 36, which is between 30 and 40 and is hence eligible for the job. He has 50% in both interview and group discussion, hence clearing the cutoffs of both the criterions. However, we do not know whether his work experience was in the advances section of the bank. As no information is given regarding his 12 years at the bank, the data is inadequate.

Question 28

Prakash Gokhale was born on 4th August 1977. He has secured 65 percent marks in. post graduation and 58 percent marks in graduation. He has been working for the past ten years in the Advances Department of a bank after completing his post graduation. He has secured 45 percent marks in the Group Discussion and 50 percent marks in the Interview.

- A The case is to be referred to Executive Director.
- B The case is to be referred to General Manager-Advances.
- C The data are inadequate to take a decision.
- D The candidate is not to be selected.
- E The candidate is to be selected.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Prakash's age is 33, which is between 30 and 40 and is hence eligible for the job. Also, he has cleared the cutoffs of group discussion and interview by scoring 45% and 50% respectively. He has 10 years of experience in advances section after post graduation. But his graduation marks are less than 60% and more than 50% and his post graduation marks are more than 60%. Therefore, Prakash has to be referred to the General Manager - Advances.

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Question 29

Sudha Mehrotra has been working in the Advances department of a bank for the past twelve years after completing her B.Com. degree with 60 percent marks. She has secured 50 percent marks in the Group Discussion and 40 percent marks in the Interview. She was born on 15th February 1972.

- A The case is to be referred to Executive Director.
- B The case is to be referred to General Manager-Advances.
- C The data are inadequate to take a decision.
- D The candidate is not to be selected.
- E The candidate is to be selected.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Sudha's age is 38, which is between 30 and 40, and is hence eligible for the job. She has an experience of 12 years in advances section, hence clearing the cutoff. She has scored only 40% in Interview, which is less than the cutoff. Hence Sudha must not be selected.

Question 30

Amit Narayan was born on 28th May 1974. He has been working in the Advances department of a bank for the past eleven years after completing his B.Sc. degree with 65 percent marks. He has secured 55 percent marks in the Group discussion and 50 percent marks in the interview.

- A The case is to be referred to Executive Director.
- B The case is to be referred to General Manager-Advances.
- C The data are inadequate to take a decision.
- D The candidate is not to be selected.
- E The candidate is to be selected.

Answer: E

Explanation:

Amit's age is between 30 and 40. He has scored 65% in B.Sc, 55% in group discussion and 50% in the interview and also has 11 years of experience, thereby clearing all the cutoffs. Hence he has to be selected.

Instructions

Direction: In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered (A), (B) and (C). 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 courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Question 31

Statement : A heavy unseasonal downpour during the last two days has paralysed the normal life in the state in which five persons were killed but this has provided a huge relief to the problem of acute water crisis in the state.

Courses of action:

- (A) The state government should set up a committee to review the alarming situation.
- (B) The state government should immediately remove all the restrictions, on use of potable water in all the major cities in the state.
- (C) The state government should send relief supplies to all the affected areas in the state.

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

In a crisis situation, the expectation is to have the supplies sent to the areas as soon as possible. Hence option C is correct

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Question 32

Statement: A large private bank has decided to retrench one-third of its employees in view of the huge losses incurred by it during the past three quarters.

Courses of action:

- (A) The Govt. should issue a notification to general public to immediately stop all transactions with the bank.
- (B) The Govt. should direct the bank to refrain from retrenching its employees.
- (C) The Govt. should ask the central bank of the country to initiate an enquiry into the bank's activities and submit its report.

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

The govt should start an inquiry to investigate the actions of the bank and refrain from acting in haste without proper analysis. Hence option C is the right option.

Question 33

Statement: Many political activists have decided to stage demonstrations and block traffic movement in the city during peak hours to protest against the steep rise in prices of essential commodities.

Courses of action:

- (A) The Govt. should immediately ban all forms of agitations in the country.
- (B) The police authority of the city should deploy additional forces all over the city to help traffic movement in the city.
- (C) The state administration should carry out preventive arrests of the known criminals staying in the city.

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

Banning agitations would not affect them anyway. Additional police would bring the agitations and demonstrations to an end. Hence that's the right choice.

Question 34

Statement: The school dropout rate in many districts in the state has increased sharply during the last few years as the parents of these children make them work in the fields owned by others to earn enough for them to get at least one meal a day.

Courses of action:

- (A) The Govt. should put up a mechanism to provide foodgrains to the poor people in these districts through public distribution system to encourage the parents to send their wards to school.
- (B) The Govt. should close down some of these schools in the district and deploy the teachers of these schools to nearby schools and also ask remaining students to join these schools.
- (C) Govt. should issue arrest warrants for all the parents who force their children to work in fields instead of attending classes.

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

The cause i.e. hunger should be addressed to encourage children's education. So, Option A is correct.

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Question 35

Statement: One aspirant was killed due to stampede while participating in a recruitment drive of police constables.

Courses of action:

(A) The officials incharge of the recruitment process should immediately be suspended.

(B) A team of officials should be asked to find out the circumstances which led to the death of the aspirant and submit its report within a week.

(C) The Govt. should ask the home department to stagger the number of aspirants over more number of days to avoid such incidents in future.

A Only (A)

B Only (B)

C Only (C)

D Only (B) and (C)

E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Suspending officers without investigation may not resolve the actual issue. So, options B and C are correct.

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 36

Effect: Majority of the employees of the ailing organization opted for voluntary retirement scheme and left the organization with all their retirement benefits within a fortnight of launching the scheme. Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect ?

A The company has been making huge losses for the past five years and is unable to pay salary to its employees in time.

B The management of the company made huge personal gains through unlawful activities.

C One of the competitors of the company went bankrupt last year.

D The company owns large tracts of land in the state which will fetch huge sum to its owners.

E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Option A points to the company being unprofitable and unable to pay the salaries. This can be a probable cause for the company offering voluntary retirement and the employees readily accepting the offer.

Question 37

Statement: Most of the companies in IT and ITES sectors in India have started hiring from engineering college campuses this year and are likely to recruit much more than yearly recruitment of the earlier years. Which of the following substantiates the facts stated in the above statement ?

- A IT and ITES are the only sectors in India which are hiring from engineering college campuses.
- B Govt. has stepped up recruitment activities after a gap of five years.
- C The IT and ITES companies have now decided to visit the engineering college campuses for tier II cities in India as well.
- D Availability of qualified engineers will substantially increase in the near future.
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Option C mentions that IT and ITES companies are starting to hire from TIER 2 cities as well. This new information substantiates the given statement and hence is the correct option.

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Question 38

Cause: The Govt. has recently increased its taxes on petrol and diesel production by about 10 percent. Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above cause ?

- A The petroleum companies will reduce the prices of petrol and diesel by about 10 percent.
- B The petroleum companies will increase the prices of petrol and diesel by about 10 percent.
- C The petroleum companies will increase the prices of petrol and diesel by about 5 percent.
- D The petrol pumps will stop selling petrol and diesel till the taxes are rolled back by the govt.
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

To offset their losses, petroleum companies would increase the price of petrol by about 10%.

Question 39

Statement : The Govt. has decided to instruct the banks to open new branches in such a way that there is one branch of any of the banks in every village of population 1000 and above or a cluster of villages with population less than 1000 to provide banking services to all the citizens. Which of the following will weaken the step taken by the Govt. ?

- A The private sector banks in India have stepped up their branch expansion activities in rural India.
- B Many Govt. owned banks have surplus manpower in its urban branches.
- C All the banks including those in private sector will follow the govt. directive.
- D Large number of branches of many Govt. owned banks in the rural areas are making huge losses every year due to lack of adequate business activities.
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Losses in rural branches provides information that weakens the policy statement given. Hence, option D is the correct choice.

Instructions

The centre reportedly wants to continue providing subsidy to consumers for cooking gas and kerosene for five more years. This is not good news from the point of view of reining in the fiscal deficit. Mounting subventions for subsidies means diversion of savings by the

government from investment to consumption, raising the cost of capital in the process. The government must cut expenditure on subsidies to create more fiscal space for investments in both physical and social infrastructure. It should outline a plan for comprehensive reform in major subsidies including petroleum, food and fertilizers and set goal posts.

Question 40

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph ?

- A India's fiscal deficit is negligible in Comparison to other emerging economies in the world.
- B Subsidy on food and fertilizers are essential for growth of Indian economy.
- C Reform in financial sector will weaken India's position in the international arena.
- D Gradual withdrawal of subsidy is essential for effectively managing fiscal deficit in India.
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The paragraph talks about the effect of subsidies on fiscal deficit. It says that continuous subsidies will have a bad effect on fiscal deficit. Hence it can be inferred that, to manage fiscal deficit effectively, gradual withdrawal of subsidies is necessary. Hence D is the answer.

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Question 41

Which of the following is an assumption which is implicit in the facts stated in the above paragraph ?

- A People in India may not be able to pay more for petroleum products.
- B Many people in India are rich enough to buy petroleum products at market cost.
- C Govt. may not be able to create more infrastructural facilities if the present level of subsidy continues for a longer time.
- D Govt. of India has sought assistance from international financial organizations for its infrastructural projects
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

The passage says that a continuous subsidy program will affect the fiscal deficit, thereby inhibiting the government from investing in infrastructural facilities. Therefore, the arguments assume that there is no other way of investing in infrastructural facilities if the subsidies go on. Hence C is the correct answer.

Instructions

Poverty measurement is an unsettled issue, both conceptually and methodologically. Since poverty is a process as well as an outcome; many come out of it while others may be falling into it. The net effect of these two parallel processes is a proportion commonly identified as the 'head count ratio', but these ratios hide the fundamental dynamism that characterizes poverty in practice. The most recent poverty reestimates by an expert group has also missed the crucial dynamism. In a study conducted on 13,000 households which represented the crucial dynamism. In a study conducted on 13,000 households which represented the entire country in 1993-94 and again on 2004-05, it was found that in the ten-year period 18.2% rural population moved out of poverty whereas another 22.1 % fell into it over this period. This net increase of about four percentage points was seen to have a considerable variation across states and regions.

Question 42

Which of the following is a conclusion which can be drawn from the facts stated in the above paragraph ?

- A Accurate estimates of number of people living below poverty line in India is possible to be made.

- B Many expert groups in India are not interested to measure poverty objectively.
- C Process of poverty measurement needs to take into account various factors to tackle its dynamic nature.
- D People living below poverty line remain in that position for a very long time.
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

The author explains and exemplifies the fault in the method used to measure poverty. He says that the dynamic nature of the poverty is not considered while measuring the poverty of the country. Hence, the correct conclusion is that the poverty measurement must consider various factors to tackle dynamic nature of poverty. Hence C is the correct answer.

Question 43

Which of the following is an assumption which is implicit in the facts stated in the above paragraph ?

- A It may not be possible to have an accurate poverty measurement in India.
- B Level of poverty in India is static over the years.
- C Researchers avoid making conclusions on poverty measurement data in India.
- D Govt. of India has a mechanism to measure level of poverty effectively and accurately.
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

The author says that "poverty is an unsettled issue, both conceptually and methodologically" and then he talks about the dynamic nature of poverty. So, by these two statements we can conclude that it may not be possible to have an accurate poverty measurement in India.

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Question 44

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph ?

- A Poverty measurement tools in India are outdated.
- B Increase in number of persons falling into poverty varies considerably across the country over a period of time.
- C Govt. of India has stopped measuring poverty related studies.
- D People living in rural areas are more susceptible to fall into poverty over the time.
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

Option A is not mentioned in the passage.

The increase in number of persons under poverty was an example by the author and not a general fact. Option B is wrong.

Option C is not mentioned in the passage.

Option D could be true in general but is not mentioned in the passage.

Hence none of these is the answer.

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Instructions

Number (n) of candidates (in lakhs) appearing for an entrance examination from six different states and the percentage (p) of candidates clearing the same over the years

State Year	A		B		C		D		E		F	
	N	P	N	P	N	P	N	P	N	P	N	P
2004	1.23	42	1.04	51	1.11	32	1.32	24	1.23	36	1.33	31
2005	1.05	43	1.12	62	1.07	47	1.15	49	1.18	55	1.24	24
2006	2.04	38	1.48	32	1.08	28	1.96	35	1.42	49	1.58	26
2007	1.98	41	2.07	43	1.19	30	1.88	46	1.36	47	1.79	29
2008	1.66	53	1.81	50	1.56	42	1.83	60	1.73	57	1.86	34
2009	1.57	39	1.73	36	1.64	52	2.01	56	1.69	55	1.95	37

Question 45

What is the respective ratio of total number of candidates clearing the entrance exam from State B in the year 2004 to those clearing the entrance exam from State C in the same year

- A 221: 148
- B 218: 143
- C 148: 221
- D 143: 218
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

The number of students from State B who cleared the exam in 2004 is $51\% \times 1.04 \times 100000 = 53040$

The number of students from State C who cleared the exam in 2004 is $32\% \times 1.11 \times 100000 = 35520$

Hence, the ratio is 221:148

Question 46

In which year did the highest number of candidates clear the entrance exam from State D ?

- A 2008
- B 2006
- C 2009
- D 2007
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2004 was $24\% \times 1.32 \times 100000 = 31680$

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2005 was $49\% \times 1.15 \times 100000 = 56350$

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2006 was $24\% \times 1.32 \times 100000 = 31680$

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2007 was $46\% \times 1.88 \times 100000 = 86480$

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2008 was $60\% \times 1.83 \times 100000 = 109800$

The number of students who cleared the exam in 2009 was $56\% \times 2.01 \times 100000 = 112560$

Hence, the year with the highest number of successful candidates from Section D is 2009

Question 47

What is the number of candidates not clearing the entrance exam from State A in the year 2007?

- A 186820
- B 11682
- C 1868200
- D 116820
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The percentage of students from State A who passed the exam in 2007 is 41%

So, the percentage of students from State A who failed the exam in 2007 is 59%

Hence, the number of students who failed the exam in 2007 is $59\% \times 1.98 \times 100000 = 116820$

Question 48

What is the total number of candidates clearing the entrance exam from States E and F together in the year 2006 ?

- A 16160
- B 110660
- C 1.1066
- D 1106600
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

The number of students who passed the exam from State E in 2006 is $49\% \times 1.42 \times 100000 = 69,580$

The number of students who passed the exam from State F in 2006 is $26\% \times 1.58 \times 100000 = 41,080$

Hence, the total is 110,660

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Question 49

What is the average number of candidates appearing for the entrance exam from State D in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 together ?

- A 190766.66
- B 180666.66
- C 180666.33
- D 190666.66

E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The number of students who appeared for the exam from State D in 2007 is $1.88 \times 100000 = 188000$

The number of students who appeared for the exam from State D in 2008 is $1.83 \times 100000 = 183000$

The number of students who appeared for the exam from State D in 2009 is $2.01 \times 100000 = 201000$

Hence, the required average is 190,666.66

Instructions

An urn contains 6 red, 4 blue, 2 green and 3 yellow marbles.

Question 50

If four marbles are picked at random, what is the probability that at least one is blue ?

A 4/11

B 69/91

C 11/15

D 22/91

E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Probability that at least 1 is blue $\Rightarrow 1 - (\text{probability that none is blue}) \Rightarrow 1 - \left(\frac{{}^{11}C_4}{{}^{15}C_4} \right) = \frac{69}{91}$

Question 51

If two marbles are picked at random, what is the probability that both are red ?

A 1/6

B 1/3

C 2/15

D 2/5

E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

Number of ways of selecting 2 red balls in 2 chances = 6C_2

Probability of 2 red balls in 2 chances = $\frac{{}^6C_2}{{}^{15}C_2} = \frac{1}{7}$

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Question 52

If three marbles are picked at random, what is the probability that two are blue and one is yellow?

A 3/91

- B 1/5
- C 18/455
- D 7/15
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Number of ways of selecting 2 blue urns and 1 yellow urn = ${}^4C_2 * {}^3C_1 = 18$

Probability of selecting 2 blue urns and 1 yellow urn = $\frac{{}^4C_2 * {}^3C_1}{{}^{15}C_3} = \frac{18}{455}$

Question 53

If four marbles are picked at random, what is the probability that one is green, two are blue and one is red ?

- A 24/455
- B 13/455
- C 11/15
- D 7/91
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Number of ways of selecting 1 green, 2 blue and 1 red = ${}^2C_1 * {}^4C_2 * {}^6C_1 = 2 * 6 * 6 = 72$

Probability of selecting 1 green, 2 blue and 2 red = $\frac{72}{{}^{15}C_4} = \frac{24}{455}$

Question 54

If two marbles are picked at random, what is the probability that either both are green or both are yellow ?

- A 5/91
- B 1/35
- C 1/3
- D 4/105
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Both are green and or are yellow => ${}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 = 4$

Probability that both are green or both are yellow = $\frac{4}{{}^{15}C_2} = \frac{4}{105}$

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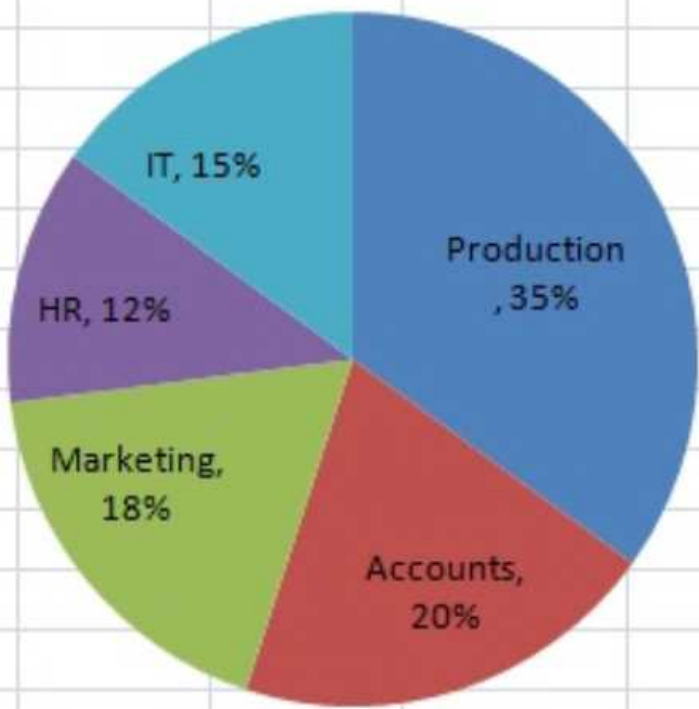
Instructions

Direction: Study the given pie-charts carefully to answer the questions that follow.

Given below are three charts showing break ups of

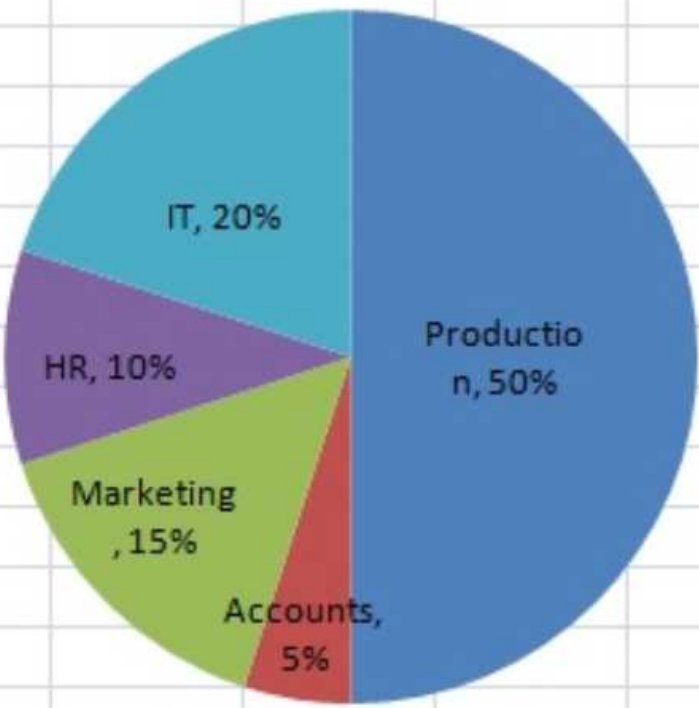
- a) Number of employees working in different departments of an organization
- b) Number of males in the organization and
- c) Number of employees who recently got promoted in each department

Break up of Employees working in different departments



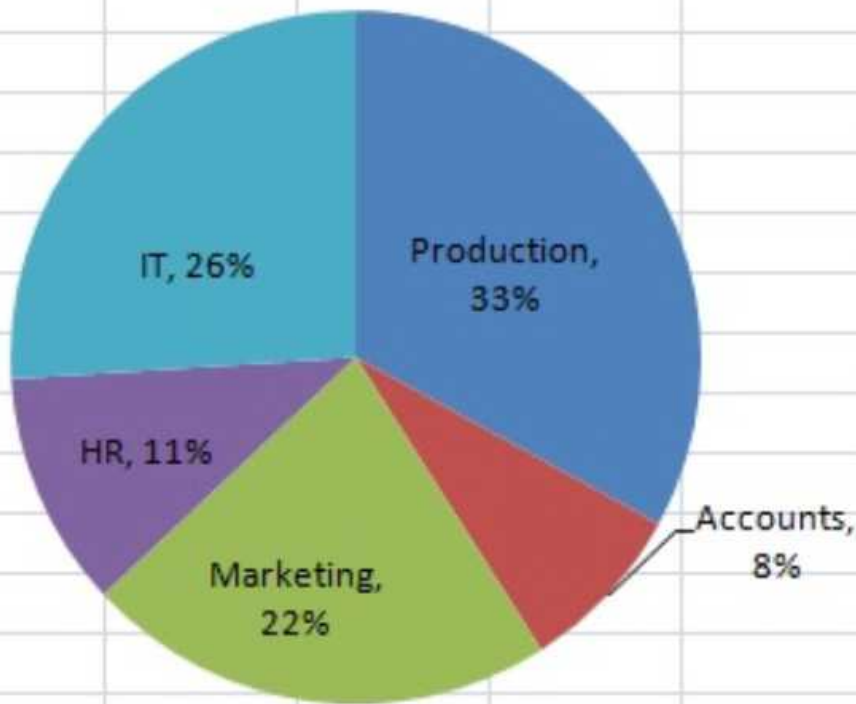
Total Number of Employees = 3600

Break up of Men working in different departments



Total Number of Men = 2040

Break up of Employees who got promoted



Total Number of promoted employees = 1200

Question 55

If half of the number of employees who got promoted from the IT department were males, what was the approximate percentage of males who got promoted from the IT department ?

- A 61
- B 29
- C 54
- D 42
- E 38

Answer: E

Explanation:

Number of IT employees = 20% of 2040 = 408

Number of IT employees promoted = 26% of 1200 = 312

Half of these are males => number of male IT employees promoted = 156

=> Percentage of male IT employees promoted = $\frac{156}{408} * 100 = 38\%$

Question 56

What is the total number of females working in the Production and Marketing departments together?

- A 468
- B 812
- C 582

- D 972
E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Total number of employees in production and marketing = 53% of 3600 = 1908

Total number of male employees in production and marketing = 65% of 2040 = 1326

Total number of female employees in production and marketing = 1908 - 1326 = 582

Question 57

How many females work in the Accounts department?

- A 618
B 592
C 566
D 624
E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Number of employees in accounts department = 20% of 3600 = 720

Number of male employees in accounts department = 5% of 2040 = 102

Number of female employees in accounts department = 720 - 102 = 618

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Question 58

The total number of employees who got promoted from all the departments together was what percent of the total number of employees working in all the departments together? (Rounded off to the nearest integer)

- A 56
B 21
C 45
D 33
E 51

Answer: D

Explanation:

Total number of employees promoted = 1200

Total number of employees working = 3600

Percentage of employees promoted = $\frac{1200}{3600} * 100 = 33$ (approx)

Question 59

The number of employees who got promoted from the HR department was what percent of the total number of employees working in that department ? (rounded off to two digits after decimal)

- A 36.18
- B 30.56
- C 47.22
- D 28.16
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

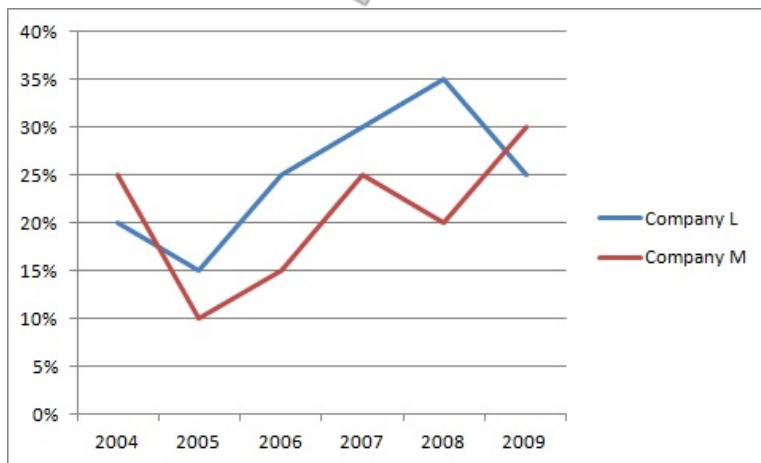
The number of employees promoted in HR = 11% of 1200 = 132

Total number of employees in HR = 12% of 3600 = 432

=> percentage of employees promoted in HR = $\frac{132}{432} * 100 = 30.56\%$

Instructions

Direction: The graph below gives the percentage rise in profits of two companies over the years. Study the graph carefully to answer the questions that follow.



Question 60

If the profit earned by Company L in the year 2005 was Rs. 1.84 lakhs, what was the profit earned by the company in the year 2006 ?

- A Rs. 2.12 lakhs
- B Rs. 2.3 lakhs
- C Rs. 2.04 lakhs
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Profit in 2006 = $1.84 * \frac{125}{100} = 1.84 * \frac{5}{4} = 0.46 * 5 = 2.3$ lakh

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Question 61

If the profit earned by Company M in the year 2008 was Rs. 3.63 lakhs, what was the amount of profit earned by it in the year 2006 ?

- A Rs. 2.16 lakhs
- B Rs.1.98 lakhs
- C Rs. 2.42 lakhs
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Let the profit in 2006 be x.

Profit in 2007 = $5x/4$

Profit in 2008 = $6/5 * 5x/4 = 3x/2 = 3.63$ lakh

=> $x = 1.21 * 2 = 2.42$ lakh

Question 62

What is the average percent rise in profit of Company L over all the years together?

- A 15.33
- B 25.33
- C 18.83
- D 25.83
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

The average percentage rise in profits over all the years for company L is average of the 6 years values ie. sum of each years value divided by 6 = $150/6 = 25\%$.

Question 63

Which of the following statements is TRUE with respect to the above graph ?

- A Company M made the highest profit in the year 2009
- B Company L made least profit in the year 2005
- C The respective ratio between the profits earned by Company L and M In the year 2006 was 6:5
- D Company L made the highest profit in the year 2008
- E All are true

Answer: A

Explanation:

The graphs show the percentage rise in profits. So, the profits for the two companies are increasing from 2004 to 2009. So, the highest profit by both the companies is made in 2009 and the least profit in 2004.

Consider statement A: M made the highest profit in 2009. This statement is true.

Consider statement B: L made the least profit in 2005. This statement is false.

So, the answer is option a) (Since option e) is not true anymore).

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Question 64

What is the percentage increase in percent rise in profit of Company M in the year 2009 from the previous year ?

- A 25
- B 15
- C 50
- D 75
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Percent rise in profit of company M in 2008 = 20%

Percent rise in profit of company M in 2009 = 30%

Percentage increase = $(30-20)/20 * 100 = 50\%$

Instructions

A school consisting of a total of 1560 students has boys and girls in the ratio of 7:5 respectively. All the students are enrolled in different types of hobby classes, viz: Singing, Dancing and Painting.

One-fifth of the boys are enrolled in only Dancing classes.

Twenty percent of the girls are enrolled in only Painting classes.

Ten percent of the boys are enrolled in only Singing classes.

Twenty four percent of the girls are enrolled in both Singing and Dancing classes together.

The number of girls enrolled in only Singing classes is two hundred percent of the boys enrolled in the same.

One-thirteenth of the boys are enrolled in all the three classes together.

The respective ratio of boys enrolled in Dancing and Painting classes together to the girls enrolled in the same is 2 :1 respectively.

Ten percent of the girls are enrolled in only Dancing classes whereas eight percent of the girls are enrolled in both Dancing and Painting classes together.

The remaining girls are enrolled in all the three classes together.

The number of boys enrolled in Singing and Dancing classes together is fifty percent of the number of girls enrolled in the same.

The remaining boys are enrolled in only Painting classes.

Question 65

What is the total number of boys who are enrolled in Dancing ?

- A 318
- B 364
- C 292
- D 434
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Boys : Girls = 7 : 5

No. of boys = $\frac{7}{12} * 1560 = 910$

No. of girls = 650

No. of boys enrolled in only Dancing = $\frac{910}{5} = 182$

No. of girls in only Painting = $\frac{650}{5} = 130$

No. of boys in only singing = 91

No. of girls in both singing and dancing = $\frac{24}{100} * 650 = 156$

No. of girls in only Singing = $91 * 2 = 182$

No. of boys in all three = $\frac{1}{13} * 910 = 70$

No. of girls in both dancing and painting = $\frac{8}{100} * 650 = 52$

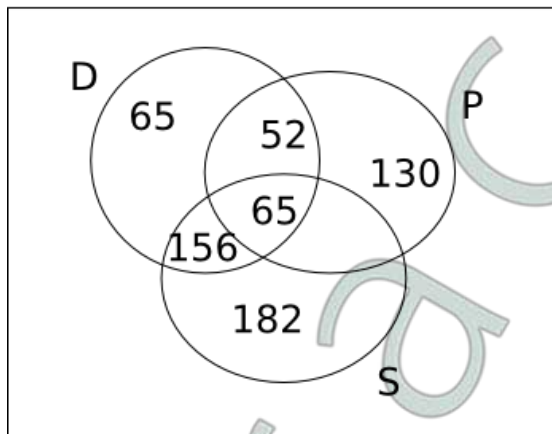
No. of girls in only dancing = $\frac{650}{10} = 65$

So, no. of boys in both dancing and painting = $2 * 52 = 104$

No. of girls in all three = 65

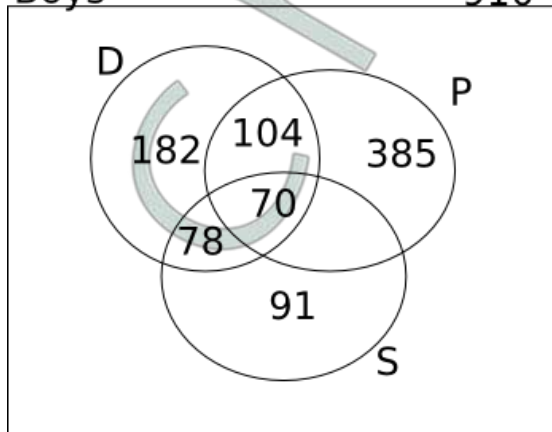
Girls

650



Boys

910



No. of boys in both singing and dancing = $\frac{156}{2} = 78$

No. of boys in only painting = 385

Total number of boys enrolled in Dancing = 434

Question 66

Total number of girls enrolled in Singing is approximately what percent of the total number of students in the school ?

- A 37
- B 19
- C 32
- D 14
- E 26

Answer: E

Explanation:

Boys : Girls = 7 : 5

No. of boys = $7/12 * 1560 = 910$

No. of girls = 650

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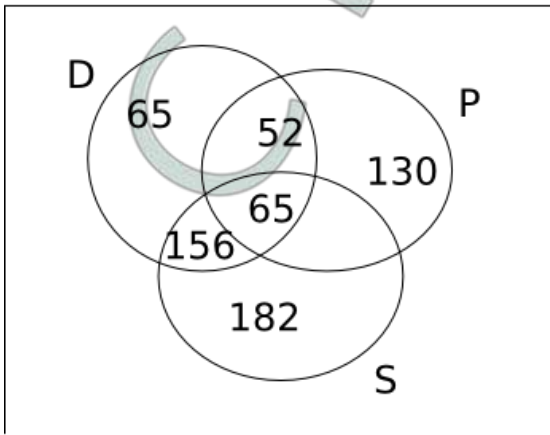
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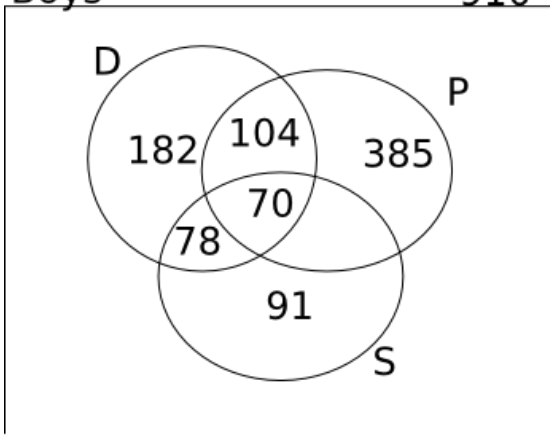
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No. of girls in all three = 65

Girls 650



Boys 910



No. of boys in both singing and dancing = $156/2 = 78$

No. of boys in only painting = 385

Total number of girls in Singing = 403

Required ratio = $403/1560 = 26\%$ approximately

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Question 67

What is the total number of students enrolled in all the three classes together ?

A 135

B 164

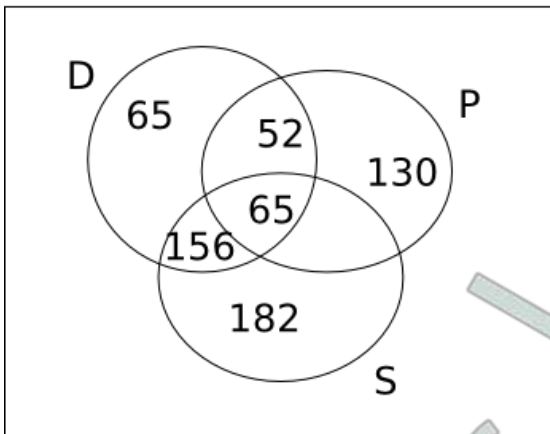
- C 187
- D 142
- E None of these

Answer: A

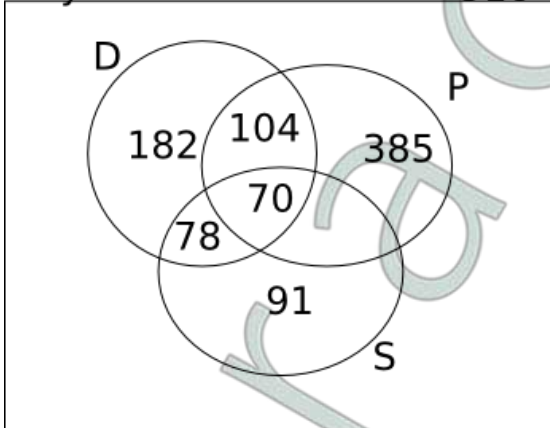
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 No. of girls in both dancing and painting = $\frac{8}{100} * 650 = 52$
 No. of girls in only dancing = $650/10 = 65$
 So, no. of boys in both dancing and painting = $2 * 52 = 104$
 No. of girls in all three = 65

Girls **650**



Boys **910**



No. of boys in both singing and dancing = $156/2 = 78$
 No. of boys in only painting = 385

Number of students enrolled in all 3 = 135

Question 68

Number of girls enrolled in only Dancing classes is what percent of the boys enrolled in the same? (rounded off to two digits after decimal)

- A 38.67
- B 35.71
- C 41.83
- D 28.62
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Boys : Girls = 7 : 5

No. of boys = $\frac{7}{12} * 1560 = 910$

No. of girls = 650

No. of boys enrolled in only Dancing = $\frac{910}{5} = 182$

No. of girls in only Painting = $\frac{650}{5} = 130$

No. of boys in only singing = 91

No. of girls in both singing and dancing = $\frac{24}{100} * 650 = 156$

No. of girls in only Singing = $91 * 2 = 182$

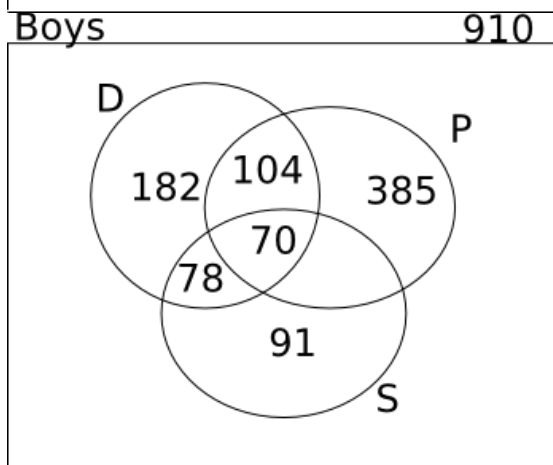
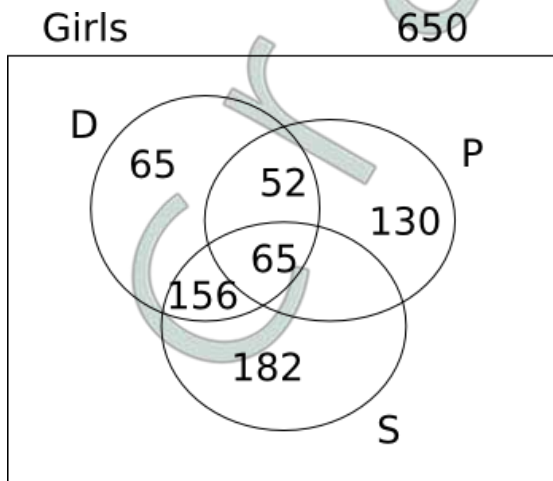
No. of boys in all three = $\frac{1}{13} * 910 = 70$

No. of girls in both dancing and painting = $\frac{8}{100} * 650 = 52$

No. of girls in only dancing = $\frac{650}{10} = 65$

So, no. of boys in both dancing and painting = $2 * 52 = 104$

No. of girls in all three = 65



No. of boys in both singing and dancing = $\frac{156}{2} = 78$

No. of boys in only painting = 385

Required percentage = 35.71%

Question 69

What is the respective ratio of the number of girls enrolled in only Painting classes to the number of boys enrolled in the same ?

A 77 : 26

B 21 : 73

C 26 : 77

D 73 : 21

E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Boys : Girls = 7 : 5

No. of boys = $7/12 * 1560 = 910$

No. of girls = 650

No. of boys enrolled in only Dancing = $910/5 = 182$

No. of girls in only Painting = $650/5 = 130$

No. of boys in only singing = 91

No. of girls in both singing and dancing = $24/100 * 650 = 156$

No. of girls in only Singing = $91 * 2 = 182$

No. of boys in all three = $1/13 * 910 = 70$

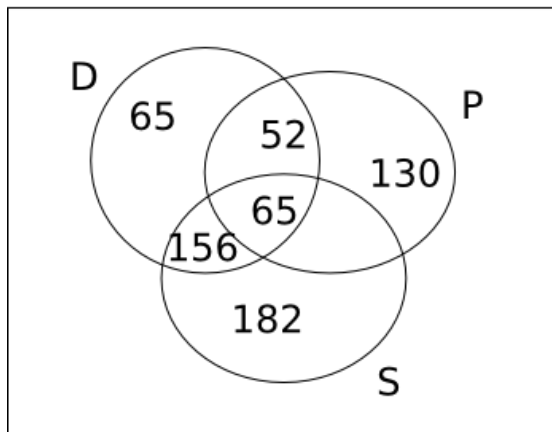
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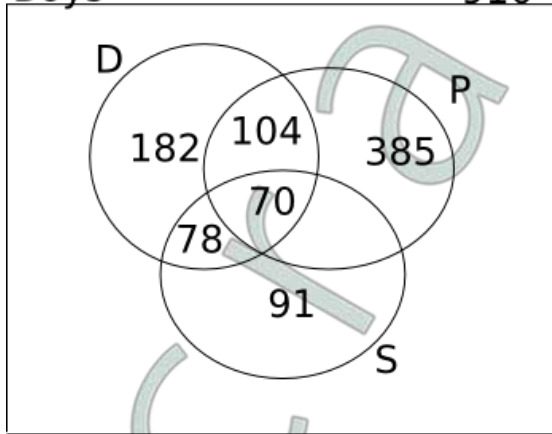
So, no. of boys in both dancing and painting = $2 * 52 = 104$

No. of girls in all three = 65

Girls 650



Boys 910



No. of boys in both singing and dancing = $156/2 = 78$

No. of boys in only painting = 385

Required ratio = $130:385 = 26:77$

Instructions

Direction: Study the table carefully to answer the questions that follow.

Profit (in Rs. 000s) made by six different shopkeepers over the months						
Month Shopkeeper	October 2009	November 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010
P	5.25	6.04	5.84	6.1	5.95	6.02
Q	4.84	4.28	4.97	4.88	5.04	5.12
R	4.99	5.82	5.48	5.45	5.68	5.36
S	5.06	5.11	5.28	5.38	5.44	5.59
T	5.28	4.96	5.31	5.69	4.93	5.72
U	5.94	6.23	5.87	6.07	6.19	6.23

Question 70

What is the respective ratio between the profit earned by shopkeeper U in the months February 2010 and March - 2010 together to that earned by shopkeeper Q in the same months ?

- A 637: 512
- B 621 : 508
- C 512: 637
- D 508: 621
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Profit of shopkeeper U in Feb - March 2010 = $6.19 + 6.23 = 12.42$

Profit of shopkeeper Q in Feb - March 2010 = $5.04 + 5.12 = 10.16$

Ratio = $12.42:10.16 = 6.21:5.08 = 621:508$

Question 71

What is the percent increase in profit of shopkeeper S in the month of December - 2009 over the previous month ? (rounded off to two digits after decimal)

- A 3.15
- B 2.67
- C 2.18
- D 3.33
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Profit of S in Nov 2009 = 5.11

Profit in Dec 2009 = 5.28

% increase = $0.17/5.11 * 100 = 3.3\%$

Question 72

Which shopkeeper's profit kept increasing continuously over the given months ?

- A R
- B Q
- C T
- D U
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

R's profit decreased in Dec 2009, Q's in Jan 2010, T's in Feb 2010, U's in Dec 2009. So, the answer is e).

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Question 73

What is the difference in profit earned by shopkeeper T in January - 2010 from the previous month ?

- A Rs. 640/-
- B Rs. 420/-
- C Rs. 380/-
- D Rs. 760/-
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Profit in January 2010 = 5690

Profit in December 2009 = 5310

Difference = Rs 380

Question 74

What was the average profit earned by shopkeeper R in the months of October 2009 and November 2009 together ?

- A 5405
- B 5040
- C 4825
- D 4950
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Profit earned in October 2009 = 4990

Profit earned in November 2009 = 5820

Average profit in these two months = $(4990+5820)/2 = 5405$

Instructions

Direction: Study the given graph carefully to answer the questions that follow:

Number of days taken by three carpenters to finish making one piece each of four different items of furniture



Question 75

If Carpenter X and Carpenter Y were to make a chair together how many days would they take?

- A 1 day
- B 4 days
- C 3 days
- D 2 days
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

Number of days required = $1/(1/2+1/3) = 1/(5/6) = 6/5$ days.

So, option e).

Question 76

If Carpenters X, Y and Z were to make a table together how many days would they take ?

- A 4 days
- B 3 days
- C 1 day
- D 2 days
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Individually, they take 2, 3 and 6 days respectively to make the table.

So, their combined one day work = $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$

So, the three of them can finish making a table in 1 day.

Question 77

What is the total number of days that Carpenter Z will take to make one piece each of all the four items together ?

- A 32 days
- B 24 days
- C 26 days
- D 28 days
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Chair = 4 days

Table = 6 days

Bed = 10 days

Cupboard = 8 days

Total number of days needed = 28 days

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 78

The radius of a circular field is equal to the side of a square field whose perimeter is 784 feet. What is the area of the circular field ?

- A 107914 Sq.ft
- B 120736 Sq.ft.
- C 107362 Sq.ft.
- D 127306 Sq.ft.
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Perimeter of square = 784 ft.

Side of square = $784/4 = 196$ ft. = Radius of circle.

Area of circle = $\frac{7}{22} \times 196 \times 196 = 120736$ sq.ft.

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Question 79

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

- A 360
- B 240
- C 720
- D 120
- E None of these

Answer: D

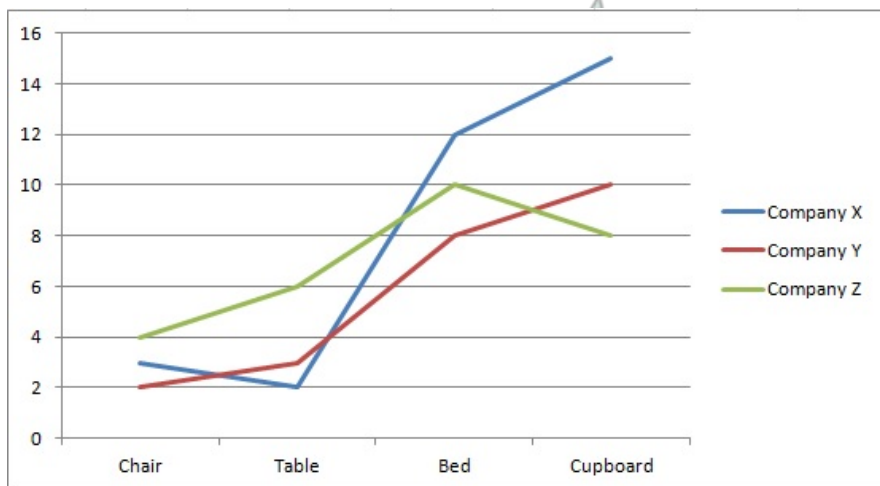
Explanation:

Total number of letters = 6 of which 3 are the same.

Therefore, number of ways of arranging = $\frac{6!}{3!} = \frac{720}{6} = 120$

Instructions

Direction: Study the given graph carefully to answer the questions that follow Number of days taken by three carpenters to finish making one piece each of four different items of furniture



Question 80

If Carpenters X, Y and Z were to make a table together how many days would they take ?

- A 4 days
- B 3 days
- C 1 day
- D 2 days
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Individually, they take 2, 3 and 6 days respectively to make the table.

So, their combined one day work = $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$

So, the three of them can finish making a table in 1 day.

Instructions

Direction: Study the given table carefully to answer the questions that follow:

Number of people staying in five different localities and the percentage breakup of men, women and children in them LOCALITY TOTAL NO. PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE MEN WOMEN CHILDREN

Locality	Total No. of People	Percentage		
		Men	Women	Children
F	5640	55	35	10
G	4850	34	44	22
H	5200	48	39	13
I	6020	65	25	10
J	4900	42	41	17

Question 81

Total number of people staying in locality J forms approximately what percent of the total number of people staying in locality F ?

- A 81
- B 72
- C 78
- D 93
- E 87

Answer: E

Explanation:

Percentage required = $\frac{4900}{5640} * 100 = 86.7 \Rightarrow 87$ (Approx)

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Question 82

What is the total number of children staying in localities H and I together ?

- A 1287
- B 1278
- C 1827
- D 1728
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Number of children in H = 13% of 5200 = 676

Number of children in I = 10% of 6020 = 602

Total number of children = 676+602 = 1278

Question 83

The number of women staying in which locality is the highest ?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

Number of women in F = 35% of 5640 = 1974

Number of women in G = 44% of 4850 = 2134

Number of women in H = 39% of 5200 = 2028

Number of women in I = 25% of 6020 = 1505

Number of women in J = 41% of 4900 = 2009

So highest number of women are in G

Question 84

What is the total number of men and children staying in locality I together

- A 4115
- B 4551
- C 4515
- D 4155
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Total number of men and children in I = 75% of 6020 = 4515

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Question 85

What is the respective ratio of number of men staying in locality F to the number of men staying in locality H ?

- A 517: 416
- B 403: 522
- C 416: 517
- D 522: 403
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Required ratio = 55% of 5640 : 48% of 5200 = 3102 : 2496 = 517 : 416

Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 86

The compound interest earned by Suresh on a certain amount at the end of two years at the rate of 8 p.c.p.a was Rs. 1,414.4. What was the total amount that Suresh got back at the end of two years in the form of principal plus interest earned?

- A Rs. 9,414.4
- B Rs. 9,914.4
- C Rs. 9,014.4
- D Rs. 8,914.4
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Compound Interest after 2 years = 1414.4

$$P\left(1 + \frac{8}{100}\right)^2 - P = 1414.4$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1.08)^2 - P = 1414.4$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.1664P = 1414.4$$

$$\Rightarrow P = 8500$$

Therefore amount = 8500 + 1414.14 = 9914.14

Question 87

The respective ratio of the present ages of a mother and daughter is 7 : 1. Four years ago the respective ratio of their ages was 19:1. What will be the mother's age four years from now ?

- A 42 years
- B 38 years
- C 46 years
- D 36 years
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

Let the present ages of mother and daughter be x and y respectively.

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow x = 7y$$

$$\frac{y-4}{x-4} = \frac{1}{19} \Rightarrow 19y - 76 = x - 4 \Rightarrow x = 19y - 72$$

$$\Rightarrow 7y = 19y - 72 \Rightarrow y = 6 \text{ and } x = 42$$

Age of mother 4 years from now = 42 + 4 = 46

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Question 88

Three friends J, K and L jog around a circular stadium and complete one round in 12, 18 and 20 seconds respectively. In how many minutes will all the three meet again at the starting point

- A 5
- B 8
- C 12
- D 3
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

All the three friends will meet at the starting point again after X seconds, such that X is the LCM of the times taken by J, K and L to complete one round.

=> LCM of 12, 18 and 20 = 180 seconds = 3 minutes.

Hence 3 minutes is the answer.

Question 89

4 men can complete a piece of work in 2 days. 4 women can complete the same piece of work in 4 days whereas 5 children can complete the same piece of work in 4 days. If, 2 men, 4 women and 10 children work together, in how many days can the work be completed ?

- A 1 day
- B 3 days
- C 2 days
- D 4 days
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Let us first get a relation between the work done by a man, woman and a child.

1 man can do a work in $4 \times 2 = 8$ days

1 woman can do the same work in $4 \times 4 = 16$ days

1 child can do the same work in $4 \times 5 = 20$ days

=> 1 man = 2.5 child and 1.25 woman = 0.8 child

2 men + 4 women + 10 children = 5 + 5 + 10 = 20 children

1 child takes 20 days to complete a work => 20 children will take 1 day to complete the same work.

Question 90

The speed of a boat when travelling downstream is 32 Kms. / Hr. , whereas when travelling upstream it is 28 kms/hr. What is the speed of the boat in still water ?

- A 27 Kms./Hr.
- B 29 Kms./ Hr.

- C 31 Kms./ Hr.
- D Cannot be determined
- E None of these

Answer: E

Explanation:

Let the speed of boat in still water be v and the speed of water be x .

Boat speed while going upstream = $v-x = 28$

Boat speed while going downstream = $v+x = 32$

$$\Rightarrow 2v = 60 \Rightarrow v = 30$$

Hence, none of these is the correct answer.

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Instructions

Direction: Study the following tables carefully and answer the questions given below:

Number of Candidates appeared in a Competitive Examination from five centres over the years

	Mumbai	Delhi	Kolkatta	Hyderabad	Chennai
2001	35,145	65,139	45,192	51,124	37,346
2002	17,264	58,248	52,314	50,248	48,932
2003	24,800	63,309	56,469	52,368	51,406
2004	28,316	70,316	71,253	54,196	52,315
2005	36,503	69,294	69,632	58,350	55,492
2006	29,129	59,216	64,178	48,230	57,365
2007	32,438	61,345	563,041	49,178	58,492

Approximate percentage of candidates qualified to appear in the
Competitive examination over the years

	Mumbai	Delhi	Kolkatta	Hyderabad	Chennai
2001	12	24	18	17	9
2002	10	28	12	21	12
2003	15	21	23	25	10
2004	11	27	19	24	8
2005	13	23	16	23	13
2006	14	20	21	19	11
2007	16	19	24	20	14

Question 91

In which of the following years was the difference in number of candidates appeared from Mumbai over the previous year the maximum ?

- A 2004
- B 2006
- C 2007
- D 2002
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The drastic fall of the number of candidates from 2001 (35,145) to 2002 (17,264) is 17,881.

In every other year (except a smaller drop from 2005-2006), the number of candidates has increased from one year to the next.

Hence, the correct answer is 2002

Question 92

In which of the following years was the number of candidates qualified from Chennai, the maximum among the given years ?

- A 2007
- B 2006
- C 2005
- D 2003
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

In 2007, the highest number of candidates appeared for the exam from Chennai and the pass percentage is also the highest compared to the other years. So, the number of candidates from Chennai who passed in the exam is the highest in 2007.

The number equals $14\% \times 58492 = 8189$

Question 93

Approximately what was the total number of candidates qualified from Delhi in 2002 and 2006 together ?

- A 27250
- B 25230
- C 30150
- D 28150
- E 26250

Answer: D

Explanation:

Number of candidates who qualified = $28\% \text{ of } 58248 + 20\% \text{ of } 59216 = 28150$ (approx.)

Question 94

Approximately how many candidates appearing from Kolkata in 2004 qualified in the competitive examination ?

- A 13230
- B 13540
- C 15130
- D 15400
- E 19240

Answer: B

Explanation:

Number of candidates who qualified from Kolkata in 2004 = $19\% \text{ of } 71253 = 13538 = 13540$ (approx.)

Question 95

Approximately what was the difference between the number of candidates qualified from Hyderabad in 2001 and 2002 ?

- A 1680
- B 2440
- C 1450
- D 2060
- E 1860

Answer: E

Explanation:

Number of candidates who qualified from Hyderabad in 2001 = 17% of 51124 = 8691.08

Number of candidates who qualified from Hyderabad in 2002 = 21% of 50248 = 10552.08

Difference = 1860 (approx.)

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For the following questions answer them individually

Question 96

What is the full form of "NBFC" as used in the Financial Sector ?

- A New Banking Finance Company
- B National Banking & Finance Corporation
- C New Business Finance & Credit
- D Non Business Fund Company
- E None of these

Answer: E

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Question 97

100% concession has been given for travelling in the Indian Railways for patients of ____

- A AIDS
- B Cancer
- C Swine Flu
- D T. B.
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 98

Many a times, we read about Special Drawing Right (SDR) in newspapers. As per its definition, SDR is a monetary unit of the reserve assets of which of the following organizations / agencies?

- A World Bank
- B International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C Asian Development Bank
- D Reserve Bank of India
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 99

Which of the following is/are the highlights of the Union Budget 2010-11 ?

- (A) Number of new steps taken to simplify the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) regime.
- (B) Rs. 16,500 crore provided to ensure that the Public Sector Banks are able to attain a minimum 8% capital (Tier I) by March 2011.
- (C) More than Rs. 1,74,000 crore provided for the development of the infrastructure in the country.

- A Only A
- B Only B
- C Only C
- D All A, B & C
- E None of these

Answer: D

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Question 100

In how many Routes special tourist trains called "Bharat Tirth" is to start?

- A 19
- B 16
- C 17
- D 18
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 101

As per the newspaper reports, the Govt. of India made an auction of the Third Generation Spectrum (3G) recently. Which of the following ministries was actively involved in the process?

- A Ministry of Heavy Industries

- B Ministry of Science & Technology
- C Ministry of Commerce
- D Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- E None of these

Answer: E

Question 102

As per the recent announcement, the Govt. of India will provide an amount of Rs.48,000 crore to develop Rural Infrastructure in the country. This planned development is being undertaken under which of the following schemes ?

- A Bharat Nirman
- B Indira Aawas Yojana
- C Backward Region Grant Fund
- D Drought Mitigation Fund
- E None of these

Answer: A

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Question 103

Ladies special trains to be renamed with the Name of ____

- A Bharat Bhoomi Specials
- B Sonia Gandhi Specials
- C Matri Bhoomi Specials
- D Rajiv Gandhi Specials
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 104

How much funds has been allocated to the Unique Identification Authority of India?

- A Rs 1,500 Crore
- B Rs 1,900 Crore
- C Rs 1,600 Crore
- D Rs 1,800 Crore
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 105

What is the rate of Income Tax for incomes above Rs 1.6 lakh upto Rs 5 lakh?

- A 10%
- B 12%
- C 15%
- D 20%
- E None of these

Answer: A

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Question 106

Recently, India took part in "Nuclear New Build 2010 Conference" organized in ____

- A New Delhi
- B London
- C Paris
- D Hong Kong
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 107

What is the reduction in Service Charges on e-tickets?

- A Sleeper Class Rs. 20 & AC Class Rs. 25
- B Sleeper Class Rs. 20 & AC Class Rs. 20
- C Sleeper Class Rs. 30 & AC Class Rs. 20
- D Sleeper Class Rs. 20 & AC Class Rs. 30
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 108

As we know, with the launch of Nano by Tatas, India has become favourite Small Car Destination of the world. Other than India, which of the following countries is also a popular destination of small cars ?

- A Britain
- B France
- C Germany

- D Thailand
- E None of these

Answer: E

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Question 109

Imports from China in the Year of 2008-09 in Rs ____

- A 100,000 Crore
- B 140,000 Crore
- C 147,605 Crore
- D 151,000 Crore
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 110

How many new teams have been added in IPL 2010?

- A 2
- B 1
- C 4
- D 7
- E None of these

Answer: A

Question 111

Which countries have recently faced Tsunami Waves?

- A Japan & Chile
- B Sallie & Korea
- C China & Thailand
- D Japan & China
- E None of these

Answer: A

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Question 112

North Korea and USA decided to resume their peace talks after a gap of several months. Both the countries have a dispute over which of the following issues ?

- A Bailout package offered by USA
- B Membership of ASEAN to North Korea
- C Nuclear programme of North Korea
- D Soaring relations of China with North Korea
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 113

Who amongst the following was the Chairperson of the 3th Finance Commission which submitted its report to the President of India recently ?

- A Mr. M. V. Kamath
- B Dr. C. Rangarajan
- C Dr. D. Subbarao
- D Dr. Rakesh Mohan
- E Dr. Vijay Kelkar

Answer: E

Question 114

As per the news published in various newspapers, the RBI is considering the grant of licence to some new companies, particularly NBFCs to act as full-fledged banks. Which of the following will be considered NBFC ?

- A NABARD
- B Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C Reliance Capital
- D SEBI
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 115

Who has scored the highest individual ODI Score?

- A Saeed Anwar (Pak)
- B Charls Coventry (Zim)
- C Sachin Tendulkar (IND)
- D Ricky Pointing (Aus)
- E Rohit Sharma

Answer: E

Question 116

What is an "intranet" ?

- A Internal internet used to transfer information internally
- B Internal internet used to transfer information to the outside company
- C Internal network designed to serve the internal informational needs of a single organization
- D Internal network designed to transfer the information between two organizations
- E None of these

Answer: A

Question 117

Which of the following groups of cricket teams was declared joint winner of the Col. C K Naidu Trophy for 2009 ?

- A Tamil Nadu & Gujarat
- B Maharashtra & Kerala
- C Punjab & Delhi
- D West Bengal & Maharashtra
- E None of these

Answer: A

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Question 118

Kaiane Aldorino who was crowned Miss World 2009 is from which of the following countries?

- A Germany
- B Russia
- C Austria
- D Belgium
- E Gibraltar

Answer: E

Question 119

Which of the following teams won the Davis Cup Tennis Finals 2009 ?

- A Germany
- B Spain
- C Russia
- D France

E None of these

Answer: B

Question 120

Who amongst the following is the recipient of the "CNN-IBN Indian of the Year" Award for 2009?

A Ratan Tata

B A.R.Rahman

C Manmohan Singh

D Sachin Tendulkar

E None of these

Answer: B

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Question 121

The deficit reduction plan of which of the following countries was reviewed recently in the meeting of the Finance Ministers of the European Union ?

A Germany

B Romania

C Brazil

D Hungary

E Greece

Answer: E

Question 122

The database administrator's function in an organization is?

A To be responsible for the more technical aspects of managing the information contained in organizational databases

B To be responsible for the executive level aspects of decisions regarding the information management

C To show the relationship among entity classes in a data warehouse

D To define which data mining tools must be used to extract data

E None of these

Answer: A

Question 123

Every device on the Internet has a unique ____ address (also called an 'Internet address') that identifies it in the same way that a street address identifies the location of a house.

A DH

- B DA
- C IP
- D IA
- E None of these

Answer: C

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Question 124

To send another station a message, the main thing a user has to know is

- A how the network works
- B the other station's address
- C whether the network is packet-switched or circuit-switched
- D whether this is a voice or data network
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 125

In a client/ server model, a client program _____

- A asks for information
- B provides information and files
- C serves software files to other computers
- D distributes data files to other computers
- E None of these

Answer: A

Question 126

Control in design of an information system is used to?

- A inspect the system and check that it is built as per specifications
- B ensure that the system processes data as it was designed to and that the results are reliable
- C ensure privacy of data processed by it
- D protect data from accidental or intentional loss
- E None of these

Answer: B

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Question 127

Each of the following is a true statement except?

- A on-line systems continually update the master file
- B in on-line processing, the user enters transactions into a device that is directly connected to the computer system
- C batch processing is still used today in older systems or in some systems with massive volumes of transactions
- D information in batch systems will always be up-to-date
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 128

A set of interrelated components that collect, process, store, and distribute information to support decision making and control in an organization best defines -

- A communications technology
- B a network
- C an information system
- D hardware
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 129

A ___ is a computer connected to two networks.

- A link
- B server
- C gateway
- D bridge way
- E None of these

Answer: D

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Question 130

When you save a presentation, ___

- A all slides in a presentation are saved in the same file
- B two files are created; one for graphics and one for content

- C a file is created for each slide
- D a file is created for each animation or graphic
- E None of these

Answer: A

Question 131

In a customer database, a customer's surname would be keyed into a ?

- A row
- B text field
- C record
- D computed field
- E None of these

Answer: A

Question 132

Who is the new Prime Minister of Hungary ?

- A Victor Orban
- B Gorden Bajnai
- C Jenó Fock
- D Ferenc Gyurcsány
- E None of these

Answer: A

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Question 133

Storing same data in many places is called

- A iteration
- B concurrency
- C redundancy
- D enumeration
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 134

What is the first step in the "transaction processing cycle", which captures business data through various modes such as optical scanning or at an electronic commerce website ?

- A Document and report generation
- B Database maintenance
- C Transaction processing
- D Data Entry
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 135

CRM (Customer Relationship Management) is?

- A Pre-sales activity
- B A tool for lead generation
- C An ongoing daily activity
- D The task of a DSA
- E All of the above

Answer: E

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Question 136

Who is the new Prime Minister of Denmark ?

- A Anders Fogh Rasmussen
- B Lars Looke Rasmussen
- C Poul Nyrup Rasmussen
- D Poul Hartling
- E None of these

Answer: B

Question 137

Who is the Author of the book "My China Diary" ?

- A Kanwal Sibal
- B Salman Haider
- C J.N. Dixit
- D Natwar Singh
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 138

One of the following is not involved in the Growth Strategies of a Company _____

- A Horizontal integration
- B Vertical integration
- C Diversification
- D Intensification
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 139

A successful "Blue Ocean Strategy" requires _____

- A Effective communication
- B Innovative skills
- C Motivation
- D All of the above
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 140

Programs from the same developer , sold bundled together, that provide better integration and share common features, toolbars and menus are known as _____

- A software suites
- B integrated software packages
- C software processing packages
- D personal information managers
- E none of these

Answer: A

Question 141

A data warehouse is which of the following ?

- A Can be updated by the end users
- B Contains numerous naming conventions and formats
- C Organized around important subject areas
- D Contains only current data
- E None of these

Answer: C

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Question 142

___ servers store and manages files for network users.

- A Authentication
- B Main
- C Web
- D File
- E None of these

Answer: D

Question 143

One of the following is not included in the 7 P's of Marketing. Find the same

- A Product
- B Price
- C Production
- D Promotion
- E None of these

Answer: C

Question 144

The target group for SME loans is ___

- A All Businessmen
- B All Professionals
- C All SSIs
- D All of the above
- E None of these

Answer: C

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Question 145

Home Loans can be best canvassed among ___

- A Builders
- B Flat owners

- C Land developers
- D Agriculturists
- E Individuals wanting to buy a flat or house

Answer: E

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English

Instructions

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

Governments have traditionally equated economic progress with steel mills and cement factories. While urban centers thrive and city dwellers get rich, hundreds of millions of farmers remain mired in poverty. However, fears of food shortages, a rethinking of antipoverty priorities and the crushing recession in 2008 are causing a dramatic shift in world economic policy in favour of greater support for agriculture.

The last time when the world's farmers felt such love was in the 470s. At that time, as food prices spiked, there was real concern that the world was facing a crisis in which the planet was simply unable to produce enough grain and meat for an expanding population. Governments across the developing world and international aid organisations plowed investment into agriculture in the early 470s, while technological breakthroughs, like high-yield strains of important food crops, boosted production. The result was the Green Revolution and food production exploded.

But the Green Revolution became a victim of its own success. Food prices plunged by some 60% by the late 480s from their peak in the mid- 470s. Policymakers and aid workers turned their attention to the poor's other pressing needs, such as health care and education. Farming got starved of resources and investment. By 2004, aid directed at agriculture sank to 3.5% and 'Agriculture lost its glitter'. Also, as consumers in high-growth giants such as China and India became wealthier, they began eating more meat, so grain once used for human consumption got diverted to beef up livestock. By early 2008, panicked buying by importing countries and restrictions slapped on grain exports by some big producers helped drive prices upto heights not seen for three decades. Making matters worse, land and resources got reallocated to produce cash crops such as biofuels and the result was that voluminous reserves of grain evaporated. Protests broke out across the emerging world and fierce food riots toppled governments.

This spurred global leaders into action. This made them aware that food security is one of the fundamental issues in the world that has to be dealt with in order to maintain administrative and political stability. This also spurred the U.S. which traditionally provisioned food aid from American grain surpluses to help needy nations, to move towards investing in farm sectors around the globe to boost productivity. This move helped countries become more productive for themselves and be in a better position to feed their own people.

Africa, which missed out on the first Green Revolution due to poor policy and limited resources, also witnessed a 'change'. Swayed by the success of East Asia, the primary poverty-fighting method favoured by many policymakers in Africa was to get farmers off their farms and into modern jobs in factories and urban centers. But that strategy proved to be highly insufficient. Income levels in the countryside badly trailed those in cities while the FAO estimated that the number of poor going hungry in 2009 reached an all time high at more than one billion.

In India on the other hand, with only 40% of its farmland irrigated, entire economic boom currently underway is held hostage by the unpredictable monsoon. With much of India's farming areas suffering from drought this year, the government will have a tough time meeting its economic growth targets. In a report, Goldman Sachs predicted that if this year too receives weak rains, it could cause agriculture to contract by 2% this fiscal year, making the government's 7% GDP-growth target look 'a bit rich'. Another green revolution is the need of the hour and to make it a reality, the global community still has much backbreaking farm work to do.

Question 146

What is the author's main objective in writing the passage

- A Criticising developed countries for not bolstering economic growth in poor nations
- B Analysing the disadvantages of the Green Revolution
- C Persuading experts that a strong economy depends on industrialization and not agriculture

- D Making a case for the international society to engineer a second Green Revolution
- E Rationalising the faulty agriculture policies of emerging countries

Answer: D

Explanation:

Throughout the passage, the author is talking about the need for a second Green Revolution. He mentions that some countries missed out on the first Green Revolution and they need to be onboard for the second one. Overall, the main point of the passage is that the author is batting for the engineering of a second Green Revolution.

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Question 147

Which of the following is an adverse impact of the Green Revolution ?

- A Unchecked crop yields resulted in large tracts of land becoming barren
- B Withdrawal of fiscal impetus from agriculture to other sectors
- C Farmers began soliciting government subsidies for their produce
- D Farmers rioted as food prices fell so low that they could not make ends meet
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The author says "But Green Revolution became a victim of its own success....not seen for three decades". From these statements, we can understand that the adverse impact of Green Revolution was that the prices fell very low and farmers rioted. This is best captured in option d).

Question 148

What is the author trying to convey through the phrase making the government's 7% GDP growth target look 'a bit rich' ?

- A India is unlikely to achieve the targeted growth rate
- B Allocation of funds to agriculture has raised India's chances of having a high GDP
- C Agricultural growth has artificially inflated India's GDP and such growth is not real
- D India is likely to have one of the highest GDP growth rates
- E A large portion of India's GDP is contributed by agriculture

Answer: A

Explanation:

Goldman Sachs predicted that agriculture could contract by 2% this year and the 7% fiscal growth target would be difficult to meet. So, the author means that India is unlikely to achieve its targeted growth rate by his statement. Option a) is the correct answer.

Question 149

Which of the following factors was/were responsible for the neglect of the farming sector after the green revolution ?

- (A) Steel and cement sectors generated more revenue for the government as compared to agriculture.
- (B) Large scale protests against favouring agriculture at the cost of other important sectors such as education and healthcare.
- (C) Attention of policy makers and aid organizations was diverted from agriculture to other sectors.

- A None
- B Only (C)
- C Only (B) & (C)
- D Only (A) & (B)
- E All (A), (B) & (C)

Answer: B

Explanation:

Option a) is not mentioned in the passage. Option b) is opposite to what is being asked. Only option c) is the factor responsible for the neglect of the farming sector, according to the passage. So, option b) is the correct answer.

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Question 150

What prompted leaders throughout the world to take action to boost the agriculture sector in 2008?

- A Coercive tactics by the U.S. which restricted food aid to poor nations
- B The realization of the link between food security and political stability
- C Awareness that performance in agriculture is necessary in order to achieve the targeted GDP
- D Reports that high-growth countries like China and India were boosting their agriculture sectors to capture the international markets
- E Their desire to influence developing nations to slow down their industrial development.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Consider the statement "However, fears of food shortages,...support for agriculture". It is also mentioned in the passage that the food riots made the political leaders realize the importance of food security for political stability. From this we can infer that the realization of the link between food security and political stability, as mentioned in option b) led to the world and its leaders to take note of the problems in agriculture.

Question 151

What motivated the U.S. to focus on investing in agriculture across the globe ?

- A To make developing countries become more reliant on U.S. aid
- B To ensure grain surpluses so that the U.S. had no need to import food
- C To make those countries more self sufficient to whom it previously provided food
- D To establish itself in the market before the high-growth giants such as India and China could establish themselves
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

"This also spurred the US...to boost productivity." From this we can infer that the US focussed on investing in agriculture, in those countries to which it previously provided food supplies, in order to boost their productivity. Option c) is the best answer.

Question 152

What impact did the economic recession of 2008 have on agriculture ?

- A Governments equated economic stability with industrial development and shifted away from agriculture
- B Lack of implementation of several innovative agriculture programmes owing to shortage of funds
- C It prompted increased investment and interest in agriculture
- D The GDP as targeted by India was never achieved because of losses in agriculture
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

The recession in 2008 led to fears of food shortage throughout the world. This led to increased interest in agriculture across the globe. Many countries also increased their investment in agriculture. So, option c) is the best answer.

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Question 153

What encouraged African policymakers to focus on urban jobs ?

- A Misapprehension that it would alleviate poverty as it did in other countries
- B Rural development outstripped urban development in many parts of Africa
- C Breaking out of protests in the country and the fear that the government would topple
- D Blind imitation of western models of development
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Swayed by the success of Asia, the African leaders thought putting farmers into modern and industrial jobs would alleviate poverty. This is best captured in option a).

Question 154

Which of the following had contributed to exorbitant food prices in 2008 ?

- (A) Hoarding of food stocks by local wholesalers which inadvertently created a food shortage.
- (B) Export of foodgrains was reduced by large producers.
- (C) Diverting resources from cultivation of foodgrains to that of more profitable crops.

- A None
- B Only (C)
- C Only (B)
- D All (A), (B) & (C)
- E Only (B) & (C)

Answer: E

Explanation:

Consider the statements "By early 2008, panicked buying....reserves of grain evaporated." From this we can infer that statements B) and C) contributed to the exorbitant food prices after the recession in 2008. Option e) is the correct answer.

Question 155

Which of the following is true about the state of agriculture in India at present ?

- (A) Of all the sectors, agriculture needs the highest allocation of funds.
- (B) Contribution of agriculture to India's GDP this year would depend greatly upon the monsoon rains.
- (C) As India is one of the high-growth countries, it has surplus food reserves to export to other nations.

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

Towards the end of the passage, the author talks about how the shortage of rains might reduce the output of agriculture and thereby its contribution to the national GDP. So, statement B) is correct. Statements A) and C) are either incorrect or they are not mentioned in the passage. So, option c) is the correct answer.

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Question 156

Direction: Choose the word/group of words which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

STARVED

- A Deprived
- B Disadvantaged
- C Hungry
- D Fasting
- E Emaciated

Answer: A

Explanation:

The word is used in the sentence "Farming got starved of resources and investment." This means farming got deprived of resources and investment. So, the meaning of the word "starved" in this context is "deprived".

Question 157

Direction: Choose the word/group of words which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

SLAPPED

- A Beaten
- B Imposed
- C Withdrawn
- D Avoided
- E Persuaded

Answer: B

Explanation:

"Slapped" is used in the sentence "By early 2008,...restrictions slapped on grain exports by big producers...". This means restrictions were imposed on the grain exports. So, the meaning of the word "slapped" in this context is "imposed".

Question 158

Direction: Choose the word/group of words which is most similar in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

PLOWED

- A Cultivated
- B Bulldozed
- C Recovered
- D Instilled
- E Withdrew

Answer: B

Explanation:

The word plowed is used in the sentence "...international aid organizations plowed investment into agriculture...". This means the international organizations put in large amounts of money into agriculture. The most suitable meaning from the options is "bulldozed".

Question 159

Direction: Choose the word/group of words which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

PRESSING

- A Unpopular
- B Undemanding
- C Unobtrusive
- D Unsuitable
- E Unimportant

Answer: B

Explanation:

"Pressing needs" means demanding needs. So, the opposite of the word is undemanding.

Question 160

Direction: Choose the word/group of words which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

EVAPORATED

- A Absorbed
- B Accelerated
- C Grew
- D Plunged
- E Mismanaged

Answer: C

Explanation:

Evaporated means "got reduced". So, the opposite of this word is "grew".

Instructions

Direction: Which of the phrases a), b), c) and d) given below each statement should be placed in the blank space provided so as to make a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence?

If none of the sentences is appropriate, mark e) i.e. 'None of these' as the answer.

Question 161

Refuting the rationale behind frequent agitations for formation of separate States, a recent report ____

- A proved that such agitations result in loss of governmental property
- B indicated that the formation of small states does not necessarily improve the economy
- C suggested that only large scale agitations have been effective in bringing out desired change in the past
- D recommended dividing large States into smaller ones to improve governance
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

The rationale behind formation of separate states is better governance and improvement in economy. The report refutes this idea. So, the most apt concluding sentence would be "...indicated that the formation of smaller states does not necessarily improve the economy:.. So, option b) is the best answer.

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Question 162

Overlooking the fact that water scarcity intensifies during summer, ____

- A the government issued guidelines to all builders to limit their consumption to acceptable limits
- B provision for rainwater harvesting has been made to aid irrigation in drought prone areas
- C the water table did not improve even after receiving normal monsoon in the current year
- D many residential areas continue to use swimming pools, wasting large quantities of water
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The first part of the sentence talks about water scarcity in summer and the fact that somebody is overlooking it. So, the statement in option d) which says many residential areas continue to waste water would be the best way in which to complete the sentence. Hence option d) is the correct answer.

Question 163

He has lost most of his life's earning in the stock market but ____

- A he still seems to be leading his life luxuriously and extravagantly
- B he could not save enough to repay his enormous debts
- C stock market is not a safe option to invest money unless done with caution
- D experts have been suggesting to avoid investments in stock market because of its unpredictable nature
- E None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

The sentence says he lost most of his savings but...The best completion to this sentence is option a) which says he still leads a life of luxury. Option a) is the correct answer.

Question 164

Achieving equality for women is not only a laudable goal, ____

- A political reforms are also neglected preventing women from entering legislatures and positions of power
- B the problem is also deep rooted in the society and supported by it
- C their empowerment is purposefully hampered by people with vested interests in all sections of the society
- D but also equally difficult to achieve and maintain for a long term
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The second part of the sentence should also talk about achieving equality for women. Options b) and d) are relevant. Between these two, option d) is a better choice because it complements the first part by saying that the goal is not only laudable but also difficult to achieve.

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Question 165

___ or else they would not keep electing him year after year.

- A The party leader gave a strong message to the mayor for improving his political style
- B Owing to numerous scandals against the mayor, he was told to resign from the post immediately
- C The mayor threatened the residents against filing a complaint against him
- D The residents must really be impressed with the political style of their mayor
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The second part of the sentence says the mayor is being elected year after year. So, the first part of the sentence should say something positive about him. The best answer is option d), which says the residents must be really impressed with his political style.

Instructions

Direction: Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 166

Drawing attention to the pitfalls of ___ solely on Uranium as a fuel for nuclear reactors, Indian scientists warned that Uranium will not last for long and thus research on Thorium as its ___ must be revived.

- A using, substitute
- B believing, replacement
- C depending, reserve
- D reckoning, option
- E relying, alternative

Answer: E

Explanation:

Thorium should be used as a substitute or alternative to Uranium. So, options a) and e) are relevant. Because of the use of the words 'solely on' in the first part of the sentence, we can pick option e) over option a).

Question 167

In an effort to provide ___ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out ___ graduates every year.

- A chances, fresh
- B platform, capable
- C opportunities, unemployable

- D prospects, eligible
- E policy, incompetent

Answer: C

Explanation:

The word in the second blank should have a negative connotation because the sentence says the universities are churning out graduates without providing them with proper education. So, options c) and e) are relevant. Between the two, only option c) makes sense in the first blank. So, option c) is the correct answer.

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Question 168

The move to allow dumping of mercury ___ an outcry from residents of the area who ___ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area.

- A resulted, insist
- B provoked, fear
- C incited, determined
- D activated, accept
- E angered, believe

Answer: B

Explanation:

Only fear and believe are applicable in the second blank. Between 'provoked' and 'angered', provoked is more suitable in the first blank. So, option b) is the correct answer.

Question 169

___ has been taken against some wholesale drug dealers for dealing in surgical items without a valid license and maintaining a stock of ___ drugs.

- A Note, overwhelming
- B Step, impressive
- C Execution, outdated
- D Action, expired
- E Lawsuit, invalid

Answer: D

Explanation:

Only 'outdated', 'expired' and 'invalid' are applicable in the second blank. Among the three options, only 'action' is suitable in the first blank because of the use of the words 'has been taken' after the blank. So, option d) is the best answer.

Question 170

Even as the ___ else where in the world are struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers are splurging on consumer goods and to ___ this growth, companies are investing heavily in various sectors.

- A economies, meet

- B countries, inhibit
- C governments, measure
- D nations, inflict
- E companies, counter

Answer: A

Explanation:

Except option e), all the other words are suitable in the first blank. But, only option a) is applicable in the second blank because companies don't try to reduce the growth.

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Instructions

Direction : Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) to make a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions which follow

- (A) While these disadvantages of bio fuels are serious, they are the only alternate energy source of the future and the sooner we find solutions to these problems the faster we will be able to solve the problems we are now facing with gasoline.
- (B) This fuel can also help to stimulate jobs locally since they are also much safer to handle than gasoline and can thus have the potential to turnaround a global economy.
- (C) These include dependence on fossil fuels for the machinery required to produce biofuel which ends up polluting as much as the burning of fossil fuels on roads and exorbitant cost of biofuels which makes it very difficult for the common man to switch to this option.
- (D) This turnaround can potentially help to bring world peace and end the need to depend on foreign countries for energy requirements.
- (E) Biofuels are made from plant sources and since these sources are available in abundance and can be reproduced on a massive scale they form an energy source that is potentially unlimited.
- (F) However everything is not as green with the biofuels as it seems as there are numerous disadvantages involved which at times overshadow their positive impact.

Question 171

Which of the following sentence should be the FIFTH after rearrangement ?

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct order of sentences is as follows: EBDFCA. E opens the paragraph with an introduction to biofuels. B talks about the advantages of these fuels. The use of the words "this turnaround" in sentence D is a reference to the turnaround talked about in sentence B. So, D follows B. The next sentence is F, which is followed by C and then A is the concluding statement.

So, statement C is the fifth sentence.

Question 172

Which of the following sentence should be the THIRD after rearrangement ?

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

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct order of sentences is as follows: EBDFCA. E opens the paragraph with an introduction to biofuels. B talks about the advantages of these fuels. The use of the words "this turnaround" in sentence D is a reference to the turnaround talked about in sentence B. So, D follows B. The next sentence is F, which is followed by C and then A is the concluding statement.

D is the third sentence after rearrangement.

Question 173

Which of the following sentence should be the FIRST after rearrangement ?

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

The correct order of sentences is as follows: EBDFCA. E opens the paragraph with an introduction to biofuels. B talks about the advantages of these fuels. The use of the words "this turnaround" in sentence D is a reference to the turnaround talked about in sentence B. So, D follows B. The next sentence is F, which is followed by C and then A is the concluding statement.

E is the first statement after rearrangement.

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Question 174

Which of the following sentence should be the SIXTH (LAST) after rearrangement ?

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

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sentence B. So, D follows B. The next sentence is F, which is followed by C and then A is the concluding statement. A is the last sentence after rearrangement.

Question 175

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

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

The correct order of sentences is as follows: EBDFCA. E opens the paragraph with an introduction to biofuels. B talks about the advantages of these fuels. The use of the words "this turnaround" in sentence D is a reference to the turnaround talked about in sentence B. So, D follows B. The next sentence is F, which is followed by C and then A is the concluding statement.

B is the second sentence after rearrangement.

Instructions

Direction: Which of the phrases a), b), c) and d) given below each statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct ?

If the sentence is correct as it is given and 'No correction is required', mark e) as the answer.

Question 176

Soon after the Tsunami had killed thousands of people along the coasts of southern India, parliament passes a bill that proposed to set up an institutional mechanism to respond promptly to natural disasters.

- A passed a bill that proposed
- B passes a bill with purpose
- C pass a bill proposing
- D passed a bill which propose
- E No correction required

Answer: A

Explanation:

The sentence is in the simple past tense. So, the correct construction of the sentence should be "...passed a bill that proposed...". So, option a) is the correct answer.

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Question 177

Denial of wages forced scientists and teachers at the agriculture universities throughout the country to go on strike, crippling crucial research that could help the state of agriculture in the country.

- A from going on strike
- B which went on strike

- C on going for a strike
- D for going to strike
- E No correction required

Answer: E

Explanation:

The sentence is grammatically correct. There is no correction required.

Question 178

In an attempt to boost their profits many edible oil producing companies have been engaging themselves in propaganda against commonly used oils and promoting exotic and expensive varieties of oils as healthier options.

- A as most healthiest options
- B as less healthy option
- C as a healthier option
- D as much healthiest option
- E No correction required

Answer: E

Explanation:

The sentence is comparing commonly used oils and exotic oils. So, comparative tone should be used. There is more than one option besides commonly used oil - exotic and expensive varieties of oils. So, it should be options. So, the sentence is grammatically correct and no correction is needed.

Question 179

Thanks to numerous government initiatives, rural masses which was earlier unaware of the luxuries of urban ways of living are now connected to the same lifestyle.

- A who was earlier unaware
- B which were earlier aware
- C who were earlier conversant
- D who were earlier unaware
- E No correction required

Answer: D

Explanation:

Masses is plural, so it should be 'were' instead of 'was'. Also, the use of the word 'which' is incorrect. The correct word is 'who'. So, option d) is the correct answer.

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Question 180

Over the last few months, while most industries are busy in restructuring operations, cutting costs and firing, the Indian pharmaceutical and healthcare industry was adding manpower and giving salary hikes.

- A as many industries are

- B while most industries were
- C while many industries is
- D where many industries were
- E No correction required

Answer: B

Explanation:

The sentence is in past tense. So, 'were' should be used instead of 'are'. 'Where' is used for a place whereas 'while' is used to refer to a period of time. So, option b) is the correct answer.

Instructions

Direction: 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/phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case.

There is a considerable amount of research about the factors that make a company innovate. So is it possible to create an environment ____ (I) to innovation? This is a particularly pertinent ____ (II) for India today. Massive problems in health, education etc. ____ (III) be solved using a conventional approach but ____ (IV) creative and innovative solutions that can ensure radical change and ____ (V). There are several factors in India's ____ (VI). Few countries have the rich diversity that India or its large, young population ____ (VII). While these ____ (VIII) innovation policy interventions certain additional steps are also required. These include ____ (IX) investment in research and development by ____ (X) the government and the private sector, easy transfer of technology from the academic world etc. To fulfill its promise of being prosperous and to be at the forefront, India must be innovative.

Question 181

I

- A stimuli
- B conducive
- C incentive
- D facilitated
- E impetus

Answer: B

Explanation:

'Conducive' means 'making a likely situation more possible. So, this is the best word in the first blank.

Question 182

II

- A objective
- B controversy
- C doubt
- D question
- E inference

Answer: D

Explanation:

The previous sentence is a question. So, the correct word in the second blank is 'question'.

Question 183

III

- A cannot
- B possibly
- C should
- D never
- E must

Answer: A

Explanation:

The second part of the sentence contains the word 'but', which implies that the word to be used in the blank should be a negative word. Of the options given, only the word 'cannot' is applicable. The correct answer is option a).

Question 184

IV

- A necessary
- B apply
- C need
- D consider
- E requires

Answer: E

Explanation:

Based on the grammatical construction of the sentence, the only word that is applicable in the blank from the options is 'requires'. So, option e) is the correct answer.

Question 185

V

- A quantity
- B advantages
- C increase
- D chaos
- E growth

Answer: E

Explanation:

The sentence is talking about radical change. From the options, the only word that complements the word 'change' is 'growth'. So, option e) is the correct answer.

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Question 186

VI

- A challenges
- B praises
- C favour
- D leverage
- E esteem

Answer: C

Explanation:

The previous sentence talks about solutions that can ensure a radical change and growth. This sentence is a continuation of that idea. The word used should have a positive connotation. The most suitable word from the options is 'favour'.

Question 187

VII

- A blessed
- B enjoys
- C endows
- D prevails
- E occurs

Answer: B

Explanation:

This line talks about the diversity that very few countries have and that Indian population have this diversity. The word 'enjoys' suits the best here because the author is clearly praising India for the diversity it has.

Question 188

VIII

- A aid
- B jeopardise
- C promote
- D endure
- E cater

Answer: C

Explanation:

The several advantages that India has will push the government to take innovative policy interventions. So, the apt word in the blank is 'promote'. The advantages that India has promote innovation policy interventions by the government.

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Question 189

IX

- A acute
- B utilising
- C restricting
- D inspiring
- E increased

Answer: E

Explanation:

Probably the government is already investing in research and development. What is needed is more investment on research. So, the best word to be used in the blank is 'increased'.

Question 190

X

- A both
- B besides
- C combining
- D participating
- E aid

Answer: A

Explanation:

Here, the sentence is talking about increased investment by the government as well as the private sector. So, the correct word is 'both'.

Instructions

Direction: In each of the following questions four words are given of which two words are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning and indicate the number of the correct letter combination, by darkening the appropriate oval in your answer sheet.

Question 191

- (A) consent
- (B) nascent
- (C) emerging
- (D) insecure

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

Answer: C

Explanation:

The meaning of 'emerge' is 'move out and become visible'. The meaning of 'nascent' is 'just come into existence'. From the options, these two are the words that have the closest meaning. So, the correct answer is option c).

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Question 192

- (A) elated
- (B) eccentric
- (C) explicit
- (D) abnormal

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

Answer: B

Explanation:

The meaning of the word 'eccentric' is 'abnormal'. So, these two are the words that are closest in meaning from among the options. Option b) is the correct answer.

Question 193

- (A) abundance
- (B) incomparable
- (C) projection
- (D) plethora

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

The meaning of the word 'abundance' is 'in plenty'. 'Plethora' also means 'plenty'. So, these two are the words that are closest in meaning from the given options.

Question 194

- (A) purposefully
- (B) inaccurately
- (C) inadvertently
- (D) unchangeably

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

Answer: A

Explanation:

'Purposefully' means to do something on purpose. 'Inadvertently' means to do something without intention. So, these two words are opposite in meaning to each other. So, option a) is the correct answer.

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Question 195

- (A) germane
- (B) generate
- (C) reliable
- (D) irrelevant

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

Answer: E

Explanation:

The meaning of the word 'germane' is 'relevant to the subject under consideration'. This is the opposite of irrelevant. So, option e) is the correct answer.

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